

Central Virginia Planning
District Commission
828 Main ST, 12th FL
Lynchburg, VA 24504

JULY 15, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

1)	Welcome/Reintroduction of Members	iir								
2)	Adoption of Policies Related to Participation in Meetings Electronically or by Telephone									
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3)	Approval of April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes	nir								
-,	(Attachment 3)									
4)	Election of FY22 Officers/Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing Officers Richard Connectair (Attachment 4)	r,								
5)	Financial Report/Update	C								
6)	Presentation: Virginia Housing – FY 22 Planning District Commission Housing and Development Program Chris Thompson, Director of Strategic Housing, Virginia Housing	ıg								
7)	Introduction and Remarks by Traci Blido, Workforce Development Director									
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8)	Regional Property Reassessment Gary Christie, CVPDC and Dean Rodgers, Amherst Count (Attachment 8)	ty								
9)	Other Business from Staff	C								
	leaders									
	Proposed Dates: October 14 or November 18									
	Speaker: Chris Chmura, CEO - Chmura Economics and Analytics									
	Recommended Action: Select a date for a 5pm Dinner Meeting with Speaker									

b. Adding Juneteenth as a CVPDC holiday (Attachment 9b)

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Now that the State and many of our localities are observing June 19 as Juneteenth holiday, staff requests that the holiday be added to the PDC list of holidays.

c. Letter to the State Freedom of Information Advisory Council (Attachment 9c)

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Authorize the Chair to share the Commission's request for more flexibility in electronic meetings with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee.

- d. Resolution of Appreciation to Community Health Leaders and Emergency Services Coordinators for work during the Covid-19 pandemic
- e. Report on upcoming reorganization of the PDC Planning Staff to restore the Deputy Director position (Attachment 9e)
- f. Update on Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant (Attachment 9f)
- 11) Adjourn Richard Conner, Chair

Next scheduled meeting: September 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Location: Office of the CVPDC, 828 Main Street, 12th FL, Lynchburg, VA

Attachment 2



Policy of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission regarding participation in meetings via video conference or telephone 7-15-21

- 1. A quorum of the Planning District Commission members must be physically present.
- 2. At the beginning of each meeting the Commission must vote to allow electronic participation to verify that the policy is being followed by the member claiming exemption from personal attendance.
- 3. The member must notify the chair or staff on or before the day of the meeting that he or she plans to use the exemption.
- 4. The member must identify the reason for the use of the electronic meeting provision:
 - a) a temporary disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's attendance or
 - b) a personal matter which prevents the member's attendance. The nature of the personal matter must be specifically identified and included in the minutes. There is no definition of what constitutes a "personal matter."
 - c)a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance.
 - d) If a member's personal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location, he/she may attend electronically.
- 5. The minutes shall also include a statement as to the remote location where the member is connected electronically.
- 6. There is no limit to the number of times a member may use:
 - a. the temporary disability or other medical condition reason,
 - c. a family member's medical condition,
 - d. residence more than 60 miles from the meeting location.
- 7. The use of personal matters (b) is limited to 25% of the annual meetings of the Commission.



Central Virginia Planning District Commission

828 Main Street, 12th Floor Lynchburg, VA 24504 Electronic Meeting - GoToMeeting

> April 15, 2021 5:00 pm

Minutes

Members Present:

Sara Carter, Amherst Town Manager
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Mayor Richard Conner, Town of Appomattox, Chair
Bruce Johannessen, Bedford Town Council
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Wayne Mitchell, Altavista Town Council
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Gary Shanaberger, Appomattox Town Manager
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst
Reid Wodicka, City of Lynchburg

Members Absent:

Jimmy Ayers, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Trevor Hipps, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Robert Hiss, Bedford County Administrator
Mark Peake, Senate of Virginia
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Treney Tweedy, City of Lynchburg
Bart Warner, Bedford Town Manager
Charlie Watts, Campbell County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Gary Christie, Central Virginia Planning District Commission, Executive Director Mallory Cook, Central Virginia Planning District Commission
Philipp Gabathuler, Central Virginia Planning District Commission
Kelly Hitchcock, Central Virginia Planning District Commission
Ada Hunsberger, Central Virginia Planning District Commission
Rosalie Majerus, Central Virginia Planning District Commission

Welcome

Richard Conner, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Megan Lucas, seconded by Sara Carter, the March 18, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Approval of FY 2022 Rural Transportation Program

Ada Hunsberger provided an overview of the Rural Transportation Work Program. The proposed plan for FY 2022 includes a Rural Flood Impact Project, the Greenways, Blueways, and Trails Plan, and general technical assistance that is provided on a yearly basis.

