

MINUTES
LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FULL BOARD MEETING

Conference Call
April 9, 2020

12:00 pm Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dorothy Riley called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present:

Aiken County

Roger Boyd
Danny Feagin
Lessie Price
John Simmons
Melissa Oremus

Allendale County

Larry Cohen
Dorothy Riley
Bill Robinson

Bamberg County

Jerry Bell
Sharon Hammond
Larry Haynes

Barnwell County

Freddie Houston
David Kenner
Ben Kinlaw
Jason Stapleton
Thomas L. Williams

Calhoun County

James Haigler
Roger Hill

Orangeburg County

Janie Cooper-Smith
Johnny Ravenell
Vernon Stephens
Harry Wimberly

The following board members were absent or excused:

Aiken County

Gary Bunker (A)
Willar Hightower (A)
Andrew Siders (A)
Thomas H. Williams (A)

Allendale County

Rebecca Gooding (A)
Dawan Smith (A)
Theresa Taylor (A)

Bamberg County

Clint Carter (A)
Shawn Hanks (A)
Gerald Wright (A)
Justin Bamberg (A)

Barnwell County

Tim Bennett (A)
Lonnie Hosey (A)

Calhoun County

Helen Carson-Peterson (A)
Ted Felder (A)
David Summers (A)
Ken Westbury (A)
Russell L. Ott (A)

Orangeburg County

Michael Butler (A)
Heyward Livingston (A)
Brad Hutto (A)

The following staff were present:

Dr. William Molnar
Nora Sanders
Frances Owens
Vicki Hallee

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Martha Ruthven Office of Representative Joe Wilson
John McLauchlin Calhoun County
Michael Dennis Ramey Kemp Associates

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CHANGES

Chairwoman Riley asked for approval to changes made to the meeting agenda that included the review of the Financial Report by Ms. Frances Owens and approvals required for the February 13, 2020 minutes and the LRTP plan. The motion was made by Mr. Larry Haynes and seconded by Mr. John Simmons. **The motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. John Simmons and seconded by Mr. Freddie Houston to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2020 full board meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Ms. Frances Owens presented the financial report for February 2020 for information. The report was accepted as information.

PRESENTATION OF LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

Mr. Michael Dennis, from Ramey Kemp Associates, presented a draft review of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Harry Wimberly and seconded by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith. **The motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **Update on COG duration COVID-19 pandemic:** Dr. Molnar stated that he is working with County Administrators to provide assistance in any way during this time. The COG staff is mostly working from home except essential services such as Aging, Meals and Transportation in Aiken. All Staff will be receiving calls and emails as they work from home. Administrative and Finance will continue to work in the office but we are limiting our numbers to eight staff at any time in the office.
2. **Next Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 14, 2020:** The Committee will be discussing the Budget for 2020-2021 and revisions for the current budget year.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

No General discussion items.

ADJOURN

Chairman Dorothy Riley adjourned the meeting at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. William Molnar
Executive Director

NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND A COPY OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND A NOTICE OF THE MEETING POSTED ON LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WEBSITE AND BULLETIN BOARD AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.