

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM JUNE 26, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judy Gilstrap, Wallace Shaw, Ed Elliott, Rich Laughridge, Bob Waldrep, J.W. Sanders, Janie Wilson, Grady Butler, Don Godbey, Bennie Cunningham, Ernest Riley, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, J. Connie Bowers, Heyward McDonald, Dale Culbreth, O'Neal Mintz, Bob Briggs, Elbert Tillerson, and Loretta Smith.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Van Cato, Senator Lindsey Graham's office; Mark Powell, Anderson County, and Lamar Bailes, Oconee County.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Joe Newton, Becky Hall, Dave Mueller, Carol Andersen, Dirk Reis, Beverly Allen, Chip Bentley, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Gilstrap. The invocation was offered by Rev. Sanders. On motion by Mr. Waldrep, seconded by Mr. Riley, the minutes of the May 22, 2009, meeting was unanimously approved.

Upstate Alliance Property Navigator

Ms. Andersen gave a demonstration of the Upstate South Carolina Property Navigator, which is a recently released web-based economic development marketing tool produced by ACOG in partnership with the Upstate Alliance, through a grant funded by the Duke Energy Advance SC program. The Property Navigator has a variety of innovative features, combining satellite imagery, available property information, local demographic data and a unique ability to manipulate maps according to a visitor's particular needs.

Application and Review Process for ARRA Energy Grant Funds in the Non-Entitlement Portion of the Appalachian Region, and Appointment of Review Committee.

Mr. Reis stated that ACOG is now accepting application for the ARRA Energy Grant Funds, which for the region is funded at \$841,338. He stated that any local government may apply for funds, with the exception of the following localities, which received direct formula grants under the EECBG Program: Anderson County, Greenville County, Spartanburg County, and the cities of Greenville and Spartanburg. Applications are due to the ACOG offices by August 28, 2009. Applications received will go before a review committee appointed by the ACOG Chair.

Ms. Gilstrap appointed the following Board members to serve on the review committee: Elbert Tillerson, Chair; Rick Laughridge, Dennis Moss, Amy Ryberg Doyle, Reg Dexter and Randy Crenshaw.

Executive Director's Annual Report to the Board

Mr. Pelissier commented that in looking ahead to the next twelve months two words come to mind, which are innovation and excellence. He stated that the opportunity he has had as a COG director is seeing innovation, establishing best practices, being a model for other LDD's, being in the field working with our local governments and other partners to see citizens prosper and soar. The past twelve months the ACOG has faced a lot of challenges with the workforce and aging programs, the building, and the budget. With the Board's leadership and an excellent staff there has been progress and success in these areas.

FY 2010 Work Program

Mr. Pelissier stated that the Governmental Services Department will continue to provide assistance to local governments, work on a management and strategic analysis and conduct services such as a current study for the Spartanburg County Library. The Grant Services Department will be working on the ARRA Energy Grants and administering the HOME Program for the Anderson County HOME Consortium. The Information Services Department will be working on the Upstate Property Navigator, 2010 Census preparations, and GIS/Data support. The Aging Services Department will be working on the new Area Plan, hospital discharge program, outreach and benefits program, and the friendly visitors program. Worklink will be working on Board development, outreach and partnership, adult services, dislocated workers services, incumbent workers services, and youth services program. The Development Corporation will be working on implementing a new organizational structure.

On motion by Rev. Sanders, seconded by Mayor Godbey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2010 work program.

FY 2009 Operating and Capital Budget Amendments and Designation of Surplus Funds

Ms. Hall stated that the FY 2009 budget amendment was approved by the Budget and Executive Committees. She stated that the original budget projected revenues over expenditures of \$35,611, and the amended projection is \$7,596. On motion by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2009 Budget Amendment.

FY 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets

Ms. Hall stated that the FY 2010 budget shows excess revenues over expenditures of \$7,877. The proposed FY 2010 capital outlay is \$39,100. Ms. Hall stated that the budget has been affected by changes in aging revenues, retirement insurance, and state allocation decreases. On motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Godbey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2010 operating and capital budgets.

Mr. Pelissier asked the Board to approve allocating the surplus of \$7,877 towards building maintenance. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mr. Riley, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Chair

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COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING
AND CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.