RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
Minutes Summary
September, 2016

Members Attending/Representing
(Representing 16 Counties)
A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Cecil “Butch” McMickle, Marion County
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Clark Henderson, Crisp County
Clinton Perry, Jr., Taylor County, RVRC Chair
Debbie Stone, Stewart County
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
George Moore, Webster County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James R. “Bump” Welch, Marion County
Jon Hoeh, Schley County
Jeanie Bartee, City of Cordele
Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Lee Hubbard, Clay County

Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Mickey George, Macon County
Mike Speight, Crisp County, RVRC Secretary
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Richard Morris, Georgetown-Quitman Co., RVRC V-Chair
Shirley Ann Christian, City of Fort Gaines
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County

Members Not Present
Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
David Kinsey, Georgetown-Quitman County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Randy Howard, Sumter County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Staff Present
Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
Katie Howard, AAA Director
Rick Morris, Planning Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation
Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development
Janice West, WIOA Director
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Others Present
Craig Dominey, Senior Film Location Specialist/Camera Ready Program Manager
Gordon Rogers, Ex. Director & Flint Riverkeeper
Kathy Burns, Rep. for Senator Perdue
Linda Adams, City of Ellaville
Elaine Gillissie, Rep. for Congressman Sanford Bishop

Colin Martin, Rep. for Congressman Lynn Westmoreland
Janet Joiner, City of Vienna
Ricky Hood, City of Hamilton
Sylvia Russell, Marion County
Candice Head, GDOT
Vickie Wainwright City of Butler,
Welcome and Recognition of Visitors
Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Richard Morris, Vice Chair, led the council in prayer and Mike Speight, Secretary, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*
Council reviewed the minutes of the June 22, 2016 council meeting. Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Columbus, seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Camera Ready In The River Valley Region
Craig Dominey, Senior Film Location Specialist/Camera Ready Program Manager, gave a slide show presentation explaining the advantages of the region being “camera ready” such as increased tax revenue, employment opportunities and future tourism potential.

Flint Riverkeeper: Citizens Working for Enough Clean Water for Our Families, Farms and Businesses
Gordon Rogers, Executive Director & Flint Riverkeeper, gave a presentation about the importance of working toward making sure there is an ample clean water supply for the citizens of the State and the daily work needs of farms and businesses.

Adopt Amendment to the RVRC EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan*
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director, requested council adopt an amendment to the RVRC EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan. She explained the plan was revised to comply with Federal guidelines.

Clark Henderson, Crisp County, made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund Plan, seconded by Harry Lange, Harris County. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Private Sector Council Members*
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director, explained that private sector members must be appointed to the council each year. She said all private sector nominees had been contacted to determine their interest in serving as a private sector member on the Council. Sarah said one position is vacant and that someone would be appointed to that position later in the year. Recommendations for private sector representatives were as follows:

Mike Speight, Crisp County
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
James “Bump” Welch, Marion County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Wally Summers, Sumter County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Jason Hoch, Schley County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County

Jerry “Pops” Barnes made a motion to accept the private sector recommendations; George Moore, Webster County, seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Audit and Collection of Unpaid 911 Fees*
Patti Cullen, Executive Director, requested the council to adopt a resolution authorizing the Regional Commission to provide technical assistance to the counties and cities located in the River Valley region which passed a resolution requesting such assistance regarding the audit and collection of unpaid 911 fees.

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to adopt a resolution to move forward with the audit and collection of unpaid 911 fees; Richard Morris, Georgetown Quitman County; seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.
**Adopt AAA Conflict of Interest Policy**
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, requested the council adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy with guidelines set forth by the State for the River Valley Area Agency on Aging department. Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe, made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy; Evelyn Turner-Pugh, City of Columbus, seconded the motion.

Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports**
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director; Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Rick Morris, Planning Director; Janice West, WIOA Director and Jim Livingston, Community and Economic Development Director presented staff reports for their departments.

**Adjourn**
Chair Clinton Perry, Jr. then adjourned the meeting.