



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Partnership Conference Room
Lynchburg, Virginia
October 17, 2013, 5:00 pm

FINAL

Members Present:

Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg, *Chair*
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista, *Vice-Chair*
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
Hugh Pendleton, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
Mark Reeter, Bedford County Administrator
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Clifton Tweedy, Campbell County, Assistant County Administrator for R. David Laurrell

Absent:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Town of Amherst Council
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Bryan David, Region 2000 Economic Development Council
Aileen Ferguson, Appomattox County Administrator
Sen. Tom Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Clarence Monday, Amherst County
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Claudia Tucker, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Philipp Gabathuler, Local Government Council, Senior Planner
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance
Matt McLearn, Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates, Auditor
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:** Chair Joan Foster called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., welcomed the members of the Local Government Council, and opened with a moment of silence.
2. **Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2013:** Upon a motion by Gary Tanner, seconded by Hobbs, the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2013 Local Government Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.
3. **Report from Auditor:** Matt McLearen, CPA, and representative from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, presented the Council the Auditors Report for the audit review of the year ending June 30, 2013. There were no auditors' findings in the 2013 audit.
4. **Finance report:** Deputy Director of Finance, Rosalie Majerus, presented the year-to-date financial report through September 30, 2013. Majerus noted that expenditures and revenues are tracking to plan.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Update to Region 2000 Partner Organizations and restructuring process: Gary Christie updated the Council on the reorganization process of the non-profit partners. Christie summarized the history of the reorganization efforts and noted that recently an *ad hoc* committee worked through the financial and organizational structure. That committee's recommendation was to consolidate the Tech Council and Economic Development Council into a single organization to concentrate efforts and newly named the Economic Development Alliance. Also, the committee recommended that the CAER remain separate but to eventually "spin off" as its own entity. Additionally, the committee decided on personnel changes including abolishing one position and to open the new executive director to market competition. Christie noted that the LGC would continue to provide human resource and financial services to the Alliance.

Kim Payne added comments regarding the actions taken by the *ad hoc* committee and further elaborated on the reasoning behind the decisions made and how the process will move forward. Payne also noted that it is envisioned that a stronger leadership role, fund raising strategy and economic development marketing effort will come from this reorganization process.

Hugh Pendleton made a motion that the Council endorses the recommendation of the *ad hoc* committee, seconded by Mayor Mike Mattox, and was passed unanimously with an abstention from Kim Payne.

5. **Legislative Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Resolution to Support increased state incentive for regional cooperation**

Gary presented to the Council a resolution and gave some background on a recent JLARC report to the State encouraging regional cooperation.

b. Consideration of changes to training and certification requirements now required for volunteer Fire and EMS personnel

Gary Christie noted the challenges facing localities in attracting and maintaining volunteers for Fire and EMS due to the increased training and certification requirements imposed by policy makers and seeks to support any legislation that would reduce the number of hours required for EMS certification to the traditional 80 hours.

c. Local Taxing Authority

Gary noted that several localities are supporting agenda items that will support legislation that maintains local taxing authority over local revenue streams and opposes any legislation that would reduce or eliminate such control over the same.

Kim Payne asked that the Council consider one additional item to the legislative agenda discussion. Payne noted that the local government mandates task force's charter, a task force on which he serves, expires June 30, 2014. He asked the Council if they would consider supporting the continuation of the work of this group even past the charter expiration which would continue to foster the communication between the state and local levels of government.

Upon a motion by Gary Tanner to support the Resolution as presented in addition to the two agenda items presented to the Council for consideration, and upon Gary Tanner's amendment to his motion to support the extension of the work of the mandates task force and first-day session introduction to any bill that imposes a new mandate on localities, seconded by Mayor Mike Mattox, the motion was unanimously approved with an abstention from Kim Payne.

6. Items from Staff:

- a. Small Business Development Center Preparations:** Gary Christie asked of the Council to move this discussion to the November 21, 2013 meeting. Agreed by consensus.

Kim Payne suggested that included in the discussion of the SBDC there be an expectation that the metrics be provided along with the discussion of the funding.

- 7. Items from Council:** There were no items from Council presented.

- 8. Next Meeting:** By consensus the Council agreed to hold the November 21st meeting at the Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.

- 9. Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Mark Reeter to adjourn, seconded by Gary Tanner, Chair Joan Foster adjourned the Council at 5:45 p.m.

Signed: Joan Foster

By: Joan Foster, Chair (title)