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**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 10:30 I. Call to Order – **Mr. Dennis Claramunt**, Chair
- A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of October 27, 2017, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. December 31, 2017 Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)
- 10:35 II. Special Recognitions – **Mr. Dennis Claramunt**, Chair
- A. Board of Directors Service - Bill Brockington
 - B. Recently Retired Employees - Barbara Jardno and Glenda Manigault
 - C. Employee Milestone Anniversary – Kim Reyes
- 10:45 III. ACOG FY 2017 Audit – **Ms. Marcy Loucks**, Principal, McKinley, Cooper and Associates, Certified Public Accountants (A copy was inserted in the December 8th Board Packet)
- Briefing: Ms. Loucks will provide a presentation on the ACOG FY 2017 Annual Audit.
- 11:05 IV. ACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments to Include an ARC Funded Oconee County Industrial Access Project - **Ms. Jane Hall**, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee and **Mr. Lance Estep**, Regional Transportation Planner (Section 3, Board Packet)
- Briefing: The Transportation Committee will present a recommendation for the inclusion of an ARC-funded Oconee County transportation project in the ACOG TIP and LRTP. Oconee County recently received an

ARC Grant to construct road and access improvements to the Oconee Industry and Technology Park. In order to receive grant funding, FHWA requires the project to be added to applicable local transportation plans.

Board Action Requested

11:15 V. Report from the Finance Committee – **Mr. Francis Crowder**, Chair, Finance Committee (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Finance Committee will present recommendations for mid-year budget amendments and for authorizing the use of reserve funds to address HVAC issues in the ACOG building.

Board Action Requested

11:25 VI. Report from the Personnel Committee – **Mr. E. Riley**, Chair, Personnel Committee (Section 5, Board packet)

Briefing: The Personnel Committee will present recommendations to create a new Information Referral and Assistance and Assessor Management position, to eliminate the Veterans Services Coordinator position, and to change salary classifications for a few positions within the Aging Services Program.

Board Action Requested

11:35 VII. Report from the Board Officer Nominating Committee – **Ms. Jane Hall**, Chair, Nominating Committee

Briefing: The Nominating Committee will present a proposed slate of board officers to serve for the term running from April, 2018 through March, 2019.

Board Action Requested

11:40 VIII. South Carolina 2018 Legislative Preview – **Ms. Brooke Ferguson**, Economic Development Director

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will preview potential legislation to be addressed during the 2018 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments.

11:45 IX. Appalachian Regional Commission Reform Act – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director (Section 6, Board Packet)

Briefing: Legislation has been introduced in both the House and the Senate to increase the percentage of ARC funding targeted to distressed counties from 30% to 60%. If adopted, that change would significantly impact ARC investments in South Carolina. Staff has prepared a draft letter from the board to be sent to members of the federal legislative delegation representing the SC Appalachian Region that would express concern over the proposed change.

Board Action Requested

11:55 X. Executive Director’s Report – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director

12:00 XI. Adjourn to Lunch