

**RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
To Adopt the 2019 Regional Plan Annual Implementation Report**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs requires every Regional Commission in the state to regularly maintain their Regional Plan in accordance with the state's Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning and Schedule for Regional Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission has completed technical work on an annual report of progress in accordance with the Regional Planning Requirements provided by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission held a required public hearing prior to submission of the Annual Implementation Report to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Annual Implementation Report has been subsequently accepted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 8th day of August 2019, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council, meeting in regular session, hereby adopts the 2019 Regional Plan Annual Implementation Report, for transmittal to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

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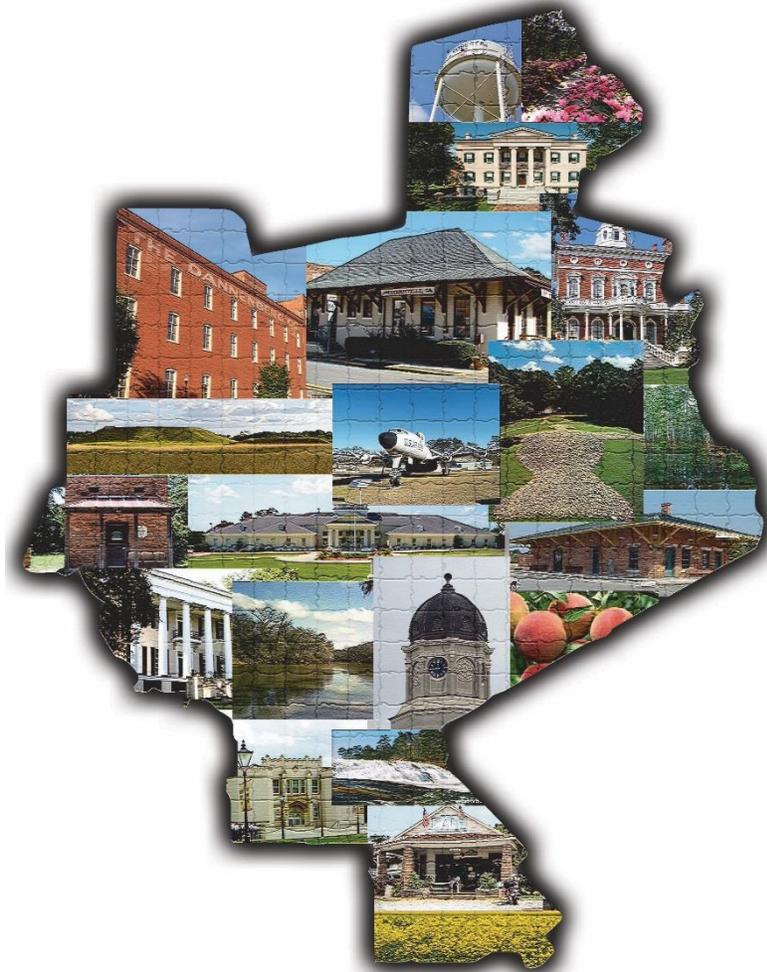
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2019 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

 **M**iddle Georgia Regional Commission

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC), through the Regional Agenda process, is given the responsibility and authority to set achievement levels for local governments of the region. In doing so, MGRC recognizes that all local governments of the region are different and that some standards may be quite easily attainable for larger, well-funded governments, but more difficult to meet for other cities and counties. For this reason, MGRC has set Essential Standards, as well as Excellence Standards for the local governments of Middle Georgia. Essential Standards are differentiated from Excellence Standards, which may require increased planning, coordination, and financial commitment.

The Middle Georgia Regional Commission is dedicated to ensuring that every local government is able to meet all Essential (minimum) Standards of the Regional Agenda. Regional Commission staff will assist local governments with any tasks necessary to attain the Essential Standards at minimal or no cost. As of June 30, 2019, twenty-five of the thirty-one local governments have achieved either the Essential or Excellence Standards. Throughout FY 2020, MGRC will provide technical assistance to the remaining six local governments to achieve the Essential Standard.

2019 Report of Regional Performance Standard Attainment – Effective 6/21/2019

Jurisdiction	Standards Met	Notes
Baldwin County	Essential Standards	
City of Milledgeville	Community of Excellence	
Crawford County	Community of Excellence	**PlanFirst Designee
City of Roberta	Essential Standards	
Houston County	Essential Standards	
City of Centerville	Community of Excellence	**PlanFirst Designee; GICH Community
City of Perry	Community of Excellence	**PlanFirst Designee
City of Warner Robins	Essential Standards	
Jones County		Delinquent on FY18 RLGf
City of Gray	Essential Standards	
Macon-Bibb County	Community of Excellence	
Monroe County	Essential Standards	
City of Culloden	Essential Standards	
City of Forsyth	Community of Excellence	**PlanFirst Designee
Peach County	Essential Standards	
City of Byron	Community of Excellence	**PlanFirst Designee; GICH Community
City of Fort Valley	Essential Standards	
Pulaski County	Essential Standards	
City of Hawkinsville	Essential Standards	
Putnam County	Essential Standards	
City of Eatonton	Community of Excellence	
Twiggs County	Essential Standards	
Town of Danville	Essential Standards	
City of Jeffersonville		Delinquent on E-Verify reporting, FY17 RLGf, and 2018 GOMI survey
Wilkinson County		Delinquent on FY18 RLGf
City of Allentown	Essential Standards	
City of Gordon	Essential Standards	
City of Irwinton	Essential Standards	
City of Ivey		Local government lacks an updated website
City of McIntyre	Essential Standards	
Town of Toombsboro		Local government lacks an updated website

RLGF: Report of Local Government Finance; GOMI: Government Management Indicators survey

MGRC Assistance to Local Governments not Currently Meeting Essential Standards:

The 2017 changes to the Regional Planning Requirements (Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia Chapter 110-12-6) eliminated penalties associated with communities that do not reach the Essential Standards set forth in the Regional Plan. However, MGRC still recognizes a responsibility to assist local governments however possible in the attainment of these standards. MGRC is currently undertaking the following activities to assist local governments in the attainment of the Essential Standards:

- MGRC staff transmits bi-weekly messages to all local governments that are delinquent on Department of Community Affairs (DCA) reports, including the Report of Local Government Finance (RLGF) and Government Management Indicators (GOMI) survey. MGRC also serves as a liaison between local communities and the DCA Office of Research and Surveys, as necessary.
- A website for the Town of Toombsboro is currently in development by MGRC staff. It is expected to launch in December 2019.
- MGRC staff has communicated with the City of Ivey regarding web design services and remains available to assist in website development.

REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Middle Georgia Regional Implementation Program contains action items for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and its regional partners for the purpose of promulgating the opportunities and vision developed by stakeholders for the Regional Plan. The report on the following pages details accomplishments of the Regional Implementation Program through June 30, 2019. Projects are either listed as **complete**, **underway**, **canceled**, or **ongoing** (items that represent a continuous process for MGRC rather than a one-time project). Additional comments are provided in some areas where available.

Middle Georgia Regional Work Program (2019-2023)



Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Implementation Status Update
Leverage state and federal assets for economic development projects, specifically in areas that are eligible for additional need-based assistance.	Appropriate funding opportunities should be pursued where possible to support economic development initiatives, both locally and regionally.	Provide technical assistance to local governments, authorities, and chambers for economic development and industrial recruitment.	MGRC, EDA, GDEcD	Ongoing
		Pursue funding avenues to aid in providing infrastructure to industrial parks/sites.	MGRC, DCA, USDA, CGJDA	Ongoing – OneGeorgia Equity award for Putnam County
		Research, prepare and administer grants/loans to support economic development.	MGRC	Ongoing – in FY19 assisted with several EDA Disaster Recovery applications; administering grants for Irving Consumer Products, Nichiha, and Amazon in Macon-Bibb County; administering a grant for Five Below in Monroe County; administering a grant for Hyalus in Pulaski County
	Local communities should work with state and federal partners in economic development to better meet their needs	Develop and aid in the implementation of projects/activities identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for the region.	MGRC, EDA	Ongoing
		Build on the findings of the Middle Georgia... Growing Strong project to identify new opportunities to grow regional economic diversification.	MGRC, OEA, MGEA	Underway – project will be extended through December 2019 to complete economic impact analysis and intermodal hub planning process.
Implement local incentives to assist new and existing businesses.	Long-term planning should be developed to ensure the availability of resources for economic development.	Conduct economic impact analysis to determine cost-benefit for economic development projects.	MGRC	Ongoing
	Local communities should work with state and federal partners in economic development to better meet their needs	Provide technical assistance for the creation of local Opportunity Zones, Enterprise Zones, and Redevelopment Plans.	MGRC, DCA	Ongoing – currently assisting Perry and Forsyth with potential OZ designations.
Work with Middle Georgia Economic Alliance and other local partners to support and market region to potential economic investors.	Local governments should coordinate marketing strategies for tourism and industry recruitment	Assist in a joint economic development initiative to market the region.	MGRC, MGEA, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Promote, encourage and engage in economic development initiatives of joint development authorities.	MGRC, CGJDA, FLRDA, MGRDA	Ongoing

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Redevelop blighted or vacant buildings and brownfield sites to help strengthen local economies.	Downtown revitalization plans should be promoted and encouraged as a means for promoting job creation and entrepreneurship.	Prepare grant applications for remediation of brownfield sites.	MGRC, EPA, Local Governments	Ongoing – assisted Hawkinsville in selecting a consultant for a brownfield assessment grant.
		Assist with the development of downtown development or redevelopment plans and special tax districts.	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing – currently working on four various plans for downtown development in Eatonton, Forsyth, Hawkinsville, and Perry. Preliminary discussions with Macon-Bibb County on a new TAD.
Invest in the region's technological infrastructure to attract makers, entrepreneurs, and young professionals.	Local communities should work with state and federal partners in economic development to better meet their needs	Implement the Digital Economy Plan for the Middle Georgia region.	MGRC, GTA, OEA, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Facilitate the ongoing operation of Makerspaces in Middle Georgia.	MGRC, GTA, OEA, Local Governments	Ongoing – support for SparkMacon and Firestarter Fab Lab provided through OEA Phase II grant.
	Long-term planning should be developed to ensure the availability of resources for economic development.	Develop plans for retention of top talent within the region to prevent "brain drain."	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing
Address the needs of RAFB and aerospace assets to attract new development and expansion of current industries.	Appropriate businesses should be identified and targeted for industry recruitment and expansion efforts, based on the strategic assets of the community.	Provide assistance to the 21 st Century Partnership and its efforts to support Robins Air Force Base activities, expansion efforts, and new missions.	21st Century Partnership, MGRC	Ongoing – MGRC currently assisting with grant applications to support STEM outreach initiatives.
		Continue implementation of plans to remediate encroachment issues near RAFB.	MGRC, DOD, CGJDA, DNR, Local Governments	Underway – MGRC continues to support CGJDA acquisition project. The agreement was signed with Georgia Power for future installation of a solar power facility on the encroachment area site. Property exchanged with Georgia Department of Natural Resources to expand Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area
Use natural and cultural resources, especially Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Park, to help grow tourism and economic prosperity in the region.	Appropriate businesses should be identified and targeted for industry recruitment and expansion efforts, based on the strategic assets of the community.	Promote Middle Georgia tourism industry.	MGRC, GDEcD, Local Governments	Ongoing – Expansion and re-designation of Ocmulgee National Monument to Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park is a positive step forward.
		Provide assistance with the promotion of the film industry in Middle Georgia.	MGRC, GDEcD	Ongoing
Use EB-5 designation to encourage foreign investment.	Appropriate funding opportunities should be pursued where possible to support economic development initiatives, both locally and regionally.	Promote and provide technical assistance with the Foreign Trade Zone and EB-5 Foreign Investor Program in eligible areas of Middle Georgia.	MGRC	Ongoing

