



**Virginia's Region 2000
Local Government Council**
828 Main Street, 12th Floor
Lynchburg, VA 24504

**November 17, 2016
5:00 pm**

Minutes

Members Present:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, *Treasurer of Council*
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Delegate T. Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, Chair of Council
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Members Absent:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Gary Christie, Local Government Council, *Executive Director*
Susan Cook, Region 2000
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, *Deputy Director of Finance*
Scott Smith, Region 2000
Ashlie Walters, News & Advance

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Joan Foster, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2016

Upon a motion by Carl Boggess and seconded by Joan Foster, the minutes of the September 15th meeting were approved as presented., with John Sharp abstaining.

Upon a motion by Joan Foster, seconded by Del. Garrett, the minutes of the October 17th meeting were approved as presented.

3. Financial Update

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financials included in the meeting packet:

- Operating expenses are currently on plan.
- The audit report will be presented at the January meeting.
- Appomattox Recovery Grant and the Pamplin Water Project expenses and revenues have been added to the financial statement.

4. Consideration of Resolution of Support for Rural Transportation Smart Scale Projects

Scott Smith explained that Smart Scale is a process by which VDOT looks at metrics related to transportation projects to weigh their safety, economic development, environmental, and efficiency value among other things to develop a score for each project. Smart Scale is used to guide several different funding sources through VDOT.

The Region 2000 localities have submitted applications for a number of projects to be funded through Smart Scale. Mr. Smith explained that the MPO met prior to the Local Government Council meeting to review the projects that are within the boundaries of the MPO. Staff requests the Council to look at the projects for the entire region, both MPO and Rural, and adopt a resolution of support for project applications submitted for Smart Scale funding by the localities.

Megan Lucas made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Jack Hobbs, and approved unanimously by the council.

5. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Gary Christie explained that he is asking the Council to adopt the CEDS document so it can be sent back to the EDA for their consideration and approval. It will also be considered by the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, who will have oversight of the document.

Mr. Christie wants to be sure that:

- a) the CEDS document is good for our permanent record
- b) Council is willing to commit the staff and resources to implement the document

Bonnie Svrcek asked that the Council get a quarterly report on the progress of projects implemented in the CEDS.

The motion was made by Del. Garrett, and seconded by Dean Rodgers, to approve the CEDS document. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gary Christie stated that he is looking for Council's support to proceed with implementation. In January he will come back with a proposal to hire a staff person that would be split 50/50 between Workforce and the Local Government Council.

The motion was made by Jack Hobbs, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to authorize staff to implement items on the last page of the CEDS document under item "B", along with a quarterly report. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Other Business from Staff or Council Members

- Ben Bowman informed the Council that the Workforce Development Council is about to begin its strategic planning initiative. He feels that it is important to hear from each locality that is served throughout the region. Mr. Bowman is looking for input from businesses, education and training, and local government and citizens into what workforce development efforts in this region need to look like. He asked the Council to be thinking about who would be good representatives on workforce issues from each of their communities. He has also spoken with each of the school superintendents to identify at least one student from each school system to participate in the planning process. He will be looking for representation from the private schools also. There will be surveys on-line to guide the process.

The RFP was put out last night, and he hopes to get a response back by the end of the month. The Strategic Plan has to be in the governor's office by March 1st. There will also need to be opportunity for public comment once a draft plan has been written.

- Gary Christie explained to the Council that three regions, Lynchburg, Roanoke, and New River Valley, will be forming a regional committee. This will probably be done by the middle of February. This committee will represent the regions for GO Virginia projects. The three PDC Directors will recommend that each region identify eight or ten individuals to serve on the regional board. Mr. Christie asked the Council to think of business leaders who could represent this region on the board.

7. Closed Session for Personnel

The motion was made by Kenneth Campbell, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek to go into closed session in accordance with the Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion of personnel, promotions and salaries of employees of the Local Government Council.

The motion was made by Kenneth Campbell, and seconded by Jack Hobbs, 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.

Upon a motion by Joan Foster, seconded by Jack Hobbs, the Council authorized a salary increase for Matt Perkins to \$44,030 effective December 1, 2016 to recognize the additional grant related duties he has taken on.

8. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Signed: _____

By: _____, _____ (title)