**RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Marion County Commission Office
100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, Georgia

**Minutes Summary**
February 28, 2018

**Members Attending/Representing**

(Representing 15 Counties)

- A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
- Barry Waters, City of Ft. Gaines
- Barry Whitley, City of Butler
- Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County
- Chip Jones, Stewart County
- Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman County
- Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
- Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
- Harry Lange, Harris County
- Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
- James R. “Bump” Welch, Marion County
- Jason Hoch, Schley County
- Jayson Griffin, Macon County
- Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County, RVRC Secretary
- Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
- Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
- Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
- Lee Hubbard, Clay County
- Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
- Nelson Brown, City of Americus
- Pam Jordan, Talbot County
- Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
- Richard McCorkle, Marion County
- Tameka Harris, Taylor County
- Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, ACCG
- Tom Queen, Taylor County
- Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County

**Members Not Present**

- Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
- Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
- Cecil “Butch” McMickle, Marion County
- Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County, RVRC Chair
- Doug Etheridge, Harris County
- Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
- Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
- Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
- Greg Barineau, Schley County
- James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
- Jeanie Bartee, City of Cordele
- Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
- Melvin Crimes, Webster County
- Mickey George, Macon County
- Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
- Randy Howard, Sumter County, RVRC Vice Chair
- Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
- Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County
- Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
- Tony Kennedy, Webster County
- Wally Summers, Sumter County

**Others Present**

- Berneta Haynes, Georgia Watch, Director
- Elaine Gillispie, Congressman Bishop’s Representative
- Laura Gower, Senator Johnny Isakson’s Representative
- Sarah Lee Crumbs, Georgetown-Quitman Co. Family Connections Coordinator
- Edwina Turner, Stewart Co. Family Connections Coordinator
- Lindsey Glisson, Deputy Clerk of Council, Muscogee County
- Candy Head, Georgia Department of Labor
- Debbie Stone, City of Lumpkin
- Vickie Wainwright, City of Butler
- Paul Farr, South GA Technical College
- Jamie Barnes, Muscogee County

**Staff Present**

- Patti Cullen, Executive Director
- Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
- Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
- Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
- Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
- Janice West, WIOA Director
- Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Dev. Dir.
- Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director
- Becky Holmes, Office Manager

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Welcome and Recognition of Visitors
Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and recognized visitors. He then asked Harry Lange, Harris County, to lead the council in prayer and he then lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*
Council reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2018 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, requested a motion to approve the January 24, 2018 council minutes. Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

Georgia Watch: An Overview
Patti Cullen, Executive Director, introduced guest speaker Berneta Haynes, Director of Equity and Access at Georgia Watch. Ms. Haynes gave a slideshow presentation explaining Georgia Watch which is an advocate for all Georgia consumers on matters that impact their quality of life through education, advocacy and policy development. She said Georgia Watch focuses attention on communities/people that need a champion, particularly those most affected by predatory business practices, high cost of utilities and healthcare, and restricted access to the civil justice system.

Resolution to Enter Into FY19 Contract with DHS for the Provision of Aging Services
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, presented a resolution for approval to enter into a FY19 contract with the Department of Human Services for the provision of aging services. The resolution was include in the council packets.

Pops Barnes requested a motion to approve the resolution to enter into the FY19 Department of Human Services contract for the provision of aging services. Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, made a motion to approve the request to approve the resolution; Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of Job Descriptions
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, presented job descriptions that were updated to meet the Department of Human Service contract requirements. She explained that education requirements were updated for some positions and job duties were also redistributed for some positions due to staff turnover. Patti explained that the Executive Committee had reviewed the job descriptions at their last committee meeting and had recommended approval.

Pop Barnes, Secretary, requested a motion to approve the AAA job descriptions. Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, made a motion to approve the AAA job descriptions;
Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

**Staff Reports**
Katie Howard, AAA Director; Allison Slocum, Senior Planner; Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development Director; Janice West, WIOA Director; and Emily Chambers, Finance Officer presented staff reports for their departments.

**ADJOURN**
Patti Cullen, Executive Director, explained that due to unforeseen circumstances at the prison Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, was not able to attend the meeting and Randy Howard, Vice Chair, was in Atlanta at the state capitol lobbying for Broadband and E-911 issues.

There being no further business to come before the council; the meeting then adjourned.