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Assist local government participation in the programs designed to promote affordable and accessible housing options.	Promote and encourage development that provides a variety of residential options, including affordable housing opportunities.	Provide technical assistance to local Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) communities.	MGRC, DCA, UGA	Ongoing – Centerville received a new GICH designation.
		Promote affordable housing options.	MGRC, DCA, Housing Authorities Local Governments	Ongoing
		Promote and provide safe, clean, and affordable housing choices.	Housing Authorities, Local Governments	Ongoing
	Address substandard and dilapidated housing in Middle Georgia communities.	Assist local governments with preparing Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant applications.	MGRC, DCA, Housing Authorities Local Governments	Ongoing – Assisted the City of Fort Valley with successful application in December 2018.
Create urban redevelopment plans and strengthen local code enforcement activities to alleviate substandard housing conditions and blight.	Address substandard and dilapidated housing in Middle Georgia communities.	Perform Housing Assessments, focusing on both urban and rural areas, and data collection, as requested.	MGRC, DCA, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Assist local governments with the preparation of housing-focused Urban Redevelopment Plans.	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing – assisted Jones County in 2019.
		Assist local governments with the creation and management of Land Bank Authorities.	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing – Perry-Houston County Land Bank launched in late 2018.
		Provide technical assistance to local governments in reviewing and updating zoning codes to remove barriers to appropriate housing development.	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing – currently assisting several local governments with updates to zoning codes.
Support local public and non-profit agencies to meet housing needs and provide homebuyer education services	Promote and encourage development that provides a variety of residential options, including affordable housing opportunities.	Promote, encourage, and participate in housing-related workshops, conferences, and symposiums.	MGRC, Local Governments, Housing Authorities	Ongoing
		Prioritize lending opportunities for housing developments focused on low- or mixed-income, elderly, or residents with disabilities.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Partner with local governments, housing authorities, social service agencies, non-profits, etc. to promote housing options for those most in need.	MGRC	Ongoing
Leverage the availability of vacant storefronts in downtown areas for new housing developments.	Promote and encourage development that provides a variety of residential options, including affordable housing opportunities.	Consider town centers as housing destinations for potential "pioneer" populations, such as baby boomers and college students.	MGRC, DCA, Local Governments, Housing Authorities	Ongoing

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<p>Assist local governments that lack technological or Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities to improve the efficiency of their services.</p>	<p>Local governments should evaluate options for lowering the cost of service delivery and improving efficiency.</p>	<p>Create, maintain, promote, and host web pages for local governments, development authorities, and other regional entities.</p>	<p>MGRC, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – MGRC continues to host over 50 websites for local governments, authorities, and nonprofits.</p>
		<p>Create, maintain, and promote internet-based map services</p>	<p>MGRC, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>Create road and structure point data layers to support E-911 mapping services.</p>	<p>MGRC, GEMA, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – Currently working with Peach County on E-911 mapping services.</p>
		<p>Explore the feasibility of acquiring highly accurate elevation (LiDAR) data and region-wide ortho-aerial photography.</p>	<p>MGRC, USGS, NOAA, FEMA, GIO, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>Provide tax parcel maintenance service.</p>	<p>MGRC, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – MGRC continues to provide for four counties.</p>
		<p>Develop strategies for enhancing social media and communications capabilities for MGRC and local governments</p>	<p>MGRC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Develop plans for local infrastructure maintenance and improvements, including planning for capital to support continued growth.</p>	<p>Local governments should evaluate options for lowering the cost of service delivery and improving efficiency.</p>	<p>Assist with land development ordinances or implementation of impact fees to reduce potential losses from new service provision.</p>	<p>MGRC, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>Assist local governments with the development and preparation of Solid Waste Management Plans, as requested.</p>	<p>MGRC, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>Develop risk assessment reports and assist in the local hazard mitigation and pre-disaster mitigation planning processes.</p>	<p>MGRC, GEMA, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – MGRC currently working with Peach, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties on PDMPs and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants.</p>
<p>Apply for state and federal grant and loan funding for improvements to community facilities throughout the region, specifically in areas of high need.</p>	<p>Local governments should monitor infrastructure to make repairs or upgrades as necessary and follow best management practices.</p>	<p>Assist local governments in efforts to upgrade and/or extend water/sewer infrastructure.</p>	<p>MGRC, DCA, USDA, GEFA, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – received four CDBG awards in 2018 for water and sewer projects in Crawford County, and the Cities of Danville, Ivey, and Roberta. Two applications were submitted for 2019 (Cities of Hawkinsville and Forsyth)</p>
		<p>Assist local governments with improvements to stormwater management and drainage infrastructure.</p>	<p>MGRC, DCA, USDA, EPD, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – received a CDBG award in 2018 for drainage improvements in the City of Irwinton. One 2019 application was submitted for the City of Eatonton.</p>
	<p>Pursue funding sources for maintenance and new construction of community facilities.</p>	<p>Assist local efforts to upgrade or develop new community facilities, such as Senior Centers, Head Start, Workforce Development, Boys and Girls Clubs, Libraries, etc.</p>	<p>MGRC, DCA, USDA, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – received a CDBG award in 2018 for Health Department improvements in Peach County. Two applications for 2019 funding were submitted for Crawford and Monroe Counties.</p>
		<p>Assist local governments in efforts to upgrade or develop new government administration facilities.</p>	<p>MGRC, USDA, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – MGRC has assisted Forsyth in their ongoing project for a new City Hall.</p>
	<p>Develop and preserve recreational programs.</p>	<p>Assist local efforts to upgrade or develop new recreational facilities and services.</p>	<p>MGRC, DNR, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing – City of Hawkinsville received an LWCF grant in 2018 for recreation improvements. MGRC submitted LWCF applications on behalf of Danville, Byron and Monroe County.</p>
	<p>Local communities should focus on lowering ISO ratings and supporting law enforcement agencies.</p>	<p>Assist local efforts to upgrade or develop new public safety facilities and services.</p>	<p>MGRC, FEMA, DOJ, USDA, DCA, Local Governments</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	Natural gas service should be considered as an important asset for economic development.	Assist local governments in efforts to upgrade and/or extend natural gas infrastructure.	MGRC, USDA, Local Governments	Ongoing
Collaborate with historical societies, historic preservation commissions, and similar groups to protect areas where culturally-important resources are at risk	Promote development practices that do not negatively impact natural, cultural, and historic resources.	Conduct and comment on Section 106 undertakings involving historic resources.	MGRC, HPD	Ongoing
		Provide outreach, training, and technical assistance on Historic Preservation to local governments and other interested parties.	MGRC, HPD	Ongoing
	Capitalize on the natural, cultural, and historic resources that are present within the region, utilizing their presence to tell the region's story.	Conduct historic resources inventories for local governments	MGRC, HPD	Ongoing – two grant applications were submitted for resource surveys in Hawkinsville and Jones County.
		Provide technical assistance to local Historic Preservation Commission, Historical Societies, and other organizations.	MGRC, HPD, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Assist local governments with activities related to the Certified Local Government program; assist in the preparation and adoption of local preservation ordinances.	MGRC, HPD	Ongoing
Promote and support existing Main Street communities and encourage new cities.	Assist communities with state and federal historic preservation initiatives and programs including the Main Street Program and the Preserve America Institute.	MGRC, HPD, DCA	Ongoing – currently assisting the City of Irwinton with starting up a new Main Street program.	
Extend and enhance regional trail system, including Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, Lower Oconee Water Trail, Ocmulgee Water Trail, and Central Georgia Rail Trail to improve green connectivity, economic activity, and recreation opportunities.	Promote additional avenues of access to natural, cultural, and historic resources for recreation, education, and tourism, as a driver of economic activity	Provide technical assistance to the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership, the Lower Oconee Water Trail group, and other blueway-focused organizations.	MGRC, HPD, DCA, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Provide technical assistance to the Central Georgia Rail to Trail Association for the development of the rail trail between Macon-Bibb and Milledgeville.	MGRC, OWTP, LOWT, GDOT	Ongoing
Agritourism can promote the economy and the preservation of agricultural lands	Enhance existing natural, cultural, and historic resources with appropriate development.	Provide assistance to local governments and other community organizations in promoting small farms and small communities through the "Georgia Grown" and "Celebrating Rural Georgia" programs.	MGRC, DCA, Georgia Dept of Agriculture, Local Governments, Community Organizations	Ongoing

