



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Partnership Conference Room
828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, Virginia
July 16, 2015 - 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Carl Boggess, Interim Bedford County Administrator
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox, *Chair*
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
David Proffitt *for* Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Stanley Goldsmith, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista

Absent:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Don Kidd, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Megan Lucas, Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Others Present:

Ben Bowman, Region 2000 Workforce Development Director
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Katie Epley, The Healing Place
Philipp Gabathuler, Local Government Council, Senior Planner
Larry Jackson, Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance, Board Chair
James Kitchen, The Healing Place
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Finance Director
Elizabeth Narehood, Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance, Vice President
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Admin. Program Coordinator
Tammy Stephenson, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality – Office of Water Supply
Edie Swann, Lynchburg Region Transportation Advocacy Group (LRTAG)
Jeff Taylor, Director of Economic Development, Appomattox County
Rick Youngblood, District Transportation Planning Manager, VDOT – Lynchburg District

Minutes

1. Welcome; Moment of Silence; Recognition of Outgoing Chair & Vice Chair

Mayor Paul Harvey, *Chair*, called to order this meeting of the Council at 4:12 p.m.

Harvey opened the meeting with a moment of silence. Additionally Harvey, on behalf of the Council, recognized outgoing Chair Mayor Mike Mattox and Vice Chair Gary Tanner for their contributions to a successful FY15 of the Local Government Council.

2. Minutes of May 21, 2015 Meeting

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the minutes of May 21, 2015 as presented/Garrett - unanimously

3. Finance Report

Majerus provided review of financials to date.

4. State Water Resources Plan Briefing

Tammy D. Stephenson, Program Coordinator, Office of Water Supply, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, provided a briefing on the status of the State Water Resources Plan.

Stephenson detailed challenges, such as deficiencies of data for certain water resources and their usage, and also highlighted recommendations to meet predicted demand regarding the SWRP.

Stephenson previewed next steps including meetings with localities and collaboration with planning regions and addressed questions and comments from the Council.

5. HB2 Statewide Transportation Project Priorities Initiative

Rick Youngblood, District Planner, VDOT, provided a broad update to the HB2 transportation project priorities initiative, specifically addressing rural transportation projects.

Youngblood also noted the process and qualifications for project submission and the role of the Local Government Council throughout the process.

Youngblood addressed comments and questions from Council members and others present.

6. Update from The Healing Place

Jim Kitchen and Katie Epley, representing The Healing Place, presented an update to the project and informed the Council that they will be requesting time on each of their localities agenda to present The Healing Place model and to ask for funding to establish this facility in Region 2000.

Paul Harvey and Del. Scott Garrett offered comments pertaining to and encouraging the pursuit of this type of program.

7. **Region 2000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update**

Gary Christie presented information on the pending planning grant award for the Region 2000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Christie noted that the Council will receive \$100,000 in federal funds.

Christie presented the proposed budget changes that the Council will be asked to approve at the next meeting of the Local Government Council.

Del. Scott Garrett questioned why the updated needed to take place and what has been accomplished from the initial formation of the CEDS document. Christie noted that CEDS updates are on a five year cycle and 2016 marked the end of five years. He further noted the value of the update with the transition of the Alliance to the Lynchburg Chamber and especially with the changes in the region's economy. Christie observed that the CEDS process itself would be valuable to re-establish our goals and objectives of the economic development program so that all of the stakeholders are working toward common objectives.

Hobbs requested, and the Council concurred, that a scope of work be presented at the time when Council is asked to take further action. Additionally, Stan Goldsmith requested that a timeline also be presented.

8. **Workforce Agreement Revisions**

Gary Christie provided information regarding the new requirements of the WIOA which will result in changes being made to the Council Agreement. Christie noted that the new Agreement will be sent to the City and County Managers and Administrators for presentation to their respective Boards for approval.

9. **Follow-up Discussion on Education from March Meeting**

Upon a motion by Gary Tanner to table the follow-up discussion on education to the next meeting of the Local Government Council, seconded by Del. Scott Garrett, this motion was approved unanimously.

10. **Items from Staff**

Gary reviewed a request to the Council for a letter of support to establish an AMTRAK stop in Bedford. Charles Kolakowski spoke to the issue.

Upon a Motion by Joan Foster in send a letter in support of the establishment of an AMTRAK stop in Bedford, second by Frank Rogers, this motion passed unanimously.

11. **Items from Council**

None received.

12. **Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Joan Foster to adjourn, seconded by Del. Scott Garrett, Mayor Paul Harvey, Chair, adjourned this meeting of the Council at 6:45 p.m.

Signed: _____

By: _____

Paul D. Harvey
PAUL D. HARVEY, Chair (title)