A motion was made by Reid Wodicka, seconded by Sara Carter, to approve the Rural Transportation Program as presented, and it was unanimously approved.

3. Authorization to apply for an Economic Development Administration Grant to update the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

As discussed in the March PDC meeting, staff are recommending an update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which was last updated in 2016. Updates would include addressing agriculture and silviculture, addressing resiliency, and including listing of the various projects.

The budget would include a \$60,000 grant with an equal match from local funds taken from PDC reserves. PDC reserve funds are currently in good shape, including factoring in other pledges that will be coming from those accounts.

A motion was made by Reid Wodicka, seconded by Gary Shanaberger, to authorize staff apply for the EDA grant with the required funding match, and it was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the FY 2022 PDC Workplan

The PDC Workplan is an annual document built by information from planning departments as well as managers and administrators in the region. The Workplan is also used as a management tool to showcase programs and plans for the year.

Frank Rogers asked if the Board has authority to make changes mid-year if needed, and staff confirmed such action can be taken as needed throughout the year.

Upon a motion made by Frank Rogers, seconded by Dwayne Tuggle, the FY 2022 PDC Workplan was unanimously approved.

5. Year to Date Financial Update

Rosalie Majerus provided an update to the current PDC financials, noting that a few additional columns have been added on the provided documents including a Year-End Estimate and the FY22 Estimated Budget.

As noted in the previous meeting, there was an error related to health insurance expenses, but this has been corrected and updated on the budget. During the month of March, no unusual or unexpected transactions were reported. A few revenue sources, as well as the previously noted error, have impacted the year-end estimated expenses.

6. Approval of FY 2022 PDC Budget

The FY22 budget includes starting the year with a negative balance, however, staff believe that the difference will be made up throughout the year with new projects and grants that will become available.

The proposed budget includes the \$134,000 pledge for CVCC, \$30,000 for the previously approved CEDS grant, as well as a 3.5% pay increase for staff beginning July 1. The dues increase that was approved in November is also reflected in the budget.

Frank Rogers asked about staff's clarification on plans to make up the proposed deficit. Gary Christie noted that there will also be carryover from current projects that will help to ensure a balanced FY 22 budget.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers, seconded by Reid Wodicka, to approve the FY 2022 budget as presented, and it was unanimously approved.

7. Other Business from Members or Staff

Frank Rogers recognized Kelly Hitchcock for her work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and her presentation to the Campbell County Board of Supervisors. Waverly Coggsdale also affirmed Kelly Hitchcock's work with the HMP and participation in the Altavista Town Council meeting.

Gary Christie informed the Board that no meeting is needed at this time in May due to lack of business, and the next proposed meeting will be July 15, 2021.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Attachment 4

Election of Central Virginia Planning District Commission officers for 2021-2022

As per our bylaws, we rotate the Officers of the PDC annually alphabetically by jurisdiction. Following that rotation, the following members have agreed to serve for 2021-2022.

- 1. Treney Tweedy, Lynchburg, Chair,
- 2. Dwayne Tuggle, Amherst Town, Vice Chair

Typically, the PDC Treasurer is the City/Town Manager or County Administrator from the Chair's locality. Since the new City Manager will not start until August, it is recommended that current Treasurer Gary Shanaberger continue as Treasurer until the new City Manager comes onboard and we can discuss with the new City Manager about his interest in serving as our Treasurer for 2021-2022.

Resolution of Appreciation to outgoing Chair Mayor Richard Conner

Whereas, Appomattox Mayor Richard Conner has served the Commission well as Chair during 2020-2021, and

Whereas, Mayor Conner's year was especially challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the PDC to meet virtually throughout the year, and

Whereas, Mayor Conner kept our electronic meetings moving with effectiveness and humor, and

Whereas, during Mayor Conner's year as Chair the PDC assisted many of our member jurisdictions with successful grants, project management, transportation projects and clean water initiatives.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Central Virginia Planning District Commission recognizes Mayor Richard Conner for his service to the organization and to the region as Commission Chair and expresses our sincere appreciation and respect for Mayor Conner's work during a challenging time, and

Further resolves to instruct the PDC's Clerk to record this resolution of appreciation into the permanent record of the Commission and present the resolution of appreciation to Mayor Conner at a meeting of the Appomattox Town Council.