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Ensure safe and secure parks, campgrounds, river access, and boat ramps, particularly in where they can be economic drivers.	Enhance existing natural, cultural, and historic resources with appropriate development.	Assist Local governments with preparing and administering Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.	MGRC, DNR, Local Governments	Ongoing – City of Hawkinsville received a LWCF grant in 2018 for recreation improvements. MGRC completing the administration of a LWCF grant for Jones County and a Recreational Trails Grant for Fort Valley.
Update and promulgate the Regional Resources Plan to encourage tourism and help preserve resources.	Promote the protection and utilization of the region’s natural, cultural, and historic resources.	Prepare update to the Regional Resources Plan.	MGRC, DCA	Underway – Project is on schedule for a kickoff in the second half of CY 2019 (FY2020). Project to be completed under MGRC contract with DCA.
Enhance mobility management programs for residents who are elderly, disabled, or need of reliable transit services.	Encourage street connectivity and improved access and mobility for all persons and using forms of transportation	Provide assistance to local governments with Transit Development Plans.	MGRC, GDOT, Local Governments	Ongoing – MGRC completed plan for Putnam County with Wilkinson County plan underway.
		Facilitate the Middle Georgia Regional Mobility Manager program	MGRC, GDOT, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Pursue expanded transit service and options for special population groups, including senior citizens (through 5311 programs), veterans, adult students, and workforce program participants.	MGRC, GDOT, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Administer the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Coordinated Transportation Program in the Middle Georgia region.	MGRC, DHS, Third-Party Operators	Ongoing
Develop and implement local bicycle and pedestrian plans, with an emphasis on complete streets, particularly in downtown areas and near educational facilities	Promote alternative transportation choices, such as walking, biking, carpooling, and taking public transportation.	Maintain and update the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian website.	MGRC, GDOT	Ongoing
		Update WRATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.	MGRC, GDOT, WRATS	Ongoing
		Prepare Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans for interested communities.	MGRC, Local Governments, GDOT, Bike-Ped Advisory Committees	Ongoing
		Perform Safe Routes to School walk safety audits or travel plans for elementary and middle schools.	GDOT, MGRC, Local Schools	Ongoing
		Facilitate Complete Streets and other training for local communities.	GDOT, MGRC, Local Stakeholders	Ongoing

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	Promote the logical connectivity of the regional transportation network	Continue phased construction of Oconee River Greenway and the Fishing Creek Community Trail in Milledgeville and Baldwin County.	FHWA, DNR, Oconee River Greenway Authority, Local Governments,	Ongoing
		<i>Continue phased construction of the Wellston Trail in Warner Robins.</i>	<i>FHWA, DNR, GDOT, Local Governments</i>	<i>Completed – 2-mile trail exists currently along Bay Gall Creek from Fountain Park to Corder Rd.</i>
		Provide technical assistance to bicycle and pedestrian stakeholder groups, including CGRTA, OWTP, LOWT, Wilkinson County Bike Friendly Committee, etc.	GDOT, MGRC, Local Stakeholders	Ongoing
Investment in maintenance and improvement of regional transportation infrastructure.	Coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, and other state agencies, as appropriate, on funding improvements for the transportation network.	Serve on Macon Area Transportation Study Technical Coordinating and Policy Committees.	MGRC, MATS	Ongoing
		Serve on Warner Robins Area Transportation Study Technical Coordinating and Policy Committees.	MGRC, WRATS	Ongoing
		Assist in updates of the WRATS socio-economic database using a variety of data sources.	MGRC, WRATS	Ongoing
	Improve the condition of the region's road network, with attention to the condition of high-priority bridges, roads, and culverts.	Provide assistance to local governments, MPOs, and other entities in understanding funding opportunities under the FAST Act and the Transportation Funding Act of 2015.	MGRC, Local Governments, MATS, WRATS	Ongoing
		Support local governments in finding innovative solutions for transportation investments.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Assist local governments with identifying and prioritizing bridges, culverts, and unimproved roads for future investment.	GDOT, MGRC, Local Stakeholders	Ongoing
Address areas where rapid, development has strained the transportation grid.	Coordinate land use planning activities with transportation network improvements.	Incorporate policies and strategies in local comprehensive plans that link land use and transportation improvements.	MGRC, DCA, GDOT, Local Governments,	Ongoing
Pursue development of an inland port, container yard, or intermodal hub to facilitate freight movement.	Promote the planning for, construction of, and movement on regional and inter-regional freight routes.	Promulgate the Middle Georgia Freight and Logistics Study and provide technical assistance for the creation of an inland port, container yard, or multi-modal industrial park in Middle Georgia.	MGRC, OEA, GPA, MGEA, Local Governments	Underway – master plan study for intermodal hub began in late 2018 and is currently continuing.
		Identify opportunities for improving the east-west connectivity across the Ocmulgee River for a more efficient flow of goods, services, and people.	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing

