

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Cindy Wilson, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, Grady Butler, Butch Kirven, Don Godbey, Gaye Sprague, Willis Meadows, Brandy Amidon, Sen. Thomas Alexander, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Bill Brockington, Ernest Riley, Larry Bagwell, Ensley Feemster, Neal Collins, Rep. Mike Forrester, Jane Hall, Elbert Tillerson, and Larry Chappell.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jacki Martin, Richard W. Riley Institute; Bill Grant, Appalachian Regional Commission; Marcy Loucks, Principal with McKinley, Cooper and Associates; Joel Dill, Greenville County; Daniel Gambrell, Anderson County; Keith Mauer, Transportation for Tomorrow Greenville; Dee Benedict and Nora Hristova, Greenville County residents; and Yancey McGill, former Senator and Lt. Governor of South Carolina, and his guest Nick Bautista.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Don Zimmer, Chip Bentley, Dirk Reis, Loretta Dirton, Mark Pearson, Arlene Young, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claramunt. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Godbey, the minutes of the October 28, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved.

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Recognition of ACOG Employees Who Have Recently Celebrated Milestone Anniversaries with the Agency

Loretta Dirton and Mark Pearson received their 5-year service awards and Chip Bentley received his 20-year service award. Mr. Pelissier also recognized Arlene Young, who will become the new Grants Services Director after Dirk Reis retires in December.

Furman University Richard W. Riley Institute

Ms. Martin stated that the institute was launched in 1999, and is named for former South Carolina Governor Richard W. (Dick) Riley. It is committed to nonpartisanship in all it does and to a rhetoric-free, facts-based approach to change. It builds and engages present and future leaders, creates and shares data-supported information about the state's core challenges, and links the leadership body to those solutions to drive sustainable solutions.

She stated that the Riley Institute engages its statewide leadership network to address challenges critical to the state's progress through such initiatives as establishment of a network of college-access and STEM-focused New Tech schools and the South Carolina Diversity Leaders Health Professions Advisory Council. It improves afterschool opportunities for children across the county by teaching education leaders how to advocate for supportive policies. The DLI leadership network has helped build better communities through 160 community service projects, including creating safe summers for underserved children in Charleston, teaming with high school students in Summerton to break down racial barriers and foster service leadership, bringing bikes, mentorship and advent to at-risk youth in the Upstate and many more.

ACOG FY2016 Audit

Marcy Loucks, Principal, McKinley, Cooper and Associates, stated that she had met with the ACOG Finance Committee prior to the Board meeting in order to provide a more thorough presentation. She stated that the FY 2016 audit expresses an unmodified opinion as in the past. The finance statement is conforming with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Report from Finance Committee

Mr. Crowder, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that the agency is seeing increased use of vehicles and mileage totals are rising. In addition, the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging's requirement that AAA (Area Agencies on Aging) take over client assessments, the COG is

seeing a need for the purchase of two vehicles at a total cost of less than \$42,000. Staff is requesting the Board's authorization to pay for the vehicles out of the Unassigned Fund Balance. In actuality, payment would only be made from the fund balance, if necessary; however, having the ability to do so provides security in case operating funds are not sufficient to cover the purchase. The agency's total Fund Balance equals \$1,784,142, with the Unassigned Fund Balance totaling \$1,386,166. During FY 2016, the fund balance increased by \$124,231. Therefore, even if the entire vehicle purchase came out of the Fund Balance, an \$80,000 increase would still remain.

Mr. Crowder stated that the Finance Committee is recommending authorization for staff to purchase two vehicles, at a cost not to exceed \$42,000, with payment to come from the agency's Unassigned Fund Balance. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Recognition of ACOG Board Members Whose Terms Will Be Ending December 31st.

Chairman Claramunt presented Reg Dexter with an award for his service to the Board of Directors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Pelissier encourage Board members to stay for the Economic Development Committee meeting. Mr. Grant, who is the director of the Appalachian Regional Commission, presented information on the Revolving Loan Program during the committee meeting.

Chairman

THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAS
COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING AND
CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.