



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

**September 21, 2017  
5:00 pm**

### *Minutes*

**Members Present:**

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator  
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council, Chair of Council  
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator  
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors  
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager

**Members Absent:**

Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, Treasurer of Council  
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal  
Del. Ben Cline, Virginia House of Delegates  
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager  
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox  
Bruce Johannessen, Town of Bedford  
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance  
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista  
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors  
Sen. Mark Peake, Virginia Senate  
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator  
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors  
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager  
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst

**Others Present:**

Ben Bowman, Local Government Council  
Margaret Carmel, News and Advance  
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director  
Susan Cook, Local Government Council  
Philipp Gabathuler, Local Government Council  
Kelly Hitchcock, Local Government Council  
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.

Mayor Foster then recognized three new council members, although they were not present. They are Bart Warner, Town Manager of Bedford, Gary Shanaberger, Town Manager of Appomattox, and Peter Huber, Interim Town Manager of Amherst.

**2. Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2017**

Upon a motion by Dean Rodgers, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, the minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

**3. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. John Sharp for his Service as Chair during FY17**

Mayor Foster presented John Sharp with a Resolution of Appreciation from the Local Government Council for his service as Chairperson during FY17.

**4. Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Jack Hobbs for his Service to the Council from 1992 to 2017**

The motion was made by Kenneth Campbell to present the Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Hobbs. The motion was seconded by Mayor Foster, and approved unanimously by all present.

**5. Financial Report**

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the June 30, 2017 and August 31, 2017 finance reports included in the meeting packet.

Rosalie explained the Local Government Council has changed insurance coverage from VML to VACoRP. This change will result in a savings of \$23,000 to the LGC. \$13,000 will be from the Radio Board, and almost \$10,000 from the Services Authority. She asked that the LGC approve the Resolution authorizing this change.

John Sharp made the motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was then seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, and approved unanimously by those present.

Rosalie also stated that the auditors requires her to collect Statements of Economic Interest or Financial Disclosures Statements. The counties have filled theirs out, but she still needs statements from the towns.

**6. Consideration of a Dues Increase for FY18**

Gary Christie explained that counties and cities pay dues in the amount of 57.5 cents per capita, with the towns paying a flat fee. These funds do not generate a lot of money, but do provide a steady discretionary income.

After discussion concerning an increase, because there is not a lot of money generated and because there is no specific use for any new revenue, the consensus was made to table this subject for another year.

## **7. Legislative Priorities for 2018 General Assembly**

Gary Christie advised that if a legislative list was going to be put together, it should be done by at least the November meeting. Amherst County has already suggested four items, included in the agenda packet.

Bonnie Svrcek advised that Lynchburg has not begun to work on theirs, but one thing they will be proposing for council's consideration is asking the General Assembly to approve taxing streaming services.

## **8. Rural Long Range Transportation Plan 2040**

Gary explained that the Long Range Plan is done every five years and that it serves the area outside of the MPO. We pay 20% of the projects, and VDOT pays 80%. The plan is important for SmartScale and future applications.

Philipp Gabathuler gave a summary of the plan, adding that the Transportation Technical Committee recommends the council approve the plan.

Philipp explained that the purpose of the rural plan is twofold.

- 1) Planning officials and Boards of Supervisors meet where appropriate and also planning commissions in the localities, to identify transportation deficiencies, and request approval to include in the rural plan.
- 2) With these approvals, evaluations are made for VDOT to develop a prioritization matrix.

He continued to explain that it is important to rank projects for a couple of reasons:

- 1) Transparency for the transportation funding process
- 2) Creating a level playing field

The motion was made by Susan Adams, seconded by Kenneth Campbell, to adopt the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan 2040. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

## **9. Staff Reports**

- 1) Kelly Hitchcock reported that staff is working on looking at Local Government Plans, looking for themes, policies, projects, and also for commonality. They are looking at regional documents only, not at site specific plans done over time. Documents being looked at are between 2012 and 2017. Staff will present a summary at the November meeting.
- 2) Kelly gave an update on the CEDS implementation, explaining that there are six initiative councils to the CEDS process:
  - a) Arts and Culture
  - b) Rivers and Community
  - c) Transportation
  - d) Branding
  - e) Workforce Development Board/Talent Solutions Team
  - f) The Alliance

All of the initiative councils will come together with what they have developed in January, and the process will be complete in March.

- 3) Kelly advised that the Central Virginia Training Partnership has been formed to look at the localities opportunities for savings for staff training in public works, in new-hire training and safety training. This process has begun.

Kelly also reported that Amherst County has been awarded a \$700,000 CDBG grant.

**10. Consideration of designating Gary Christie as the Local Government Council's Official FOIA Contact**

Gary Christie explained that the General Assembly requires the designation of a FOIA contact, and he is suggesting that the LGC appoint him as this contact.

Dean Rodgers made a motion that the LGC appoint Gary Christie to be the Local Government Council's official FOIA contact. The motion was seconded by Susan Adams, and was unanimously approved by those present.

**11. Consideration of a Special Recognition for Bill Shelton, the Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for 20 Years of Service as Dept. Director**

Gary Christie suggested recognizing Mr. Shelton by inviting him to come to our October meeting.

**12. Other Business**

Bonn Svrcek asked that we receive a report on GoVA at the next meeting.

Dean Rodgers reported that at some point he would be coming back asking for more funding for lobbyists for the Central Virginia Training Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

The next meeting of the Local Government Council will be on November 19, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.