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**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 10:30 A.M. I. Call to Order – **Mr. Dennis Claramunt**, Chair
- A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of August 26, 2016, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. June 30th and August 31st Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

- 10:35 II. Greenville County Senior Action – **Ms. Andrea Smith**, Executive Director, Senior Action (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: Ms. Smith will provide an overview of Senior Action, its services, and programs. She will also discuss issues facing the aging services network across South Carolina and the nation.

Board Action Required: No

- 11:00 III. US and South Carolina Economic Outlook – **Mr. Brian Baughner**, Principal, Parallel Financial Partners

Briefing: Mr. Baughner will provide an economic forecast for the nation and South Carolina.

Board Action Required: No

- 11:25 IV. Approval of the Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2016 Annual Progress Report – **Mr. Don Godbey**, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee; **Mr. Chip Bentley**, Deputy Director (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: ACOG staff has been monitoring the progress of projects identified in the 2013-2017 CEDS. Mr. Bentley provided overview of findings of the Annual Progress Report and a summary of recommended amendments of the goals and priorities at the August meeting. ACOG staff is working to brief each County Council on the CEDS Progress Report. The Board of Directors is being asked to approve the finalized CEDS for submittal to the Economic Development Administration following endorsement from each County Council.

The full report is available for review on line through the front page of the SCACOG website (www.scacog.org). A hard copy of the document will be made available upon request before or after the meeting. There will be some hard copies available at the meeting as well.

Board Action Required: Yes

11:40 V. Approval of a Revised Agreement Between ACOG, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Appalachian Development Corporation – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director (Section 5, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Board will be asked to consider approving a revised agreement, which will replace the agreement executed in November 2014.

Board Action Required: Yes

11:50 VI. Executive Director’s Report – **Mr. Steve Pelissier**, Executive Director (Section 6, Board Packet)

At the August Board meeting, staff was requested to revise a draft letter to federal legislators representing the region to express concerns with rights granted to railroads in federal law in order to provide more detailed language concerning a request for specific action. Mr. Pelissier will discuss that letter, which can be found in Section 6 of the Board Packet.

12:00 Noon VII. Adjourn to Lunch