

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 30, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernest Riley, Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Terence Roberts, Eddie Moore, Rick Laughridge, Ted Mattison, Carthel Crout, Francis Crowder, Ed Elliott, Henry Jolly, Grady Butler, Don Godbey, Dan Rawls, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Neil Smith, O'Neal Mintz, Elbert Tillerson, and Loretta Smith.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mayor Perry Eichor, City of Simpsonville; David Mueller, Appalachian Development Corporation; Toni McKinley, McKinley, Cooper and Associates; and Melanie Sudduth and Andy Carr, SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Don Zimmer, Doug Burns, Dirk Reis, Chip Bentley, Loretta Dirton, Carolyn Breeze, Carol Andersen, David Shellhorse, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Riley. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the October 26, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved.

Presentation of the Appalachian Council of Governments FY 2012 Annual Audit

Ms. McKinley, partner at McKinley, Cooper and Associates, presented the annual FY 2012 audit report. She stated that the 2012 audit expresses an unqualified opinion on the fair presentation

of the financial statements, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Ms. McKinley stated that the agency ended with an increase to its fund balance of \$26,673.

Cherokee County Business Retention and Expansion Program and the Role of the SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP).

Ms. Sudduth stated the SCMEP is a private, non-profit organization that promotes innovation and industrial competitiveness among small to mid-size companies. SCMEP acts as a catalyst guiding South Carolina businesses through process enhancements, productivity gains, and growth. Their manufacturing specialist team offers hands-on coaching, assessments, training, and other tools.

Mr. Shellhorse stated that ACOG staff is currently working with SCMEP to conduct a “Business Retention and Expansion Program” for Cherokee County.

South Carolina Fiscal Outlook

Mr. Pelissier provided a summary of Senate Finance Committee Chief of Staff Mike Shealy’s presentation on the fiscal outlook for the upcoming year. He commented that certain large expenditures are growing at a rate that exceed reasonable expectations of revenue. Medicaid and other health care related costs will prove to be the greatest challenges.

Over all, South Carolina’s total budget is \$23.0 billion. This consists of \$6.1 billion from the general fund, \$8.7 billion in federal funds, and \$8.2 billion on other funds.

Amendment to the ACOG By-Laws to Provide for Regional Members

Mr. Smith stated that the proposed amendment was presented for discussion at the October Board meeting. He stated that the committee members worked diligently on the amendment and made motion to approve. Mr. Rawls seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the amendment.

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

Chairman

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