



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Partnership Conference Room
Lynchburg, Virginia
September 19, 2013, 5:00 pm

Final

Members Present:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Town of Amherst Council
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
R. David Laurrell, Campbell County Administrator
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista, *Vice-Chair*
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
Hugh Pendleton, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Absent:

Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Bryan David, Region 2000 Economic Development Council
Aileen Ferguson, Appomattox County Administrator
Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg, *Chair*
Sen. Tom Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Clarence Monday, Amherst County
Mark Reeter, Bedford County Administrator
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Claudia Tucker, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Megan Lucas, Town of Altavista Economic Development Director
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Administrative Program Coordinator
Bob White, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Core Services

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome and moment of silence:** Vice -Chair Mike Mattox 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 Kim Payne, the meeting minutes from the July 18, 2013 Local Government Council meeting were unanimously approved as amended for correction in spelling from "Pau" to "Paul" on page two, section 6, paragraph 2.
3. **Finance report:** Deputy Director of Finance, Rosalie Majerus, presented the year-to-date financial report through August 31, 2013.
4. **Presentation of model to create an Economic Development District:** Gary presented to the Council a presentation to create a new organization, the Economic Development District (EDD). Gary gave an overview of the EDD, including similar types of entities that have been established for specific purposes by the Council, why it is beneficial to the region in competition for federal funding for infrastructure projects, funds to continue CEDS update, and structure of the entity that would need to be created to oversee the EDD, including frequency of meeting, board make-up and objectives of the board. Gary further explained that the designation of EDD made it easier for distressed and non-distressed communities to access the available federal funding. Additionally, Gary mentioned that many rural areas in Virginia already have this designation.

Gary received and answered questions from the Council regarding various aspects of the EDD. Several members of Council expressed comments to clarify the understanding of the function of the EDD. Kim Payne suggested that if the EDD was created then a consideration of the board make-up should be local economic development directors and chamber of commerce representatives.

Upon a motion by David Laurrell, seconded by Jack Hobbs, to authorize staff to submit a concept paper to the EDA for consideration and bring back the EDA's response to the Council was unanimously approved.

5. **Proposed Dues Increase:** Gary Christie brought before the Council for discussion of a dues increase for FY15. Gary noted that there has been an increase in opportunities for investments and wanted to provide the Council a "big picture" view of the Council's financial picture. Gary reminded the Council what dues are used for by staff. Rosalie Majerus was able to explain, by request, the recurring expenses and revenue chart and fund balance.

The Council asked if there were specific projects or needs associated with this discussion. The consensus of the Council was that the future "ask" for dues increase should be supported by specific projects or needs and that the conversation is better suited at the time appointed for budgeting by the localities and in smaller increments.

6. **Discussion to opt-out of the VRS Local Disability Insurance and Resolution:** Gary Christie presented the resolution for opting out of the VRS Local Disability Insurance.

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs, seconded by Kim Payne, the motion to approve the opt-out resolution was unanimously approved.

7. **Day to Serve Resolution:** Gary Christie presented to Council a resolution in support of a statewide "Day to Serve". Gary presented a brief overview of the event and what it is meant to accomplish.

Upon a motion by Gary Tanner, seconded by John Sharp, in support of the resolution as presented, the resolution was unanimously approved.


8. **Items from Staff:** Gary Christie asked Council for a member to assist in the market salary review proposals that were received from the recently published RFP for the same. Suggestions came from the Council to utilize some of the Human resource personnel from the member localities in this effort.

9. **Items from Council:** There were no items from Council presented.

10. **Next Meeting:** Mike Mattox announced the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for October 17th, 2013 with the MPO meeting at 4:00 pm.

11. **Adjourn:** Mayor Mike Mattox adjourned the Council at 5:50 p.m.

Signed:



By: Joan F. Foster, Chair (title)