Recommended Action

- 1. Elect Treney Tweedy, Lynchburg, Chair, and Dwayne Tuggle, Amherst Town, Vice Chair for 2021-2022
- 2. Approve a Resolution of Appreciation for outgoing Chair Mayor Richard Conner for his outstanding service to the Commission.
- 3. Recognize and thank Gary Shanaberger for his service as Treasurer during 2020-2021.

Central Virginia Planning District Commission Budget to Actual for FY21 (4 pages)

21 - Estim	nate	(4 page)
<u>-Y21</u> udget	Estimate as of 6/30/21	Diff Between Budget & Actual	% of Budget Used
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171,531	169,367	2,164	98.74%
133,161	135,161	(2,000)	
252,675	242,576	10,099	96.00%
557,367	547,104	10,263	98.16%
10,000	2,572	7,428	25.72%
567,367	549,676	17,691	96.88%
43,404	38,898	4,506	89.62%
23,409	22,820	589	97.48%
79,952	99,260	(19,308)	
7,469	7,078	391	94.76%
1,900	1,883	17	99.08%
156,134	169,938	(13,804)	108.84%
6,000	4,440	1,560	74.00%
5,500	6,328	(828)	
3,000	1,091	1,909	36.38%
1,250	968	282	77.47%
30,000	18,668	11,332	62.23%
1,000	82	918	8.20%
1,000	441	559	44.06%
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Central Virginia Planning District Commission Budget to Actual for FY21 Actual as of June 30, 2021 - Estimate Actual **Estimate Diff Between** as of FY21 as of **Budget &** % of Budget 6/30/20 6/30/21 **Budget** Actual Used **Total Operations Expenses (from Page 1)** 834,770 896,418 849,687 46,731 94.79% **Direct Project Expenses** Amherst CDBG - Old Town Madison Heights 64 750 2,506 (1,756)334.13% Appomattox CDBG - Meadowlark 280 0.00% 0 0 Appomattox Town Comp Plan 148 0 0 0.00% 0 Appomattox Recovery Planning Grant 419 0 0.00% 0 Bedford County CDBG 112.10% 500 561 CEDS 0 500 500 0.00% CVCC-CTE 0 134.000 134.000 0.00% Chesapeake Bay 170 1,000 7 993 0.67% CVTC 150.000 0.00% 0 2,329 DHCD 2.500 171 402 6.86% DRPT / FTA 12,000 32,009 (20,009)266.74% 3.491 Hazard Mitigation 79,044 21,331 21,485 (154)100.72% Pamplin VDH Water 927 0.00% 0 543 750 Regional Radio Board (27)103.65% 22,265 21,663 RideSolutions 5,366 602 2.70% RideSolutions - Mobility 1,500 1,500 0.00% VDOT - PL 23,425 27,000 23,671 3,329 87.67% VDOT - Rural 28,612 6,000 1,953 4,047 32.54% WIOA 284,731 544,004 248,123 295,881 45.61% **Total Direct Project Expenses** 577,623 774,100 331,864 442,296 42.87% TOTAL OPERATING & DIRECT PROJECT **EXPENSES** \$1,412,394 \$1,670,518 \$1,181,551 \$489,027 70.73% Pass Thru Expenses Regional Radio Board 1,916,521 1,149,988 1,655,304 (505,316)143.94% VDOT - PL 89,100 126,000 134,003 (8,003)106.35% **WIOA** 1,005,393 950,000 1,214,622 (264,622)127.85% **Total Pass Thru Expenses** \$3,011,013 \$2,225,988 \$3,003,929 (\$777,941) 134.95% Total Expenses \$4,423,407 \$3,896,506 \$4,185,480 (\$288,914) 107.42%