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Development of a multi-modal transportation hub with passenger rail and bus service.	Communicate the importance and feasibility of passenger rail service.	Promote passenger rail and bus service between Macon-Bibb and Atlanta; inclusion as a priority in the State of Georgia Rail Plan.	MGRC, Local Governments, Georgians for Passenger Rail	Ongoing
Beautification and enhancement of key transportation corridors.	Improve the condition of the region's road network, with attention to the condition of high-priority bridges, roads, and culverts.	Assist local governments with efforts to beautify transportation corridors, particularly community gateway entrances, including wayfinding and placemaking.	MGRC	Ongoing
Explore joint use of the runway at Robins Air Force Base and other opportunities for partnerships related to aerospace industries.	Coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, and other state agencies, as appropriate, on funding improvements for the transportation network.	Explore opportunities to take advantage of the region's existing airfields, such as public-private partnerships and expansion needs.	MGRC, OEA, Airport Authorities, RAFB, Local Governments	Ongoing
Pursue a reduction in sprawl through infill development, adaptive reuse of existing structures, and open space protection measures in places of rapid growth.	Smart Growth principles should be promoted throughout the region, especially in urban and suburban communities. This includes the promotion of infill development and greyfield or brownfield redevelopment.	Assist local governments in the preparation/modification and adoption of local land use ordinances, zoning ordinances, and/or development regulations.	MGRC, DCA	Ongoing – currently working with numerous communities on zoning ordinance updates.
		Promote growth and development in areas that can be efficiently served by existing infrastructure.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Encourage the placement of new schools near existing infrastructure.	MGRC	Ongoing
Undertake inter-jurisdictional land use planning to promote cohesive development and efficient movement of people, goods, and services.	Local governments should coordinate their land use planning across jurisdictional boundaries.	Administer and manage the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) program in the Middle Georgia region.	MGRC, DCA	Ongoing – MGRC hosted community training on the DRI process and has reviewed five complete DRIs to date in FY19.
		Provide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) digital mapping and Global Positioning System (GPS) data collection services to local governments	MGRC, GIO	Ongoing

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Promote dialogue between businesses and educational institutions to ensure that students receive the necessary skills for success.	Promote collaboration between school systems, private schools, technical colleges, colleges, and universities and local industry.	Provide employer- specialized recruiting services to regional industries.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
		Coordinate applicant certification services for job seekers.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
		Encourage the development of targeted, innovative workforce development programs in public K-12 schools.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, school districts, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
Grow collaboration between workforce development agencies.	Provide tools to develop the workforce for the region's existing industries.	Provide technical assistance to job seekers.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
		Promote collaboration between workforce development agencies throughout the region.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
Expand registered apprenticeship programs, work-based learning, and on-the-job training opportunities.	Promote collaboration between school systems, private schools, technical colleges, colleges, and universities and local industry.	Undertake and support workforce development and implementation initiatives.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
		Coordinate and promote on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
Expand job training and transitional support for those leaving military service.	Provide tools to develop the workforce for the region's existing industries.	Promote awareness of transitional support, on-the-job training, and veterans' preference opportunities for veterans seeking employment.	MGRC, MGC, VECTR Center, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
Provide job training for the incarcerated and formerly-incarcerated.	Provide tools to develop the workforce for the region's existing industries.	Promote awareness of state-level criminal justice reform among job seekers.	MGRC, MGC, GDEcD, TCSG, colleges/univ.	Ongoing
Publicize and promote counseling and advocacy services available to seniors.	Encourage person-centered approach to service provision.	<i>Operate the GeorgiaCares Program, which assists Medicare beneficiaries, families, and caregivers with health insurance and benefits counseling, education recognition, and reporting of health insurance-related fraud.</i>	<i>DHS, MGRC</i>	<i>Canceled – Service no longer provided by MGRC; now performed directly by the State of Georgia.</i>
		Conduct wellness-related activities through the Wellness Program, providing education, health screenings, nutrition information, exercise, disease management and prevention, and safe usage of medication to seniors and persons with disabilities.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing – includes CDSM, Tai Chi, A Matter of Balance, PSMP, and Senior Farmers Market programs.

Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Implementation Status Update
	Promote and encourage more effective ways to communicate with the senior population.	Market the Area Agency on Aging in all counties in the Middle Georgia region through community education programs and health fairs.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
		Plan, sponsor and conduct a region-wide annual event in support and recognition of the U.S. Administration on Aging's Older American month activities.	MGRC, Vendors	Ongoing – 2019 event had 876 participants.
Provide assistance tailored to older residents to help them age in place while contributing to the local economy.	Provide resources to help seniors age-in-place.	Operate as fully functioning Aging and Disability Resource Connection and No Wrong Door System.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
		Administer a Medicaid Waiver Service that helps elderly and/or individuals with disabilities remain in their homes and communities and prevents seniors from being prematurely institutionalized.	DCH, MGRC	Ongoing – includes services through the CCSP, SOURCE, and Elderly and Disabled waiver programs.
		<i>Provide assistance to seniors in need through Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act grant funds.</i>	<i>DHS, MGRC</i>	<i>Cancelled – MIPPA services are no longer provided.</i>
		Administer an in-home case management program for non-Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services clients.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing – AAA targets to serve 51 individuals per year.
		Function as Local Contact Agency for nursing home residents seeking to transition to the community. Offer Options Counseling to assist residents in locating community resources.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing – currently working with 32 long-term care facilities.
		Administer the Money Follows the Person (MFP) funds for the Department of Community Health. These funds enable funding to follow a person from a nursing home back to their home and/or community.	DCH, DHS, MGRC	Ongoing – working with 17 individuals per year.
	Encourage person-centered approach to service provision.	Administer the Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) program.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
		<i>Implement the Tomando Control de su Salud program (CDSME program in Spanish) in Middle Georgia.</i>	<i>DHS, MGRC</i>	<i>Complete – program finalized in FY18 and discontinued for future.</i>
		Administer the Matter of Balance fall prevention program.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
		Administer the Elder Abuse Prevention Program by providing public education and outreach to identify and prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
	Focus on the long-term sustainability of aging services programs.	Administer the National Family Caregiver Support Program.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing – AAA provides workshops in care consultation, PTC, and dealing with dementia.
		Develop and implement the AAA Sustainability Business Plan, a private-pay service within the Area Agency on Aging.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing

Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Implementation Status Update
Expand the regional network of community-based services with coordination between public, private, and non-profit organizations.	Focus on the long-term sustainability of aging services programs.	Maintain, update, and secure new resources for inclusion in the statewide Empowerline Pro database.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing – AAA continues to maintain database with over 3100 resources identified in Middle Georgia.
		Provide programmatic and fiscal training, technical assistance, and monitoring to Area Agency on Aging subcontractors.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
	Encourage person-centered approach to service provision.	Create and maintain Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan to serve as lead as notified by Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, or by a localized emergency team in the Middle Georgia counties, to assist seniors and/or persons with disabilities.	DHS, MGRC	Ongoing
Assist local governments with innovation to meet the changing needs of the senior population.	Remain cognizant of the quickly growing senior population during planning efforts.	Encourage local governments to incorporate universal design concepts and account for their aging populations in their local comprehensive plans.	DCA, MGRC	Ongoing
		Provide local governments with information regarding grant funding opportunities for senior housing.	DCA, MGRC	Ongoing
Increase cooperation and support of economic growth and prosperity, regardless of the exact location where growth and development occur.	Promote and encourage ongoing relationship building between local and regional leaders.	Facilitate the Middle Georgia Regional Leadership Champions program.	MGRC, UGA, OEA	Ongoing – 3 rd cohort completed class in late 2018 and 4 th cohort is currently underway.
	Promote and encourage cooperation and collaboration between jurisdictions in developing solutions for shared regional issues.	Provide technical assistance and training opportunities for the Middle Georgia Economic Alliance.	MGRC, MGEA	Ongoing
		Provide technical assistance and staff support to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.	MGRC, CGJDA	Ongoing
		Coordinate implementation of action items from 2004 Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and update and revise JLUS as needed.	MGRC, OEA, RAFB, Local Governments	Underway – preliminary request for funding to support an updated JLUS has been received by Office of Economic Adjustment.
		Promote and provide technical assistance for P4 partnerships between Robins Air Force Base and the surrounding communities.	MGRC, 21 st Century Partnership	Ongoing
	Encourage mutual aid and sharing of services between jurisdictions, for mutual benefit.	Support efforts to enhance and develop the I-75 Corridor throughout the Middle Georgia region.	MGRC, I-75 Corridor Council, Local Governments	Ongoing
Coordinate planning related to the region's shared natural and cultural resources in support of tourism and economic development.	Promote and encourage cooperation and collaboration between jurisdictions in developing solutions for shared regional issues.	Assist local governments in supporting the Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative.	MGRC, DCA, DNR, Local Governments	Ongoing – Expansion of the Ocmulgee National Monument by 2,100 acres and re-designation to the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park was achieved through congressional action as an important step.
		Coordinate with other Regional Commissions and local governments in determining US Bike Routes through Middle Georgia.	MGRC, GDOT	Ongoing
		Assist GDOT in implementing the state's Complete Streets Policy throughout the region.	MGRC, GDOT	Ongoing

Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Implementation Status Update
	Coordinate communication between affected jurisdictions and public entities on decisions likely to impact them.	Provide technical assistance and staff support to the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition and take actions to improve air quality.	EPA, GDOT, EPD, MGCAC, MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing
		Assist local governments with coordinating TMDL and Watershed Improvement Plans.	MGRC, EPD	Ongoing
Continue renewal and revision of service delivery strategies to identify areas where cost savings or increased efficiency may occur.	Continue placing emphasis on collaboration in local and regional planning.	Encourage local governments to regularly update Service Delivery Strategy agreements and provide technical assistance.	MGRC, Local Governments	Ongoing – MGRC completed full 10-year SDS updates for Peach County and Putnam County in FY19. MGRC also assisted with technical updates to the Crawford County, Houston County, and Jones County SDS agreements.
Facilitate communication and dialogue among regional leaders to help create a regional approach to solving problems.	Coordinate communication between affected jurisdictions and public entities on decisions likely to impact them.	Conduct Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (Executive Order 12372) to ensure consistency of proposed projects with regional and local planning documents.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Review and comment on long-range transportation plans for consistency with the Regional Plan.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Review and comment on developments in close proximity to resources identified in the Regional Resource Plan.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Review all Developments of Regional Impact submitted by Regional Commissions that adjoin Middle Georgia.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Review statewide plans and programs for local and regional application.	MGRC	Ongoing
		Review local comprehensive plans and service delivery strategies.	DCA, MGRC	Ongoing

ATTACHMENT A

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Attachment A includes the minutes from the June 2019 MGRC Council Meeting at which a public hearing was held on the Middle Georgia Regional Plan Annual Implementation Report.

MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission
Council Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT

BALDWIN COUNTY

Lee Slade
Richard Mullins
Denese Shinholster
Johnny Westmoreland
Derek Williams

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Charles Westberry
Paul Chapman
Brent Lowe

HOUSTON COUNTY

John Harley
Clifford Holmes
Georgie Slappey

JONES COUNTY

William Lee Brown
Francis Adams
Ed Barbee
Frank Duke

MACON-BIBB COUNTY

Robert Reichert
Dominique Johnson
Al Tillman
Darius Maynard

MONROE COUNTY

Eric Wilson
Dick Bazemore

PEACH COUNTY

Barbara Williams
James Richardson

PULASKI COUNTY

Jenna Mashburn
Henry Cravey
Sara Myers
Staci Vickers
James Colson

PUTNAM COUNTY

Billy Webster
Walter Rocker
Gary Sanders

TWIGGS COUNTY

Shannon Hart
Ken Fowler
Kathryn Epps

WILKINSON COUNTY

Marty Dominy
Michael Gotell
Emma Bacon
Scotty Lewis

MIDDLE GEORGIA

James Vaughn

GUESTS PRESENT:

Slayten Carter - Field Representative for Austin Scott
Brenda Broach – Mayor, Town of Ivey
Lloyd Hatfield – Councilman, Town of Ivey
Raphael Maddox – City Administrator, City of Fort Valley
PJ Waldroup – Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator David Perdue
Greg Ziesenhene - Field Representative for Senator David Perdue

STAFF PRESENT:

Keri Asbell – MDSQ Options Counselor
Greg Boike – Director of Public Administration
Kevin Brown – Attorney
Jen Doran – Office Manager
Sara Dusenberry - Government Services Specialist
Matt Garvin – Director of Finance
Michelle Grembowski – Director of Technology Services
Marissa Jackson - Government Services Specialist
Julie Hall - Director of Area Agency on Aging
Brent Lanford – Deputy Director
Susan Landfried - Government Services Specialist
Pamela Lockett – ADRC Counselor
Kimberly Lowe – Sr. Government Services Specialist
Maheen Chranya – Intern
Laura Mathis – Executive Director
April Moss – Multimedia Technology Specialist
Gwen Presley – Administrative Assistant
Kim Stanton – Executive Assistant
Treniscia Stephens – ADRC Counselor

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Robert Reichert called the June 13, 2019, meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Kim Stanton indicated that a quorum was present with 25 voting and 14 non-voting members present.

OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

State Appointee Council Member James Vaughn gave the invocation and the Council followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Welcome

Council Chairman Robert Reichert welcomed everyone to the June 13, 2019, Council meeting.

c. Introduction of New Members/Guests

Council Chairman Robert Reichert acknowledged the following guests at the Regional Commission Council Meeting:

Slayten Carter - Field Representative for Austin Scott
Brenda Broach – Mayor, Town of Ivey
Lloyd Hatfield – Councilman, Town of Ivey
Raphael Maddox – City Administrator, City of Fort Valley
PJ Waldroup – Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator David Perdue
Greg Ziesenhene - Field Representative for Senator David Perdue

Laura Mathis introduced Maheen Chranya, Intern.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert reported that since the last meeting there has been some sad news regarding members of the Regional Commission family.

Larry Reese, who served as a Wilkinson County appointee to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council from 2004 through 2013, passed away on May 18.

Vice Chairman Dick Bazemore of Monroe County was named the Georgia 2019 National Distinguished Principal by the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals.

Pulaski County Commissioner Jenna Mashburn introduced Staci Vickers as a new member of the Regional Commission Council.

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2019, Council meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the May 9, 2019, Council meeting. They were unanimously approved on a motion by John Harley and second by Clifford Holmes.

b. Old Business

None

c. New Business

i. Public Hearing for Submission of Regional Plan Annual Report

Greg Boike reported that on October 1, 2017, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) updated the rules pertaining to Regional Planning Requirements (Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia Chapter 110-12-6). The updated rules are designed to provide a helpful framework for the preparation and implementation of regional plans. Middle Georgia will be responsible for completing its next regularly scheduled plan update (due June 30, 2021) in accordance with these requirements.

For the public hearing, Mr. Boike reviewed the elements of the Report of Accomplishments, the Regional Agenda and the determination of each local government's status on the performance standards. He stated that no action is required by the Council.

ii. Local Assistance Requests

The following Local Assistance Requests have been received since the May meeting. Staff time is available to assist with each of these requests.

Community: City of Centerville

Project Description: Assistance with facilitating the 2019 Centerville Planning Retreat at Centerville City Hall.

Community: Town of Danville

Project Description: Assistance with the annexation of properties on Hwy 80 at the city limits to Hwy 358, and Cool Springs Rd. to the Interstate.

Community: City of Eatonton

Project Description: Assistance with rewriting Chapter 75 (Zoning) of the City of Eatonton Code of Ordinances.

Community: City of Hawkinsville

Project Description: Assistance with the preparation of a Downtown Strategic Plan.

Community: City of Irwinton

Project Description: Assistance with drafting bylaws for the newly formed Main Street Irwinton Program.

Community: City of Jeffersonville

Project Description: Assistance with reviewing the Service Delivery Strategy and existing intergovernmental agreements for the City of Jeffersonville and Twiggs County.

Community: Jones County

Project Description: Assistance with the preparation of a Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) application.

Community: Jones County

Project Description: Assistance with applying for a grant through the USDA's Housing Preservation Grant Program.

Community: City of Perry

Project Description: Assistance with providing the top 15 census tracts in the Houston, Twiggs, Macon-Bibb, Pulaski and Peach County areas with the highest per capita income.

Community: Putnam County

Project Description: Assistance in identifying and applying for grant(s) to fund a potential swimming pool/splash pad or refurbishment of the existing swimming pool.

