



**Virginia's Region 2000
Local Government Council**
828 Main Street, 12th Floor
Lynchburg, VA 24504

**March 16, 2017
5:00 pm**

Minutes

Members Present:

Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Bruce Johannessen, Town of Bedford
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
Sen. Mark Peake, Virginia Senate
David Proffitt (for Dean Rodgers) Amherst County
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, Treasurer of Council
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Del. Ben Cline, Virginia House of Delegates
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, Chair of Council
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Others Present:

Ben Bowman, Local Government Council
Margaret Carmel, News & Advance
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, *Executive Director*
Susan Cook, Local Government Council
Kelly Hitchcock
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, *Deputy Director of Finance*
Scott Smith, Region 2000
E.W. Tibbs, Centra Health

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Paul Harvey, Chairman pro-Tem welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

Sen. Mark Peake was introduced as the Local Government Council representative from the Virginia Senate.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2017

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers, and seconded by Waverly Coggsdale, the minutes of the January 19th meeting were approved as presented.

3. Financial Update

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report as of February, 2017, included in the meeting packet. She did explain that the computer software budget is over, due to installation of a new server.

4. GO Virginia Planning and Implementation

E.W. Tibbs, from Centra, spoke about the GO Virginia initiative. Mr. Tibbs explained that he is serving in an unofficial capacity to help put together, along with representatives from Roanoke and Blacksburg, a group of diverse, qualified people to look for opportunities for Lynchburg, Roanoke and Blacksburg. This group will work together to advance economic development. This region will have a total of 28 members, with the Lynchburg region having 9 members. The first meeting will be held in Roanoke on Thursday, March 23rd.

For money to qualify for funding for a project under GO Virginia, there has to be at least 2 jurisdictions coming together to collaborate on the project. There is \$35M available, split based ½ on population and ½ is competitive.

5. FY 18 Rural Transportation Work Program and Resolution

Scott Smith advised that the funding amount for this program has been the same for several years. The amount received from VDOT is \$58,000.00, and the LGC matches with \$14,000.00. He explained that LGC staff provides technical assistance to the localities with grant applications, Smart Scale applications, transportation alternatives, GIS work, among others.

The motion was made by Frank Rogers to approve the Work Program and Resolution. Kenneth Campbell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

6. Report on General Assembly Action Regarding the Central Virginia Training Center

Gary Christie reported that the Local Government Council invested \$20,000.00, and other local governments in the area added \$8,000.00 to provide information to the General Assembly related to the Central Virginia Training Center. This has resulted in \$260,000.00 worth of environmental assessments to be done between now and November 1st by the Dept. of General Services.

7. Opportunities for New Regional Initiatives

Gary Christie reported that the local government managers and administrators met and discussed future initiatives that might take place, and opportunities for the local governments to work together. He said one that has already been identified and work begun is with the public works and utility directors around the area to research whether there are opportunities for shared training, and possibly shared risk management administration.

Gary distributed a list of the programs and ideas that came up where organizations might work together. He said that at a future meeting he would ask for a vote for the most important items on the list. Frank Rogers suggested that we just compile and understand existing plans.

8. Workforce Development Strategic Plan

Ben Bowman reported that the Workforce Strategic Plan has been completed. It will be left open for comment until June or possibly longer.

Mr. Bowman also reported that an RFP for Workforce services has been put out for bids, and they are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 17th.

9. Staff Report

Gary Christie advised the council that the next Local Government Council meeting date is April 20th, which is the same date as the public meeting for the six year plan for the Lynchburg district. The MPO will meet at 4:00 that day, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting will begin at 5:30 at the VDOT offices. The council decided by consensus to not hold a Local Government Council meeting prior to the dinner meeting that has been scheduled in order for members to attend the CTB meeting.

Rosalie Majerus stated that the allocation plan for health insurance coverage needs to be reported to The Local Choice by May 1st. There is a 5% increase in health insurance, and the recommendation is that the allocation remain the same as it currently is. Everyone would share in the increase.

Frank Rogers made the motion that the allocation remain the same for health insurance. The motion was seconded by Jack Hobbs and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

The next meeting of the Local Government Council will be on May 18, 2017.