Central Virginia Planning District Commission Budget to Actual for FY21 Actual as of June 30, 2021 - Estimate Actual **Estimate Diff Between** as of FY21 as of **Budget &** % Of Budget 6/30/20 **Budget** 6/30/21 **Actual** Received Revenues **OPERATIONS FUND (REVENUE)** 155,420 156,242 156,242 100.00% Miscellaneous Revenue 10,868 1,124 12,000 10,876 90.63% **Total Operations Revenue** 166,287 168,242 167,118 1,124 99.33% **Direct Project Revenues** Amherst County - Old Town Madison Heights 30,000 8,610 21,390 28.70% Appomattox CDBG - Meadow Lark 24,000 0.00% Appomattox Town Comp Plan 15,431 0 0.00% Appomattox Recovery Planning & construction (12,825 0 0.00% Bedford County CDBG 6,000 10,356 (4,356)172.59% 52,000 52,000 Chesapeake Bay 21,500 100.00% 0 DHCD 75,971 75,971 75,971 0 100.00% 97,037 82,236 DRPT / FTA 125,262 128,953 (3,691)102.95% Hazard Mitigation 31,331 29,764 1,567 95.00% Pamplin VDH Water 0.00% 0 Regional Radio Board 25.000 26.000 31.316 (5,316)120.45% Region 2000 Services Authority 153,123 175,963 145,462 30,501 82.67% RideSolutions 30,889 56,080 27,456 28,624 48.96% 0.00% RideSolutions - Mobility 12,000 12,000 VDOT-PL 132,720 125,262 (2,104)101.71% 123,158 VDOT-Rural 58,000 58,000 50,249 7,751 86.64% 285,295 WIOA 353,900 609,004 323,709 53.15% Total Direct Project Revenues 1.082.632 1.380.769 1,009,110 371.660 73.08% Interest 11,150 7,000 621 6,379 8.87% TOTAL OPERATIONS & DIRECT PROJECT **REVENUES** 1,260,069 1,556,012 1,176,849 379,163 75.63% (109,864)Surplus/(Use of Fund) Balance (152,324)(114.506) (4,702)Funding from Fund Balance 150,000 134,000 134,000 **Funding from Fund Balance** 150,000 134,000 0 134,000 (\$2,324) \$19,494 (\$4,702) \$24,136 Pass Thru Revenue Regional Radio Board 1,179,981 3,153,805 (2,003,817)274.25% 1,149,988 VDOT - PL 89,100 126,000 134,003 (8,003)106.35% WIOA 1,019,211 950,000 1,211,535 (261,535)127.53% **Total Pass Thru Revenues** \$2,288,291 \$2,225,988 \$4,499,343 (\$2,273,355) 202.13% **Total Revenue** 3,698,360 3,916,000 5,676,192 (1,760,192)144.95% Net Surplus/(Use of Fund) Balance (725,047) 19,494 1,490,711

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Attachment 8

Regional Property Reassessment

Amherst County Administrator Dean Rodgers suggests that the PDC begin an examination of options for property assessment. These options may include:

- Assessment services provided by a regional Reassessment Director/Coordinator and staff;
- 2. Joint bidding for assessment services with one mass appraisal company;
- 3. Assessment services provided by an existing local government.

Variations of these options may also be explored.

Recommended Action

The PDC asks staff to prepare a briefing paper describing the current property assessment environment, reassessment schedules and other pertinent information using the local purchasing agents as an advisory committee.

Attachment 9b

Juneteenth Holiday

Presently the PDC offers the following holidays (Except for Landfill personnel working ten (10) hour shifts who take their holidays on a flexible arrangement):

- 1. The first day of January (New Year's Day);
- 2. The third Monday in January (Martin Luther King Day);
- 3. The third Monday in February (President's Day);
- 4. The last Monday in May (Memorial Day);
- 5. The fourth day of July (Independence Day);
- 6. The first Monday in September (Labor Day);
- 7. The second Monday in October (Columbus Day);
- 8. The eleventh of November (Veteran's Day);
- The fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day) and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;
- 10. The twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth of December (Christmas Eve and Day).

Attachment 9c

FOIA Council letter

Virginia law requires all public bodies, including regional boards and local advisory boards to meet in-person, except during a declared emergency. This includes all of the Executive Committees and any subcommittees of our regional bodies like CVPDC and those of the advisory boards and commissions to which we appoint residents and business leaders in our jurisdictions.

Having some flexibility to hold a completely electronic meeting (or a hybrid meeting without a physical quorum) would allow CVPDC to be more effective and responsive. We have all seen public participation increase during virtual meetings.

Attached is a letter supporting flexibility for electronic meetings for regional bodies and local appointed/advisory boards.

The best case scenario to get any flexibility would be for a bill to pass next session that would take effect 7/1/22; however, that would require the FOIA Council (which studies legislation and issues relevant to the Freedom of Information Act and makes recommendations to the General Assembly) to take action this summer/fall. If they do not, there would not be any flexibility until at least two years from now.

[DRAFT letter on next page]

[date]

Virginia FOIA Advisory Council

[Address]

Dear Chairman Seltzer:

We write to express our support for increased flexibility for electronic meetings outside of a declared emergency. Over the past 15 months, we have seen firsthand that electronic meetings have increased participation by members of the public because they remove barriers such as transportation and childcare. Removing such barriers leads to a more equitable, accessible, and transparent government and better, more representative public policy is created when residents with a diversity of voices and lived experiences can participate in their government, whether by attending a meeting or through direct service on a board or commission.

