



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

**July 19, 2018
5:00 pm**

Minutes

Members Present:

Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator
Kenneth Campbell, Chair, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Sen. Mark Peake, Virginia Senate
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst
Trenay Tweedy, City of Lynchburg

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Sara Carter, Amherst Town Manager
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
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Gary Shanaberger, Appomattox Town Manager
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Charlie A. Watts, II, Campbell County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Ben Bowman, Region 2000 Workforce Development Board
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Susan Cook, 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

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

Mr. Campbell recognized new members Treney Tweedy, Mayor of Lynchburg, and Beverly Dalton, Altavista Town Council, who was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 26, 2018 Meeting

Upon a motion by Dean Rogers, and seconded by Dwayne Tuggle, the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

3. Financial Report

Rosalie Majerus explained that the financial report in the meeting packet is a draft, as she has not finished the financials for FY 2018. The auditors will also be coming, in 1 ½ weeks.

Some items highlighted were:

- Total operating expenses are about \$35,000 short of what was budgeted.
- There are still outstanding bills for the fiscal year.
- It was anticipated that \$34,000 of fund balance would be spent, but right now there is a profit of \$31,000; there will be some additional expenses.

4. Updates from Members

- 1) Dean Rodgers advised the Council that the money paid to lobby for the Training Center was well spent. \$250,000 was raised to help fund the remainder of the Phase II environmental study. \$570,000 was raised to pay for the known remediation work that needs to be done. The Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has been directed to spend this money. They were encouraged to receive PPEA proposals on operating the facility that they want to keep open for those still there. The environmental study is supposed to be done by December 1st.

Gary Christie updated the Council, advising that there is no money for the lobbying service in the current budget. He advised Mr. Rodgers that there will be a meeting in November, and that would be a good time to bring it back up for discussion if they needed to pull money out of reserves for another round.

5. DEQ Phase III WIP Grant

Kelly Hitchcock presented an update on the Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan. The Chesapeake Bay Program was assigned to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment, with goals to be met by the year 2025. They are now in the Phase III component of implementation. DEQ has contracted with PDCs throughout the state, allowing \$50,000 to each PDC to assist with their area deck. They have laid out a series of scenarios to reduce the sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous loads. A series of meetings will be held to allow local stakeholders to look at the input deck and talk about the ability to make that happen. In the contractual agreement with DEQ a letter needs to be received from each locality stating that they have been informed in the process and that they will send someone to be a part of the process.

6. Charter/Name Change

Gary Christie addressed the discussion at the last meeting concerning changing the name from the Region 2000 Local Government Council to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission. Gary, Frank Rogers and Carl Boggess went through the charter agreement to see if there were other things that needed to be adjusted. The name change will require a charter change and approval of all the local governments. The recommendation is that in the charter agreement the only changes to be made are the actual name changes itself.

The by-laws were also reviewed and do not require going to the localities, but can be changed by the Local Government Council. There are five recommendations for the by-law changes:

- 1) To make the Executive Director the secretary, instead of an elected secretary
- 2) The Executive Committee would exist of the current chair and the appointed officials from the jurisdictions.
- 3) The chair can succeed him or herself if they did not complete a 12 month term initially.
- 4) Clarify that cities and counties pay per capita assessments while towns pay a fee to be determined annually
- 5) The commission can receive donations from individuals.

These changes will come back to the group in October for final approval and be circulated to the other members of the Local Government Council.

The Region 2000 Radio Communications Board is recommending a name change to the Central Virginia Radio Communications Board. Ted Craddock is proposing a single document that would serve as a cover addendum to the current agreement.

The Region 2000 Workforce Board is requesting their name be changed to the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board. This will also have to go back to the jurisdictions for their approval.

Recommended action is to circulate the charter to the local governments and ask for comments within a 30 day period. If no comments are received, the member jurisdictions will be asked to approve the charter change. The by-laws will be circulated and consider them at the October meeting and endorse a change for the Radio Board and Workforce Development Board and circulate to the appropriate jurisdictions.

The motion was made by Carl Boggess, and seconded by Treney Tweedy to approve the recommendations. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Office Space

Gary Christie reported that the landlord for the present location is offering \$11.00/sq. ft. with a 3% escalator. About 6,000 sq. ft. is currently rented, with the entire floor being 7,800 sq. ft., so there would be room for expansion if needed. If approved, it would reduce rent cost a little more than \$14,000 the first year. Staff suggests approval of a five year lease.

Frank Rogers made the motion to approve staff's recommendation to remain in the current space at \$11.00/sq. ft. with an annual escalator. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, and unanimously approved.

8. Report on Meeting with Roanoke Regional Commission

Gary Christie reported that this report has not yet been received.

9. Items from Staff and Council

Scott Smith presented a Resolution for Smart Scale applications for transportation funding for the jurisdictions within the MPO area. The requirement is that any projects adjacent to a corridor are of statewide significance, which in our area is Rtes. 29 and 460, and are to be approved by the Planning District Commission. However, for the sake of simplicity, all of them are listed on the Resolution. He asked that the Resolution be approved, accepting the projects, and allowing for the localities to make the applications.

The motion was made by Carl Boggess to approve the Resolution with projects listed. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek and unanimously approved.

Kelly reported that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy went through the process to develop the primary CEDS, followed by the Implementation Plan. The CEDS steering committee then came aboard, followed by the Initiative Council, to develop the Implementation Action Plan. These were submitted to the EDA in May. On July 3rd Kelly received word that the CEDS that had been adopted in 2016 has not passed full approval by EDA, and that the CEDS had not passed all of their resiliency criteria. It has been resubmitted. Kelly stated that she and Scott believe that it does respond to their resiliency guidelines.

Ben Bowman explained that the state is going through a rebranding effort for the Workforce system. He is looking at a name change and rebranding for the region, with a launch in September.

He also reported that he has been able to connect with the libraries throughout all of the localities. His hope is to utilize the libraries as access points for job seekers.

Bonnie Svrcek asked that in the future acronyms be spelled out to show what they refer to.

Kenneth Campbell invited everyone to attend the Amherst County Fair, August 16 – 19.

10. Schedule for SERDI Assessment

Gary advised that he is proposing more SERDI interviews with the Board members during the last week of August. Beginning next week an electronic survey will be sent out to about 100 elected and appointed officials, and around 200 staff and stakeholders. In September there will be focus group meetings. The September LGC meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. to hear an analysis by the SERDI representatives, followed by discussion. A written document will come later. This document will be used in the spring to begin building the Regional Strategic Plan.

11. Next Meeting: September 20, 5 p.m., Local Government Council Offices

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m..