Community: 21st Century Partnership

Project Description: Assistance with a Community Foundation of Central Georgia grant application.

Ms. Dusenberry also reported that the Senior Day Expo was very successful with 970 seniors in attendance.

The local assistance requests were unanimously approved on a motion by John Harley and second by George Slappey.

iii. Recommendation of the Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee

Dick Bazemore reported that the Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee met on June 5, 2019, to consider several items. He also thanked Ed Barbee, Shannon Hart, Clifford Holmes, Martin Moseley, Robert Reichert, James Vaughn, and Charlie Westberry for their hard work and attention to detail.

a. FY 2019 Budget Amendment #2

The Committee considered Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. This is the final amendment for the year, which adjusts line items to be closer to the projected year-end numbers. A line item detail budget was included in the package. For revenues, several projects are shifting from FY 2019 to FY 2020 resulting in an overall decrease of \$579,185 with Budget Amendment #2. Operating expenses are down \$605,762 due to vacancies throughout the year, health insurance savings due to the wellness program, and a shift of contract expenses from FY 2019 to FY 2020. The proposed budget amendment has \$4,278 available for unrestricted fund balance and \$47,700 available for restricted fund balance.

After much discussion, the Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee recommends adoption of Amendment #2 to the FY 2019 Budget as presented. No amendments were needed to the Work Program based on Budget Amendment #2.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the FY 2019 Budget Amendment #2.

b. FY 2019 Dues Structure

The Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the local government's dues for FY 2020 at \$1.30 per capita, using the most recent update to the population projects from the US Census. This is the same dues rate from FY 2019.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the dues for FY 2020 at \$1.30 per capita.

c. FY 2020 Employee Benefits Renewal and Wellness Program

Each year, the Regional Commission works with the benefits consultant Northwestern Benefits to solicit proposals for employee insurance coverages. A memo outlining the benefits and costs was included in the meeting package. Based on this year's proposals, the Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee recommends the following:

- Health Insurance - Humana with the wellness program and medical deductible benefit as outlined in the memo.
- Dental Insurance - Guardian
- Life Insurance - Lincoln
- Vision Insurance – Eyemed
- Voluntary Workplace Benefits - Colonial

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Benefits Renewal and Wellness Program.

d. FY 2020 Initial Work Program

The Committee considered the FY 2020 Initial Work Program, which was distributed in the package. The Work Program outlines the programs and services provided by or through the Regional Commission based on the budget. The Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee recommends adoption of the FY 2020 Initial Work Program as presented.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the FY 2020 Initial Work Program.

e. FY 2020 Budget

The Committee reviewed and considered the FY 2020 budget. A copy was distributed in the package. The FY 2020 budget is a balanced budget that totals \$12,003,065. This initial budget reflects known contracts and projects. Regarding expenditures, the budget includes merit increases for staff and an increase in the required pension plan contribution and other benefits. The Committee recommends adoption of the FY 2020 budget as presented.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the FY 2020 Budget.

f. Amendments to the Accounting Procedures Manual

In September 2014, the Council adopted an Accounting Procedures Manual which outlines various financial processes. The current manual includes references to outdated laws and regulations.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Accounting Procedures Manual.

g. Determination of Performance of Middle Georgia Regional Commission

As required by state law, the Committee reviewed the performance standards established in 1993. The Committee determined that for 2019, the Regional Commission effectively performed

according to the Performance Standards. The Budget, Audit and Personnel Committee recommends that the Council find that the Regional Commission met or exceeded the performance standards for 2019.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Performance of the Regional Commission.

h. Performance Review of Executive Director

Dick Bazemore reported that in addition to the performance of the organization, the Committee also reviewed the performance of Executive Director Laura Mathis utilizing established criteria. After discussion, the Committee determined that Ms. Mathis had satisfactorily performed her duties in 2019 and recommends a merit increase beginning June 27, 2019.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that because this is a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required for a vote. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Performance Review of the Executive Director.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Appointment to Aging Services Committee

Council Chairman Robert Reichert stated that there is a vacancy on the Putnam County Aging Services Committee to replace Lyn Romine, at her request. Daniel Kelhoffer has agreed to serve in this capacity.

b. DRI #2920 and DRI #2959

Greg Boike reported that since the last MGRC Council meeting, the regional review process was completed for DRI #2920, Circle K, in Macon-Bibb County. This project included expansion of an existing gas station adding enough diesel pumping locations to qualify as a truck stop. No comments were received from any parties that anticipated project impacts. MGRC provides the following update for informational purposes only.

Greg Boike also reported that the regional review process was completed for DRI #2959, Southern Ready Mix, in the City of Forsyth. The developer proposes to develop a new location on 8 acres of a lot on Industrial Park Ct. No comments were received from any parties that anticipate project impacts. MGRC provides the following update for informational purposes only.

c. Complete Count Committee Training

Michelle Grembowski reported that the MGRC will be hosting four Complete Count Committee Training Workshops that will describe how to involve your community by educating and motivating citizen participation in the upcoming 2020 Census population count. More info can be found <https://census.georgia.gov/complete-count-committees>.

d. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Mathis would like to thank the Council for their volunteer service and, in particular, thanked the Budget, Audit & Personnel Committee for their hard work on the budget.

Senior Day Expo

Ms. Mathis stated that the MGRC hosted the Senior Day Expo that was held on May 30 and recognized staff for their hard work.

Job Fair

Ms. Mathis reported on the Workforce staff that participated in the job fair that was held at the Anderson Conference Center on June 4.

Certification

Ms. Mathis reported that Greg Boike received his certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

GDOT

Ms. Mathis reported that the MGRC has been invited to participate in the statewide Transit Plan meeting led by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Ms. Mathis reported that preliminary arrangements have been made to hold the MGRC Annual meeting at the Goodwill Anderson Conference Center in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Executive Committee Meeting will be June 26 at 1:30 pm.
- b. No meeting in July.
- c. Next MGRC meeting August 8, 2019, the guest speaker will be Ninfa Saunders, Navicent Health/Atrium.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the June Council meeting was adjourned until August 8, 2019.