



**Virginia's Region 2000  
Local Government Council**  
Holiday Inn Lynchburg  
Lynchburg, VA 24504

**October 19, 2017  
5:00 pm**

### *Minutes*

#### **Members Present:**

Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, Treasurer of Council  
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council, Chair of Council  
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox  
Bruce Johannessen, Town of Bedford  
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance  
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator  
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator  
Gary Shanaberger, Town of Appomattox  
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors  
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager  
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager  
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst

#### **Members Absent:**

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator  
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal  
Del. Ben Cline, Virginia House of Delegates  
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager  
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista  
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors  
Sen. Mark Peake, Virginia Senate  
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors

#### **Others Present:**

Ben Bowman, Local Government Council  
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director  
Susan Cook, Local Government Council  
Stacey Hailey, Town of Bedford  
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance  
W. Scott Smith, Local Government Council

#### **1. Welcome and Moment of Silence**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2017 Meeting**

Upon a motion by Dean Rodgers, and seconded by Megan Lucas, the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

**3. Financial Report**

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report dated September 30<sup>th</sup>, included in the meeting packet. She reported that operating expenses are where they should be.

Gary Christie informed the council that Old Madison Heights was selected by the Department of Housing and Community Development in the year's round of CDBG funding.

**4. Request from Amherst County to use LGC Reserves for Communications with the General Assembly for the Training Center**

Dean Rodgers reported that last year the Local Government Council provided \$20,000.00 toward legislating for the Training Center, and \$400,000.00 was requested of the General Assembly. The lobbyist that was employed was able to garner \$260,000.00 from the General Assembly, which was used for one of the following three items that were requested from the General Assembly:

- 1) Environmental Study
- 2) Demolition Funds
- 3) Redevelopment Plans Funding

The money was directed to the Dept. of General Services, and was used to get a Phase I Environmental Study of the entire property. There was also enough money to direct some of the funds toward a Limited Scope Phase II in other areas of the property.

Mr. Rodgers advised that by the next meeting he should know if additional funding is needed this term and will be requested at that time. This request will probably be \$30,000.00 or less.

Frank Rogers made the recommendation to have a line item built in to the budget for advocacy.

**5. 2018 General Assembly Legislative Recommendations**

Gary Christie reported that the first three items were recommended by Amherst County in regard to:

- 1) Broadband
- 2) Freedom of Information Act
- 3) Central Virginia Training Center

Item No. 4 was recommended by the City of Lynchburg:

- 4) Communications Sales Tax was recommended by the City of Lynchburg, to tax streaming services.

John Sharp stated that he could not support Item No. 4.

A motion was made by Dean Rodgers to adopt the first three recommendations. The motion was seconded by Carl Boggess. The motion was unanimously approved.

Carl Boggess made the motion to table Item No. 4 until more information can be presented. The motion was seconded by Frank Rogers.

John Sharp made a motion to kill the previous motion and not support Item No. 4 for a Communications Sales Tax. The motion was seconded by Dean Rodgers.

The vote was called for the first motion, which was approved with eleven for and one (John Sharp) against.

**6. GoVirginia Overview**

Gary Christie introduced Mr. John Provo, Director of Virginia Tech's Office of Economic Development. Mr. Provo presented an update on the GoVirginia program.

7. **Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

8. **Next Meeting** - November 16, 2017, 5:00 in the LGC offices.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_