

REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

April 19, 2007
Spring House Restaurant
Concord, VA
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Burgess.....Altavista
Mayor Phyllis Campbell..... Brookneal
Lee Cobb.....Economic Development Council
Waverly Coggsdale.....Altavista
Aileen Ferguson.....Appomattox County
Mayor Joan Foster.....Lynchburg
Eddie Gunter, Jr.....Campbell County
Kathleen Guzi.....Bedford County
Jack Hobbs.....Amherst Town
David Laurell.....Campbell County
Kim Payne.....Lynchburg
John Sharp.....Bedford County
Harold M. Swisher.....Town of Amherst

ABSENT:

Samuel Carter.....Appomattox County
Delegate Ben Cline.....House of Delegates
David Garrett.....Appomattox Town
Charles Kolakowski.....Bedford City
Rodney Taylor.....Amherst County
Ray Vandall.....Amherst County
Joyce Bennett.....Town of Appomattox
Steve Newman.....Senator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Christie.....Local Government Council
Marjorie Gilley.....Local Government Council
Rosalie MajerusLocal Government Council
Bob White.....Local Government Council
George Dawson.....Local Government Council
John Spencer.....Appomattox County
Caesar Johnson.....Lynchburg
Scott Garrett.....Lynchburg

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Eddie Gunter, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2007 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND THE MARCH 15, 2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The January 18, 2007 Local Government Council meeting minutes and the March 15, 2007 Executive Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented upon a motion by David Laurrell, seconded by Kim Payne.

3. PRESENTATION BY DR. KATHERINE NICHOLS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ON REGIONAL PLANNING TO RESPOND TO A PAN-INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Dr. Nichols, Health Department Director, and Mr. George Dawson, President and CEO of Centra Health, gave a presentation on pandemic influenza-community planning and response. Dr. Nichols stated that to effectively respond to a pandemic it would require coordinated efforts of a wide variety of organizations and that collaborative planning is essential to enable coordinated efforts during the response and recovery phases of a pandemic. She asked local managers and administrators to serve on a policy panel to help guide planners develop a regional response plan.

4. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING MARCH 31, 2007

Rosalie Majerus presented the financial report through March 31, 2007 and indicated that there were no unusual transactions for the Council. On a motion by Kim Payne, seconded by Jack Hobbs, the following Supplemental Appropriations and Budget Amendments for FY07 were unanimously approved by the council with one correction Local Government Council staffs parking will be paid by the council 100%:

07-010- This is funding for one third of the salary and benefits for the Public Communications Director Position.

07-011- This is funding for legal, engineering and implementation activities related to Solid Waste implementation.

07-012-This is funding for additional move and office expenses and funding of **100%** of the Local Government Council's employee parking.

5. APPROVAL OF THE VIRGINIA'S REGION LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL WORKPLAN FY2008

Upon a motion by David Laurrell, seconded by Jack Hobbs the Local Government Council work plan was unanimously approved as presented. Mr. Eddie Gunter stated establishing a work plan was a very good move by the Local Government Council.

6. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AS A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE OPERATIONS, HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Gary Christie affirmed that the working group of solid waste managers from participating jurisdictions continue meeting to refine the Articles of Incorporation and Member Use Agreement. The Public Hearings will be held in June in the five participating jurisdictions for approval of the Articles of Incorporation and Member Use Agreement. Mr. Christie confirmed that the recruitment process continues for the Solid Waste Director. Mr. Kim Payne suggested that the Local Government Council Executive Director serve as the Executive Director of the new Regional Services Authority. This would allow a smoother transition when the Services Authority begins providing more than one service. It would also allow a simpler organizational structure where all employees would be part of the Local Government Council organization which would provide services to the Authority under a contractual relationship.

7. REPORT ON THE UPCOMING CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR FALLING RIVER WATERSHED IN CAMPBELL AND APPOMATTOX COUNTIES

Gary Christie briefly informed the group that the Local Government Council has been asked to submit a proposal to provide program management administration services to the development of an implementation plan for the Falling River Watershed in Campbell and Appomattox Counties. He has estimated that 248 hours of staff time will be involved at an estimated value of \$8,800.

8. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO OFFSET PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT COSTS OF A REGIONAL SOURCE WATER PLAN

On a motion by David Laurrell, seconded by Mayor Joan Foster, the approval of a resolution for the Local Government Council to apply for DEQ source water planning funds was unanimously supported by the Council.

9. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Bob White gave a brief explanation of the creation of a Rural Subcommittee. On a motion by Kathleen Guzi, seconded by Mayor Phyllis Campbell, the resolution to create a rural subcommittee of the Transportation Technical Committee was approved unanimously.

10. SELECTION OF THE FY2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

On a motion by Mayor Rudy Burgess, seconded by Mr. Jack Hobbs the members unanimously approved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Effective July 1st the new Council officers will be as follows:

- Chairman Mr. John Sharp
- Vice Chairman Mayor Joan Foster
- Treasurer Ms. Kathleen Guzi
- Secretary Mr. Gary Christie

11. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Lee Cobb Executive Director of the Economic Development Council announced that Traci Blido was hired as the new Public Communications Director and that he would be introducing her at dinner.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gunter adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- 13.** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Local Government Council is August 16, 2007. Special meetings may be called as appropriate.