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## RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

### Marion County Commission Office

100 East Burkhalter Avenue

Buena Vista, Georgia

#### Summary

May 24, 2017

#### Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 16 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County  
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe  
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County  
Chip Jones, Stewart County  
Clinton Perry, Jr., Taylor County, RVRC Chair  
Danny Blackman, Georgetown-Quitman County  
Debbie Stone, Stewart County  
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County  
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County  
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County  
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County  
Harry Lange, Harris County, ACCG 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna  
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County  
Jason Hoch, Schley County  
Jayson Griffin, Macon County  
Jeanie Barte, City of Cordele  
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County  
Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County  
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County  
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton  
Pam Jordan, Talbot County  
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County  
Randy Howard, Sumter 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  
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville  
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County  
Doug Etheridge, Harris County  
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County  
Greg Barineau, Schley County  
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County  
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County  
Lee Hubbard, Clay County  
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County  
Melvin Crimes, Webster County  
Mickey George, Macon County  
Nelson Brown, City of Americus  
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista  
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton  
Richard McCorkle, Marion County  
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County  
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert  
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County

#### Others Present

County and City Representatives  
Ross King, Executive Director, ACCG  
Allen Poole, Haralson County Chair, President, ACCG  
Johnny Davis, Jefferson Co. Comm., 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, ACCG  
Representative Debbie Buckner, District 137  
Representative Patty Bentley, District 139  
Representative Bill McGowan, District 138  
Representative Buddy Hardin, District 148  
Greg Panzer, Representative for Congressman Drew Ferguson  
Kathy Burns, Representative for Senator David Perdue  
Laura Gower, Representative for Senator Johnny Isakson  
OtCasey Beane, DCA Representative, Region 8  
Candy Head, GA Department of Labor, Region 8  
River Valley Regional Commission Staff

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**Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He welcomed council members, distinguished guests and visitors. Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, led the council in prayer and Randy Howard, Vice Chair, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review and Approval of Minutes\***

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2017 council meeting which were mailed or email to each council member the previous week for their review.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Patricia Goodman, Randolph County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Election of Officers**

Before the election of officers, ACCG Ross King recognized Clinton Perry’s as the former President of ACCG and presented him with a resolution from ACCG for his years of service and gave him a photograph of the Taylor County Courthouse.

Harry Lange, Harris County Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee, then explained that the Nominating Committee had met and were recommending current officers Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair; Randy Howard, Vice Chair; and Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary; remain in their positions. He explained that the vice chair and secretary had recently moved into their position due to changes in the makeup of the council.

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to approve the nomination committee’s recommendation as presented; Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Legislator’s Remarks**

Georgia legislators and field representatives presented updates for their districts.

**STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Several staff members were recognized for their years of service with River Valley Regional Commission.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the council; Clinton Perry requested George Neal give the blessing and the meeting was adjourned for lunch.