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**RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Marion County Commission Office**  
**100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, Georgia**  
**Summary**  
**November 29, 2017**

#### **Members Attending/Representing**

(Representing 14 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County  
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe  
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville  
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County  
Chip Jones, Stewart County  
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County, RVRC Chair  
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman County  
Debbie Stone, Stewart County  
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County  
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County  
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County  
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County  
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County  
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County  
Lee Hubbard, Clay County  
Melvin Crimes, Webster County  
Mickey George, Macon County  
Nelson Brown, City of Americus  
Pam Jordan, Talbot County  
Randy Howard, Sumter County  
Richard McCorkle, Marion County  
Shirley Ann Christian, City of Fort Gaines  
Tameka Harris, Taylor County  
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, ACCG  
Tom Queen, Taylor County  
Tony Kennedy, Webster County  
Wally Summers, Sumter County

#### **Members Not Present**

Barry Whitley, City of Butler  
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County  
Doug Etheridge, Harris County  
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County  
Greg Barineau, Schley County  
Harry Lange, Harris County  
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna  
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County

Jason Hoch, Schley County  
Jayson Griffin, Macon County  
Jeanie Barteel, City of Cordele  
Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County  
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County  
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County  
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton  
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County  
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County  
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista  
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton  
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County  
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert  
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County

#### **Others Present**

Don Morgan, Attorney at Law  
Russell Lipford, & David McCoy, CPAs  
Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC  
Sean Roche, & Natalie Lee, Michael Baker International  
Kenny Miller, Public Safety Technical Specialist  
Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue's Representative  
Sarah Lee Crumbs, Georgetown-Quitman County Family  
Connections Coordinator  
Angela Farley, Harris County AAA Advisory Council  
Lindsey Glisson, Deputy Clerk of Council, Muscogee County  
Mary Day, Muscogee County  
Tommy Day, Muscogee County

#### **Staff Present**

Patti Cullen, Executive Director  
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director  
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer  
Tammy Collins, Finance Officer  
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director  
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director  
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner  
Mariyana Kostov, GIS Specialist  
Jarrod McCarthy, Community Developer/Mobility Manager

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**Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

Clinton Perry, Vice Chair, brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and recognized Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue’s Representative. Mr. Perry then asked Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, to lead the council in prayer. Randy Howard, Vice Chair led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review and Approval of Minutes\***

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 25, 2017 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week, for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Clinton Perry, Chair, requested a motion to approve the October 25, 2017 council minutes. Melvin Crimes, Webster County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Mary Day Complaint\***

Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, explained that the Executive Committee had met before the council meeting to review and consider the complaint made by former employee Mary Day. Mr. Perry said the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Council was to deny the claim and to take no further action with regard to her claim. Melvin Crimes, Webster County requested an explanation of the claim to the council. Don Morgan, Attorney, then explained that Ms. Day had filed a claim, demanding \$450,000, for perceived injustices – race discrimination & age discrimination. He noted that Ms. Day had previously filed a Charge of Discrimination against the River Valley Regional Commission with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Mr. Morgan said the EEOC denied that claim.

Mr. Perry, Chair, then asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, made a motion to accept the recommendation; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Review and Approval of FY2017 Independent Audit Report\***

Russell Lipford, CPA, and David McCoy, CPA, from the auditing firm of Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC attended the meeting to review the FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report compiled by the River Valley Regional Commission finance staff and independently audited by their firm. Mr. Lipford said the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is going to receive a copy of the audit for consideration for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The RVRC received an unmodified opinion by the auditing firm. Mr. Lipford explained that an unmodified opinion is the highest opinion possible.

Clinton Perry, Chair, then asked for a motion to accept the FY2017 Independent Audit Report. Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to accept the FY2017 Independent Audit Report; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

### **Next Generation 911 Overview**

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, introduced Natalie Lee, Michael Baker International. She gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the impact of GIS technology on E911 systems. Telephone companies will no longer be involved in the data collection for the E911 system. The responsibility will be transitioned to local governments in 2020.

### **Resolutions Authorizing Applications for Section 5304, 5310 and 5311 Funding\***

Jarrold McCarthy, Mobility Manager, requested approval to submit an application for Section 5311 funding for Mobility Management funding for the 16-county area. Mickey George, Macon County made a motion to approve submittal of an application for Section 5311 funding; Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Jarrold requested approval to submit an application for Section 5304 funding for a Transit Plan for Clay County. The plan will look at possible benefits of Clay County partnering with Pataula Transit. Terrell Hudson, Dooly County made a motion to approve submittal of an application for Section 5304 funding; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Jarrold also requested approval to submit an application for Section 5310 funding to Department of Human Services for transit service in eleven counties. Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, made a motion to approve submittal of an application for Section 5304 funding; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

### **Update on the Regional Plan**

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner, reported on progress made toward completion of the Regional Plan. She noted that in June 2018 the council is going to receive the plan for adoption. Allison also requested everyone log into the website <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPDYJPH> and complete the survey. She explained this information is going to help define the Work Program for the next five years and insure efficient provision of services to the RVRC communities.

### **Staff Reports**

Staff reports were presented by Katie Howard, AAA Director; Gerald Mixon, Planning Director; and Emily Chambers, Finance Officer for their departments.

### **ADJOURN**

Clinton Perry announced the next council meeting date is January 24, 2018. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. There being no further business to come before the council, he requested a motion to adjourn. Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, made a motion to adjourn; Melvin Crimes, Webster, seconded the motion. The meeting then adjourned.