All of our jurisdictions have advisory boards or commissions to which the local governing body appoints residents. Even subcommittees of these boards and commissions are unable to meet electronically. Having the ability to meet electronically outside of an emergency, would allow regional bodies to schedule these meetings differently and more effectively. Flexibility would also help regional and advisory bodies respond to urgent or unexpected issues that may arise, while maintaining proper noticing requirements.

Even before COVID, a majority of other states allowed public bodies to meet electronically¹; some states even note that this is for the benefit of the public, as well as the public body. Given the increased participation we have seen, electronic meetings can help achieve FOIA's policy goal of promoting "an increased awareness by all persons of government activities and affording every opportunity to citizens to witness the operations of government."

We hope you will take the lessons we have learned over the past 15 months and help move Virginia into the 21st century. We ask you to please recommend to the full FOIA Council that regional bodies and local advisory bodies be allowed to meet electronically outside of a declared emergency, while allowing or requiring the local governing body or regional body to adopt a resolution governing the use of such meetings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

¹ These include: Alaska; Arizona; California; Colorado; Connecticut; D.C.; Hawaii; Idaho; Kansas; Kentucky; Maryland; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Montana; Nevada; New York; North Carolina; North Dakota; Oregon; Pennsylvania; South Carolina; South Dakota; Utah; Vermont; Washington; and West Virginia.

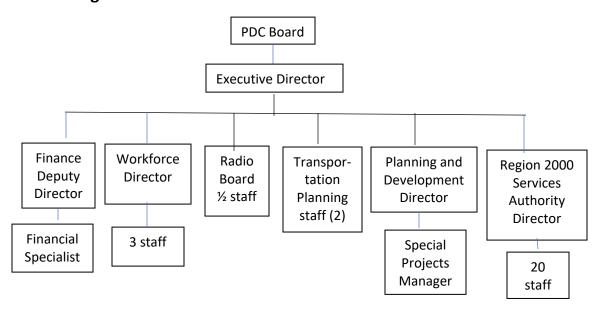
Attachment 9e

A Reorganization of the Planning Staff at the CVPDC

Bridging Transportation Planning and Community Planning

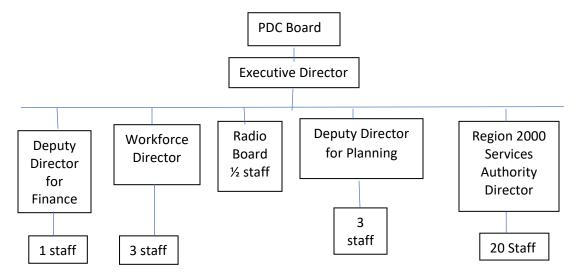
From 2000-2016 the PDC planning operations were coordinated under the direction of a Deputy Director. In 2016 when Bob White retired, we did not fill that position and instead split the transportation and community development management between two Directors, Scott Smith and Kelly Hitchcock. Scott's gone and we did not fill the Director position and instead hired a Regional Planner who manages the VDOT contracts. (There is also a Senior Planner who manages the primary GLTC-Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation contract. Both report directly to the Executive Director since we don't have a Division Director for Transportation anymore.)

Current Organizational Chart



I'm proposing a reorganization to return to the original model of a Deputy Director for Planning to manage all of the PDC planning and grants activity. Work plans could be better coordinated using all existing resources. Planners would have an opportunity for cross-training and to work in activities not in their current silos. All traditional Planning District Commission grants and contracts would be managed by the Deputy Director for Planning. It seems an opportunity to better use the planning and PDC resources that we have under a single vision and management.

New organizational Chart



It would be an internal hire, a promotion for an existing staff member. We're not adding additional people because of this reorganization (although we still need another planner). There would be some additional compensation for the person receiving the promotion.

The PDC would then have two Deputy Directors, one for Finance and one for Planning. It's not a Deputy Director who would have agency wide authority, although the PDC may want to discuss that for succession planning purposes.

No action is needed from the Commission. Questions and comments are encouraged.

Attachment 9f

Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant Update

Environmental Standards of Charlottesville has been selected as the environmental engineer to assist the PDC with an EPA application this fall for a Brownfield Coalition Grant. This involves identifying three jurisdictions who wish to share a block of grant funds to assess brownfield blighted properties. Once the assessments are done, we would pursue other grants to remediate the site.

The applications are due in the fall.