



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Final Minutes

Local Government Council Office
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
January 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County
Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox, *Chair*
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Members Absent:

Carl Boggess, Interim Bedford County Administrator
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Others Present:

Bob Bailey, Center for Advanced Engineering & Research, Executive Director
Ben Bowman, Region 2000 Workforce Development Director
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Kelly Hitchcock, Local Government Council, Senior Planner
Matt McLaren, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Admin. Program Coordinator
Bob White, Local Government Council, Deputy Director

Minutes

1. Welcome | Moment of Silence | Introduction of New Members

Mayor Paul Harvey, *Chair*, called to order this meeting of the Council at 5:07 p.m. welcomed the Council, opened with a moment of silence, and introduced new members to the Council, Bryan Moody of Appomattox County and Michael Rousseau of Campbell County.

2. Recognition & Appreciation to outgoing member Stan Goldsmith

Jack Hobbs presented a motion to recognize Stan Goldsmith and his leadership, contributions, and dedicated service to the work and mission of the Region 2000 Local Government Council, and being duly seconded by Frank Rogers, this motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2015

Upon a motion by Mike Mattox to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015 as presented, and being seconded by Joan Foster, this motion carried unanimously with Michael Rousseau abstaining.

4. Finance Report

a. Report from Auditor

The Council received the report from Matt McLaren of Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates. McLaren received and answered questions from Council members.

Kim Payne presented a motion to accept the audit, and being duly seconded Joan Foster, this motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Paul Harvey, Chair, thanked Waverly Coggsdale, former Treasurer and staff for their accomplishments and service.

b. Year-to-Date Report through December 31, 2015

Rosalie Majerus provided an overview and stated that actuals are on target and operating expenses are tracking as expected. Majerus also noted that some projects have not yet been posted but were coming in the near future.

c. Budget Amendments

Rosalie Majerus presented the two budget amendments for Councils consideration and approval those being the Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Process and James River Watershed Lynchburg Area TMDL Redevelopment.

<i>Campbell County RT 29 Corridor Planning Process</i>	Total Project	FY 16	FY 17
Revenue (from Virginia Transportation Research Council)	\$125,000	\$62,500	\$62,500
Expenditures			
Staff	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Consultant	\$115,000	\$57,500	\$57,500

<i>James River Watershed Lynchburg Area TMDL Redevelopment</i>	Additional Project Revenue/Expenditure FY16
Revenues	\$16,200
DEQ	\$14,200
Lynchburg	\$2,000
Expenditures	
Staff	\$3,000
Consultant	\$13,200

Kim Payne presented a motion to accept the amendments to the budget as presented, and being duly seconded by Joan Foster, this motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Request to the General Assembly for a Workforce Development Center facility at Central Virginia Community College

Gary Christie provide an overview of the recommendation for support from the Council regarding a request to be made to Region 2000 General Assembly members to provide funding for a workforce development center located on the campus Central Virginia Community College.

Christie noted that this idea is in its infancy so no specific plans can be pointed to. By consensus, the Council agreed that communication with the region’s delegates should wait until after the current General Assembly session is concluded and for time to elapse to see how the arrangement with Workforce Center operations being located at the VEC and Jubilee work out.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution regarding CAER and IST Facility in Forest, Virginia

Bob Bailey, Executive Director of the Center for Advanced Engineering & Research, provided an overview of the request and noted its benefit to the region both as a research facility but also how it ties into regional and statewide economic development.

Council discussed operational funding and long-term sustainability of the program.

Mike Mattox presented a motion to approve and adopt the resolution as presented, and being duly seconded by Susan Adams, this motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and Consideration of Support of GoVirginia

Gary Christie provided an overview of GoVirginia as an incentive program to encourage multi-regional cooperation included in the 2016 State budget. Christie highlighted some of the known aspects of the program including project submission and project types.

Members of Council noted that a program similar to this has been implemented before however funding did not materialize for long-term sustainability.

Frank Rogers presented a motion to support the concept of a regional, collaborative economic development and workforce development incentive program providing that the

program can be formulated to be sustainable, and being duly seconded by Kim Payne, this motion passed by majority vote.

NO votes: Michael Rousseau

8. Consideration and Discussion on Communication/Marketing for the Local Government Council

Gary Christie presented to Council the communication/marketing plan for the Local Government Council.

By consensus, Council agreed to the direction staff suggests and authorized staff to proceed with initiating marketing with new logo, as presented or similar variation thereof, and supporting material as well as communicating through, but not limited to, social media and press releases.

9. Consideration of Adopting a Proclamation Designating Local Government Education Week as April 1-7, 2016.

Kim Payne presented a motion to adopt proclamation as present, and being duly seconded by Jack Hobbs, this motion carried unanimously.

10. Items from Staff

a. Consideration of Support for a multi-regional grant application

Gary Christie presented to the Council for discussion funding opportunities to expand childcare resources for low-income families as they pursue training to increase skills and wages. Christie noted that this could be a multi-regional collaboration with neighboring workforce areas.

Ben Bowman also spoke to the matter and answered questions and responded to comments from the Council.

The Council, by consensus, desired that the demands and conditions of the grant on localities, should the grant be awarded, be brought back to Council for consideration and acceptance by Council and prior to staff accepting (signing contract) the grant.

Ken Bumgarner presented a motion to pursue this multi-regional grant application for expanding childcare resources for low-income families as presented, duly seconded by Mike Mattox, this motion passed by majority vote.

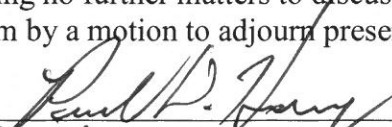
NO votes: Michael Rousseau

11. Round Table

This matter was tabled to the March 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

12. Adjourn

There being no further matters to discuss, Mayor Paul Harvey, *Chair*, adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm by a motion to adjourn present by Jack Hobbs and duly seconded by Joan Foster.

Signed: 
By: Paul D. Harvey, Chair (title)