



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

**May 18, 2017
5:00 pm**

DRAFT – Minutes

Members Present:

Carl Bogges, Bedford County Administrator, Treasurer of Council
Del. Ben Cline, Virginia House of Delegates
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Bruce Johannessen, Town of Bedford
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Sen. Mark Peake, Virginia Senate
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, Chair of Council
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
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
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, *Executive Director*
Susan Cook, Local Government Council
Kelly Hitchcock
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, *Deputy Director of Finance*

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

John Sharp, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Del. Ben Cline for coming. He then opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2017

Upon a motion by Bonnie Svrcek, and seconded by Jack Hobbs, the minutes of the March 16th meeting were approved as presented.

3. Financial Update

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report as of April 2017, included in the meeting packet. She explained that she expected to be close to budget for the end of FY17.

Gary Christie added that some of the CEDS funds will be carried over to FY18.

4. Local Government Council FY 17-18 Budget

Rosalie reported that for the revenue side of the budget, there are fewer grants and local contracts this year. New items are the Brookneal Comp Plant, and the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is federally funded.

Gary Christie added that alternatives for office space will continue to be considered, and he reminded the Council that the LGC charter states that Council administrative offices remain in the City of Lynchburg.

The motion to approve the FY17-18 budget was made by Joan Foster, and seconded by Dean Rodgers. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Consideration of the FY 17-18 Work Plan

Gary Christie advised that new items in the work plan include:

- 1) Graves Mill Corridor Study
- 2) CEDS Document Implementation
- 3) Safety Training Program with Public Works Departments
- 4) Updating the Agriculture Strategic Plan
- 5) Brookneal Comp Plan and Transportation Part
- 6) Bedford County Com Plan Transportation Part

The motion was made by Jack Hobbs, with a second by Joan Foster, to approve the FY 17-18 Work Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Report on CEDS Implementation

Kelly Hitchcock gave a quick background of the development of the CEDS. She then explained that there are eleven Alliance lead key initiatives, and the Local Government Council has three primary initiatives. A letter has been sent out to re-establish the CEDS core committee and a kickoff meeting will be held in July.

Gary Christie added that one of their priorities will be to make sure that are good metrics for each of the eleven categories in the CEDS, in order to be able to tell if progress is being made on them.

7. Update on GO Virginia

Gary Christie reported that Roanoke, New River Valley, and Lynchburg have been identified as Region 2, and the Board is meeting on Monday, May 22 at Liberty. He and Megan Lucas

will be giving a presentation on what is unique and different about the Lynchburg area and how it fits in the Roanoke and the New River Valley.

GO Virginia is looking for people to serve on four different committees: Workforce related, target industry clusters, support for sites and buildings, and facilitating access to capital and potential grant money.

8. Other Business from Staff or Items from Council Members

There was none.

9. Election of Officers for 2017-2018

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs, seconded by Carl Boggess, the following slate of officers were approved and elected for the coming year:

- a) Mayor Joan Foster, Chair
- b) Mayor Mike Mattox, Vice Chair
- c) Gary Christie, Secretary
- d) Bonnie Svrcek, Treasurer

10. Appreciation to John Sharp as Chair and Carl Boggess as Treasurer for their service during 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Joan Foster, and seconded by Bryan Moody, for a presentation of appreciation to John Sharp and Carl Boggess for their service to be made at a future meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

The next meeting of the Local Government Council will be on July 27, 2017.

Gary asked if members would be interested in attending the Hillcats game at this time, in place of a business meeting. This suggestion was met with approval, and the next business meeting of the Local Government Council will be on September 21st.