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## AGENDA

### APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 – 10:30 AM

#### ZOOM MEETING

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#### 10:30

- I. Call to Order – Rep. Mike Forrester, Chair
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Introduction of Guests
  - C. Approval of September 25, 2020 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
  - D. September 30, 2020 Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

#### 10:35

- II. Workforce Development Services During the Pandemic – Mr. Trent Acker, Director, WorkLink Workforce Development Board

Briefing: Workforce development services through the WIOA (Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act) remain heavy through the COVID pandemic. Mr. Acker will provide information on the employment impact of the pandemic and will provide an overview of WorkLink Workforce Development Board services to help those impacted.

#### 11:05

- III. Consideration of the 2020 Annual Performance Report for the 2018-2022 SC Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

A link to the report is located on the ACOG website at [www.scacog.org](http://www.scacog.org). To request an individual copy, please contact Mia Fuller at [mfuller@scacog.org](mailto:mfuller@scacog.org) or (864) 242-9733.

Briefing: The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is required by the US Economic Development Administration. In order for a project to receive EDA funding, it must be consistent with the regional CEDS. Likewise, CEDS consistency is considered in grant application reviews by other agencies, such as the Appalachian Regional Commission. As the EDA designated economic development district for the SC Appalachian Region, ACOG is responsible for the plan. Mr. Godbey and Ms. Ferguson will provide an overview of the 2020 CEDS Annual Performance Report and will present a recommendation for action from the Economic Development Committee.

#### **Action Item**

**11:20**

- IV. Projects in the Region That Were Recently Awarded funding from the 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Grant Program – Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Director (Section 3, Board Packet)**

Briefing: The Federal Section 5310 Program provides grant funds to organizations for providing enhanced mobility to its target clients. In accordance with an agreement between ACOG and SCDOT, the COG Board of Directors submits a ranking of projects in the region to the state for funding considerations. Mr. Bentley will provide an update on the grants awarded for 2020.

**11:25**

- V. Senior Angel Tree Project - Ms. Jessica Winters, Senior Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman (Section 4, Board Packet)**

Briefing: Each year, ACOG selects a nursing home to provide Christmas gifts to the facility's residents. Homes are rotated among the six counties each year. This year, the targeted facility is the Six Mile Retirement Community in Pickens County.

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- VI. Executive Directors Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director**

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**VII. Member Reports**

Briefing: Board members will report on items of interest from their communities.

**11:50**

**VIII. Adjourn**