



## Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Partnership Conference Room  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
October 16, 2014, 5:00 pm

### Members Present:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Town of Amherst Council  
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager  
Stanley Goldsmith, Campbell County Board of Supervisors  
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox  
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager  
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista, *Chair*  
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager  
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator  
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator  
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors  
John Spencer for Aileen Ferguson, Appomattox County  
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors  
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

### Absent:

Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal  
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council  
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates  
Sen. Tom Garrett, Senate of Virginia  
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager  
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council  
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager  
Mark Reeter, Bedford County Administrator  
Don Kidd, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

### Others Present:

Emmie Boley, Local Government Council  
Gary Christie, Local Government Council  
Susan Cook, Local Government Council  
Megan Lucas, Region 2000 Alliance, CEO  
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Finance Director  
Bob White, Local Government Council

### Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome and moment of silence:** Mike Mattox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., welcomed the Council, and opened with a moment of silence.

Frank Rogers, the new Campbell County Administrator, was introduced to the Council.

2. **Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2014:** Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs, seconded by Paul Harvey, the meeting minutes from the September 18, 2014 Local Government Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented, with Gary Tanner abstaining.

- 3. Finance report:** Rosalie Majerus, Deputy Director of Finance, presented the year-to-date financial report through September 30, 2014. Gary Christie explained that as discussed last month, the form has been changed so that certain past due expenses are not shown on the traditional planning district commission side, but are now at the bottom.

Rosalie reported that dues for the last couple of years have been .575 per capita. LGC total dues will go up about \$1,000 altogether, with towns staying the same. Gary Tanner made a motion, seconded by John Sharp, to keep the dues at .575 per capita for the coming year. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 4. Selection of Vice Chair of the Local Government Council:**

The motion was made by John Sharp, and seconded by John Spencer, to approve Gary Tanner as Vice-Chair of the Local Government Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 5. Discussion of the LGC Legislative Agenda**

Gary Christie presented four topics for consideration to the Council that were addressed in last year's legislative package. A motion was made by Paul Harvey, and seconded by Waverly Coggsdale, to accept Gary's Legislative Agenda for presentation in Richmond. Before the vote, Dean Rodgers reported that the Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Recreation has implemented a new dam safety rule that requires calculations for dam safety assuming a 10,000 year flood. Dams must be upgraded to withstand 90% of that flow of water. Paul Harvey withdrew his motion so that this topic can be researched further before next month's meeting.

- 6. Selection of Legislatures to Serve on LGC**

Gary Christie reported that Delegate Scott Garrett and Senator Tom Garrett have served on the LGC for the last two years. Gary was asked to contact them to question whether they would be willing and available to continue to serve for another year.

- 7. EDA Planning Grant and Region 2000 Economic Indicator Dashboard**

Scott Smith gave a presentation on the Region 2000 Economic Indicator Dashboard, which provides a snapshot of the region's economic health. The 24 metrics used on the dashboard will be used for the next Strategic Plan update. This dashboard was funded by the EDA, Local Government Council, and the Workforce Investment Board, and will be updated periodically by LGC staff.

Gary Christie informed the Council that he would like to apply for another two year grant from the EDA with \$100,000 cap. Some of these funds would be used for consultant services and cost of meetings.

Discussion followed as to whether measures could be added that are more relevant to the Region, and whether activities could tie in with Strategic Planning activities of the Alliance in terms of logistical support and integrating the processes.

Kim Payne made a motion, seconded by Gary Tanner, to adopt a resolution to authorize Gary Christie to apply for up to \$100,000 in EDA planning grant funds to maintain an up-to-date Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, with the grant being matched with an equal amount of in-kind and cash funds. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8. Report from the Region 2000 Business and Economic Development Alliance**

Megan Lucas presented an update on the activities of the Alliance and the Lynchburg Regional Chamber as they explore regional collaboration and possible merger. When questioned, she answered that she foresees a more integrated partnership between the Alliance and all of the regional Chambers.

**9. Items from Staff**

Gary Christie reported that in August Bill Leighty and Lane Ramsey met with the LGC, and had planned on coming back for the October meeting. However, Mr. Leighty suffered a mild stroke in September, and they now plan on coming to the November meeting.

Gary referenced an attachment in the meeting packet, which was an editorial in the Lynchburg News and Advance on poverty as a regional issue. He asked if there was any discussion that Council members wanted to have about statistics that were in the editorial, and comments made. There was no discussion.

Ben Bowman addressed the Council, updating them on what he has been working on. One of these things has been trying to increase awareness of how to appropriately access services for job seekers, and how employers can have a better pipeline to feed into their labor force. An awareness campaign will launch in the next couple of weeks that will target both job seekers and businesses. There will also be a new website available. He explained that the Workforce Investment Act will be phased out as of June 30, 2015, and the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act will take its place, effective July 1. He also stated the Workforce Investment Board needs to have business representatives from the communities. There will also be a possible relocation of the current One-Stop Center.

**10. Closed Session**

A motion was made by Gary Tanner, seconded by Jack Hobbs, to go into closed session in accordance with the Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) (1) for briefing on possible litigation. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Stan Goldsmith, seconded by Gary Tanner, to return to open session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712.D and certify that only those business matters lawfully identified in the motion to go into closed session and exempt from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in a closed session. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Signed: G. Tanner Date: 20 November 2014

By: GARY Tanner, Vice Chair (title)