



## **Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting**

October 18, 2012, 5:00 pm  
Partnership Conference Room  
Lynchburg, Virginia

### **FINAL**

#### **Members Present:**

Kenneth Bumgarner, Town of Amherst Council  
Bryan David, Region 2000 Economic Development Council  
Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg  
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates  
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox  
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford City Manager  
R. David Laurell, Campbell County Administrator  
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager  
Hugh Pendleton, Campbell County Board of Supervisors, LGC Chairman  
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors  
John Spencer, Appomattox County Assistant County Administrator  
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

#### **Others Present:**

Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director  
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance  
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Administrative Program Coordinator  
Byron Steward, Executive Director, Business Development Centre, Inc.  
Robert E. White, Local Government Council, Deputy Director

#### **Absent:**

Mayor J. R. Burgess, Town of Altavista  
Mayor Phyllis L. Campbell, Town of Brookneal  
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager  
Aileen Ferguson, Appomattox County Administrator  
Senator Tom Garrett, Virginia State Senate  
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager  
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager  
Clarence Monday, Amherst County Administrator  
Frank Rogers, Interim Bedford County Administrator  
Steve Rush, Bedford City Council, LGC Vice-Chairman  
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager  
Claudia Tucker, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Hugh Pendleton called the meeting to Order at 5:04 p.m., welcomed the members of the Local Government Council, and opened with a moment of silence.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting**

Upon a motion by Del. Scott Garrett, seconded by David Laurell, the meeting minutes from September 20, 2012 Local Government Council Executive Committee meeting were approved with Gary Tanner abstaining.

### **3. Finance report:**

Rosalie Majerus, Deputy Director of Finance, reported that expenses are tracking to plan as well as revenues. Gary Christie stated that no new projects have been identified for next year but the staff is continuing to look for those opportunities.

### **4. 2013 General Assembly Legislative Recommendations**

Del Scott Garrett stated that the Governor will have a couple of key initiative areas such as K12 education and transportation for the coming year. Del. Garrett extended his comments to matters related to Medicaid, uranium mining, and impact of The Affordable Care Act as the Commonwealth prepares for its implementation. Gary Tanner suggested that we make a request that the Governor restore funding to localities and request to eliminate unfunded mandates.

Upon motion by David Laurell, seconded by Gary Tanner, the staff recommendations for the legislative agenda were approved unanimously with the addition of reference to unfunded mandates.

### **5. Funding for Small Business Development Center**

Gary Christie opened discussions regarding George Mason Universities defunding of SBDC services and what, if any, action can be taken by the region to submit one proposal for a new vendor/host of these services in the region. Gary presented the options for housing the program at CVCC or the Business Development Center and provided budgets for the scenarios. Members discussed current and future funding sources, staffing, and delivery of services. Byron Steward, Executive Director of the Business Development Center, Inc., provided clarification of staffing level, funding levels, and delivery of services.

David Laurell suggested that the LGC meet with the State Coordinator of SBDC to better understand the expectations of maintaining a program in the region, and what measures of success are being applied and to also determine the value proposition from providing this service.

Council agrees to move forward with contacting GMU to indicate to them an intent for submission of proposal from the region but also to set a meeting to address questions and concerns of the Council.

### **6. Executive Directors Report**

a. Gary Christie presented to the Council for approval the Mechanic III position for the Services Authority as they have need to hire an individual above the pay grade of the

current position available. Members discussed the procedure of presentation of the position to the LGC, the pay grade level at which it has been set, and the re-classification of the current position. Upon a motion of Kim Payne to have the LGC create the position of Mechanic III but to give the Services Authority the ability to reduce the pay grade if they feel it is appropriate and to fill the position at all, seconded by David Laurell, was carried by the majority with Charles Kolakowski opposing.

**b.** Gary Christie asked for consideration for the LGC to respond to a RFP for Generator Maintenance through the Services Authority for the Radio Board. Upon a motion by Gary Tanner, seconded by Mayor Paul Harvey, the matter to allow for the LGC to respond to the RFP was carried unanimously.

**c.** Strategic Assessment discussion was postponed for future meeting.

**d.** Gary Christie reported that the Partnership Coordinating Council recommended to the EDC that staffing for the Young Professional of Central Virginia be eliminated from the EDC budget and that the functions of the YPCV be carried on by the staff of the EDC. Bryan David expanded on the funding for the EDC and how through the allocation process that YPCV position was cut as other programs were deemed of greater importance to the direction of the EDC, CAER, and Tech Council.

**7. Brownfields Letter of Support**

Gary Christie provided information in regards the City of Lynchburg's work on an EPA grant for Brownfield's Assessment. Gary proposed this information to gain formal support from the LGC of the Lynchburg City's effort in the grant procurement. Motion to support this effort brought by Gary Tanner, seconded by David Laurell, was carried unanimously.

**8. Presentation of 2012 Greenways, Blueways and Trail Plan Update**

Kelly Hitchcock, Senior Planner with Region 2000 Local Government Council presented an overview of the draft of the 2012 Greenways, Blueways, and Trail Plan. She presented to the committee a brief overview of the 2003 Greenways, Blueways, and Trail Plan and used this in explaining the need for the 2012 revision/update. She also addressed the various issues that the 2012 update addresses that the 2003 Plan did not, as well as spoke to the issues that no longer are priorities in the Region as they were stated in the 2003 Plan. Kelly also explained the usefulness of the plan by providing the Council an understanding of who would use the plan, why they would use the plan, and how it would benefit the Region.

The Council agreed to take time to review the Plan and to adopt the Plan formally at a future time.

**9. Items from Members**

No matters brought by members to the Council.

**10. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn brought by John Sharp, seconded by Kim Payne, was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.