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**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 10:30 A.M. I. Call to Order – **Mr. Ed Elliott**, Chair
- A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of August 26, 2011, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. Financial Statement [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

- 10:35 II. Institute for Child Success – **Mr. Joe Waters**, Associate Director (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Greenville based Institute for Child Success addresses educational challenges across our state. South Carolina often ranks among the lowest states in the nation in educational attainment. The mission of the Institute is to provide resources for enhancing educational success.

Board Action Required: No

- 11:05 III. Employment Law Issues Facing Local Governments – **Mr. Doug Burns**, Deputy Director

Briefing: Mr. Burns recently attended a training session covering recent changes to employment law, as well as topics of special interest to local governments. He will provide an overview of material that was presented.

Board Action Required: No

11:20 IV. Appalachian Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2011 Progress Report and Update – **Mr. Chip Bentley**, Planning Director

Briefing: The CEDS, along with its annual progress reports, is a required document of the U.S. Economic Development Administration that provides an overview of economic development priorities in a region. ACOG is the designated entity for administering the CEDS in the S.C. Appalachian region. At the August Board meeting, Mr. Bentley provided a briefing on the report and members have received a copy for review. At this session, it will be submitted for adoption.

Board Action Required: Yes

11:30 V. Proposed By-Law Amendment to Move ACOG Board Officer Elections from March to January – **Mr. Steven Pelissier**, Executive Director (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: Currently, ACOG officer elections are held in March, with the term for new officers commencing in April. As discussed during the August meeting, Mr. Pelissier will present a proposed by-laws change to move the elections up to January.

Board Action Required: Yes

11:35 VI. Proposed By-Law Amendment to Address a Situation in which there is no Former ACOG Board Chair Available to Chair the Officer Nominating Committee – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director (Section 5, Board Packet)

Briefing: The ACOG By-laws require that the Officer Nomination Committee be chaired by a former ACOG Board Chair. This presents a challenge during a period in which no former Chair is serving on the Board. The proposed amendment addresses such a situation.

Board Action Required: Discussion only at this time. Action scheduled for October.

11:40 VII. Executive Director's Report – **Mr. Steven Pelissier**, Executive Director

Board Action Required: No

11:45 VIII. Requested Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter – **Mr. Steven Pelissier**, Executive Director

Briefing: Mr. Pelissier will request that the Board enter an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

12:00 Noon IX. Adjourn to Lunch