

## *MINUTES*

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 – 10: 30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Claramunt, Neil Smith, Joe Dill, Terence Roberts, Ted Mattison, Cindy Wilson, Ed Elliott, Grady Butler, Butch Kirven, Don Godbey, Lillian Flemming, Gaye Sprague, Brandy Amidon, Thomas Alexander, Ernest Riley, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Bill Brockington, Larry Bagwell, Ensley Feemster, Mike Forrester, Jane Hall, Elbert Tillerson, Junie White, Justin Bradley, and Thomas Foster.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Susan Aiken, Sen. Scott's Office; Richard Blackwell, Executive Director, Oconee County Alliance; Kenny Larrimore, Brett McCutchen, and Stephanie Jackson Amell, S.C. Department of Transportation, and Joel Dill, Greenville County.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Chip Bentley, Don Zimmer, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claramunt. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Ms. Hall, the minutes of the May 27, 2016, meeting was unanimously approved.

### **Oconee County Workforce Development Center and Youth Apprenticeship Program**

Mr. Blackwell, Executive Director the Oconee Economic Alliance, is developing the Oconee County Workforce Development Center and the county's Youth Apprenticeship Program. The Development Center will provide space for an Oconee branch of Tri-County Technical College, a new career center for high school students and adult education. The apprenticeship program is a partnership with the School District of Oconee County and Apprenticeship Carolina that places young people in business settings to acquire hands-on experience and gain a deeper understanding of today's global business environment.

### **Appalachian Region Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Mr. Bentley commented on the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) update and project list. He stated that the Transportation Committee has reviewed and approved the drafts of each project. Ms. Hall, Chair of the Transportation Committee, stated that it is their recommendation to adopt the Long Range Plan and Rural TIP update. The Board unanimously approved, with the following members abstaining from the vote: Lillian Flemming, Gay Sprague, Cindy Wilson, and Francis Crowder.

Mr. Godbey requested that the staff draft a letter to Federal legislators representing the region to express challenges related to federal laws that allow railroads autonomy over the use of their property.

### **Appalachian Council of Governments FY 2017 Work Program**

Mr. Pelissier briefly went over the FY 2017 Work Program. He commented that one of the biggest changes will be in the Aging Department. Staff will be working on the Veteran Care Transitions Program. Initially one person will need to be hired for this initiative. Over the course of the year, it will be necessary to hire addition staff for this program. The clients will be referred to us by the Veterans Administration. The staff will conduct assessments to determine the needs of these veterans. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board unanimously approved the ACOG FY 17 Work Program.

### **Personnel Committee Report**

Mr. Riley, Chair of the Personnel Committee, stated that the committee had met on May 27<sup>th</sup> to consider three items that were presented by the executive director; a revised organizational chart for the agency; a revised pay table, and the opportunity for employees to receive merit pay increases in FY 2017. Mr. Riley stated that the Personnel Committee is recommending approval

of all three items. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Committee's recommendations.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Crowder stated that the Finance Committee had met on June 10<sup>th</sup> to consider the following: FY 2016 budget amendments, designation of FY 2016 excess revenue, and the FY 2017 agency budget. He stated that overall the budget is balanced at \$3,500,083. The budget is similar to the FY 2016 budget. There are only a couple significant changes. One is that the items that had unexpectedly been carried forward into FY 2016 (Upstate Care Transitions Program, In-House Transportation, In-House Minor Home Repair, and Other Transportation) are removed from both the Revenue and Expenditure items. The second change is that the Six-County Appropriations Revenue item is increased from \$435,685 to \$470,358 to reflect the increase approved by the counties. The Finance Committee approved these recommendations and is requesting Board approval. The Board voted unanimously to approve the ACOG FY 2017 budget, including the Schedules of Capital, Contractual, and Consulting/Outside Services.

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

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Chairman

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