



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Partnership Conference Room
Lynchburg, Virginia
March 20, 2014, 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg, *Chair*
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
R. David Laurell, Campbell County Administrator
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
Mark Reeter, Bedford County Administrator
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
John Spencer, Assistant Appomattox County Administrator for Aileen Ferguson

Absent:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Town of Amherst Council
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Sen. Tom Garrett, Senate of Virginia
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Stanley Goldsmith, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista, *Vice-Chair*
Clarence Monday, Amherst County Administrator
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Claudia Tucker, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Emmie Boley, Local Government Council, Financial Services Professional
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Brian Davis, Workforce Investment Board, Director
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Finance Director
Elizabeth Narehood, Director, Future Focus Foundation
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Administrative Program Coordinator
Bob White, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Core Services

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

1. **Welcome and moment of silence:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m., members of the Local Government Council welcomed and opened with a moment of silence.
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2014:** Upon a motion by Kim Payne, seconded by Mark Reeter, the meeting minutes from the January 16, 2014 Local Government Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.
3. **Finance report:** Rosalie Majerus, Deputy Director of Finance, presented the year-to-date financial report through February 28, 2014. There were no unexpected revenues or expenditures. Question from Council regarding “regional library” line item. Rosalie Majerus and Bob White clarified for the Council.
4. **Update on Partnership:** Gary Christie updated and briefed the Council on the CEO search for the new Alliance.

Also, Gary mentioned the departure of Brian Davis as he has resigned and taken a position with Capital Region Workforce Development and that recruitment for that position will begin by the end of the month.

Gary Christie also mentioned to the Council that the president of the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tulane Patterson, has expressed a desire for dialogue about exploring opportunities to work more closely together with Region 2000 economic development activities. Kim Payne offered comments regarding this matter. Kim noted that the initial request to begin this dialogue came from the business/private sector. Kim noted that there is a general sense of optimism from the two organizations.

Brian Davis, addressed comments from the Council regarding the options for Workforce Development to be involved in the process and what opportunities may exist through this process of hiring for the Alliance CEO and Director of Workforce Development. Brian mentioned other models where workforce development and economic development were tied more closely together, however; Brian mentioned that the WIB Executive Committee opted to pursue a structure that kept in place a Director of their own but also designated program compliance and operation functions to LGC staff.

Kim Payne noted that the Council, and regional public organizations, has an opportunity to send a strong message of moving toward common goals and efficient use of resources.

The Council was in agreement that the timing is good, and the region well positioned, to move forward with a focus on bringing resources and minds together for the benefit of the region.

Joan Foster presented a resolution to Brian Davis recognizing his service to Region 2000. Upon a motion of Scott Garrett, seconded by Paul Harvey, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

5. **Strategic Planning Session:** Gary Christie presented for discussion the idea of scheduling a strategic planning session in the next couple of months. It was agreed that it was a good idea and Gary would present dates and times and the next meeting of the Council for consensus.
6. **Discussion of Health Insurance:** Emmie Boley presented to the Council information regarding health insurance matters. From a partnership with the Blue Ridge Regional Jail, and subsequent contract with Insurance Services South, a recommendation from the consultant was that the Local Government Council continue with Local Choice and explore opportunities over the course of FY15 in preparation of moving to a high deductible health plan or some other switch.

Upon a motion from Jack Hobbs to authorize LGC to notify Local Choice to continue with their products and services, seconded by John Spencer, this motion was carried unanimously.

7. **Items from Staff:** Gary Christie noted that the LGC Annual Dinner's keynote speaker would be Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and that a request had been made to his office for a smaller meeting between him and local economic developers.
8. **Items from Council:** No further matters from the Council were discussed.
9. **Adjourn:** With no further business and on a motion by Paul Harvey, seconded by Jack Hobbs, Chair Joan Foster adjourned the Council at 5:40 p.m.

Signed: _____

By: _____, _____ (title)

For *^{GWT.} Joan Foster by Gary Tanner

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