

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014 – 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Terence Roberts, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, David Cauthen, Dennis Stroupe, Don Godbey, Willis Meadows, Gaye Sprague, Bob Winchester, Ernest Riley, Jeff Martin, and Loretta Smith.

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Panasko, President, Innovate Anderson; and Toni McKinley, Partner, McKinley, Cooper & Associates.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Don Zimmer, Dirk Reis, Chip Bentley, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall. The invocation was offered by Mr. Butler. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mr. Martin, the minutes of the October 24, 2014, minutes were unanimously approved.

Innovate Anderson

Mr. Panasko stated that Innovate Anderson is a public/private community development organization that supports efforts to bring jobs and investment into Anderson County. Their vision is to design the future for Anderson County through economic development innovation.

He stated that Innovate Anderson offers a unique solution to assisting in bringing jobs and investment into Anderson County. The organization's flexibility and initiative have contributed to their ability to address community needs with special projects over the course of their

existence. From product development to marketing support, Innovate Anderson is ready to bring resources to the table for the community.

ACOG 2014 Audit Presentation

Ms. McKinley, partner with McKinley, Cooper & Associates presented the ACOG 2014 audit. She stated that 2014 audit expresses an unmodified (aka - unqualified) opinion on the fair presentation of the financial statement, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Ms. McKinley stated that ACOG ended the year with a total net position of \$2,446,000. The change in net position over the course of the year was \$31,832.00. The agency's financial management was found to be in compliance with all applicable regulations.

Amendments to ACOG FY 2015 Budget

Mr. Pelissier presented several FY 2015 mid-year budget amendments. He explained to the board that a lot of the excess money in the budget is pass through; therefore, making our budget look larger than usual. He stated that we are not yet back to the level the budget was since 2008. On motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Sprague, the board unanimously approved the amended FY 2015 budget.

Presentations to Board Members in Appreciation of Their Services to ACOG

Ms. Hall and Mr. Pelissier recognize Jeff Martin and O'Neal Mintz with plaques for their service on the ACOG Board. Two other members, Eddie Moore and Dale Culbreth, were not present to receive their plaques, but are also going off of the Board of Directors.

Next, Chair Hall appointed Willis Meadows to the By-Laws Committee.

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.**