



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Academy of Fine Arts
Lynchburg, Virginia
April 18, 2013, 5:00 pm

FINAL

Members Present:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Town of Amherst Council
Mayor Phyllis L. Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Bryan David, Region 2000 Economic Development Council
Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Senator Tom Garrett, Virginia Senate
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford City Manager
R. David Laurell, Campbell County Administrator
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
Clarence Monday, Amherst County
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
Hugh Pendleton, Campbell County Board of Supervisors, LGC Chairman
Mark Reeter, Bedford County Administrator
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
John Spencer, Asst. Appomattox County Administrator, alternate for Aileen Ferguson
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Absent:

Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Skip Tharp, Bedford City Council
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Claudia Tucker, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Emmie Boley, Local Government Council, Financial Services Professional
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Brian Davis, Executive Director, Workforce Investment Board
Bill Ferguson, Town of Altavista, Town Council
Philipp Gabathuler, Local Government Council, Senior Planner
Eleanor Kennedy, Lynchburg News & Advance
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance
Catherine Mosley, Region 2000 EDC, Communications Director
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Administrative Program Coordinator
Mary Lou Spiggle, Town of Appomattox, Town Council

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence:

Chairman Hugh Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., welcomed the members of the Local Government Council Executive, and opened with a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2012:

Upon a motion by Gary Tanner, seconded by John Sharp, the meeting minutes from the March 21, 2013 Local Government Council meeting were unanimously approved as proposed.

3. Finance report:

- a. Deputy Director of Finance, Rosalie Majerus, presented the year-to-date financial report through March 30, 2013 and reported that expenses and revenues are tracking to plan. No action required by the Council.
- b. Rosalie discussed the budget amendment and the associated projects. Gary Christie mentioned that they are contracts for services.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the budget amendments, seconded by David Laurrell, the budget amendments were unanimously approved as presented.

	<u>FY 13</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>FY13</u> <u>ADJUSTMENT</u> <u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FY 13</u> <u>REVISED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Stormwater Initiative - Expenditure	\$0	\$39,500	\$39,500
Prevention Connection - Expenditure	\$0	\$600	\$600
Town of Amherst Waterline - Expenditure	\$0	\$200	\$200
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$40,300	\$40,300
Stormwater Initiative - Revenue	\$0	\$42,000	\$42,000
Prevention Connection - Revenue	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
Town of Amherst Waterline - Revenue	\$0	\$2,800	\$2,800
Total Revenue	\$0	\$51,800	\$51,800
Additional Net Income	\$0	\$11,500	\$11,500

4. Discussion on health insurance benefits

Gary Christie detailed to the Council the need to make changes to the health insurance programs offered to the staff of the Local Government Council and the Partnership as a whole. He mentioned that the staff had conducted a survey of the other various localities, both who participate in Local Choice and those that do not, and offered to the Council for

their consideration of two health insurance plan options noting that though the plan deductibles change there would be no increase to the employees to participate.

David Laurrell offered to the discussion his understanding and view of the health insurance offerings in the options presented and discussed current trends in the health care industry as it relates to employer offerings. Also, he touched on Campbell County's health insurance program and stated the significant cost savings the county has experienced.

Both Waverly Coggsdale and Mayor Mike Mattox encouraged the staff of the local Government Council to look beyond the current provider and shop for other alternatives

The Council encouraged the staff of the Local Government Council to work with the Regional Jail Authority in preparation for changes in health care in the foreseeable future.

Upon a motion by David Laurrell to approve the 500 and 1000 deductible plans (Option 2) to be offered to the staff of the Local Government Council for FY14, seconded by Mike Mattox, the motion was unanimously approved as presented.

5. Rural Transportation Plan Work Plan and Budget

Bob White presented to the Council for their approval the FY-2014 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program. Bob detailed some of the primary elements of the work plan and noted that the Plan had been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Committee which has recommended the approval of the program.

Upon a motion by Gary Tanner to approve the FY-2014 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program, seconded by Joan Foster, the Program was unanimously approved as presented.

6. FY 14 Local Government Council Budget and Work Plan

Members of the Council concurred that these matters be tabled to the next meeting of the Local Government Council in May 2013.

7. Update on regional arena/civic center

Bryan David presented to the Council a detailed overview of the developments in the regional arena/civic center project. He outlined the chronology of events to date, mentioned the names of those individuals in the working group, and discussed the outcomes of the Weston Sports Entertainment Feasibility Study of 2012 and the Economic and Fiscal Impact Study Conclusions prepared by Mangum Economic Consulting, LLC. Bryan further introduced the adaptation of the feasibility study to the River Ridge Mall location. Further he informed the Council on what next steps would be taken as this project moves forward.

8. Report from the General Assembly

Delegate Scott Garrett provided for the Council a synopsis of outcomes of the 2013 General Assembly session. Del. Garrett specifically elaborated on the transportation, K-12 education, public health, and those matters that directly impact the district. Specifically he mentioned the increase in various taxes and the elaborated on the regional tax structure differences, announced that there was a commitment to not increase the composition of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, cited an increase in STEM

grant programs and changes to the Educator Fairness Act, stated that funds have been identified for school salary increases with a local match requirement, cited that Virginia would not set up its own health insurance exchange and would then default to the federal model, and also mentioned that expansion of Medicaid under “Obamacare” and the challenge of how to support the increase in those eligible in the program and those ready to become eligible.

9. **Adjournment:** Upon a motion to adjourn and seconded, and carried unanimously this meeting of the Local Government Council was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Signed: *Hugh J. Pendleton*
Hugh Pendleton, Chair