

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM – FACEBOOK LIVE
POINT SOUTH, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

BEAUFORT COUNTY:

Philip Cromer
Brian Flewelling
Chris Hervochon
Paul Sommerville
Herbert Glaze

Gerald Dawson
Tamara Becker
Mark Lawson
Dan Wood
Mary Beth Heyward

COLLETON COUNTY:

Esther Black
Greg Pryor
Joe Flowers
Bob Renner

Gene Whetsell
Tim Grimsley
Joe Flowers
Phillip Taylor, Sr.

HAMPTON COUNTY:

Pete Hagood
Buddy Phillips
Nat Shaffer
Kevin Brown

J.L. Goodwin
Albert Wiggins
Joe Hadwin, Jr.

JASPER COUNTY:

Danny Lucas
Barbara Clark

Chris DuBose
Gwen Smith
John Carroll

GUESTS: Shawn Epps

STAFF: Sabrena Graham, Sherry Smith, Mike Butler, Michelle Knight, Stephanie Rossi, Letisha Scotland, Nikki Leak

1. **Call to Order** Vice Chairman Nat Shaffer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2. Invocation
 - Led by Herbert Glaze
 - 1.3. Introduction of Guests and Staff
 - 1.4. Proxies
 - Dan Wood, John Carroll, and Dr. Joe Flowers grant proxy to Nat Shaffer. Phillip Taylor grants proxy to Esther Black.
 - 1.5. Approval of August 25, 2022, Minutes
 - MOVED by Pete Hagood. Seconded by Phillip Cromer. Motion carried.

2. Public Hearings

2.1. Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) – Ms. Michelle Knight

- During the program year (July 1, 2021-June 30,2022) Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium expended \$481,700 in HOME funds and contributed 25% local match. The year’s progress included 19 rehab units completed and 1 new construction unit completed.

2.2. Public Hearing for FY 22-23 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Applications for Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper County Council on Aging Agencies—Ms. Letisha Scotland

- Citizens were given notice of this Public Hearing and opportunity to comment on the proposed Section 5310 applications to be submitted to the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The application provides capital assistance for transportation options and services for the communities operating in the Lowcountry Region. There were no comments from the public.

3. Presentations

3.1. Lowcountry Area on Aging Program Evaluation—Dr. Maleena Parkey

- The evaluation results will assist the Lowcountry AAA in making well-informed decisions about potential program changes to help match the program activities with the program goals.

4. New Business

4.1. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment—Ms. Stephanie Rossi

- LCOG is seeking approval to add \$100,000 in Guideshare funds for a Northern Beaufort County Transit Study. MOVED by Philip Cromer. Seconded by Buddy Phillips. Motion passed.
- LCOG is seeking approval to add \$100,000 in non-Guideshare funds for a region wide Freight Plan. MOVED by Pete Hagood. Seconded by Brian Flewelling. Motion carried.

4.2. Safety Target Adoption—Ms. Stephanie Rossi

- LCOG is seeking approval of the performance-based planning and programming targets for both roadway and transit to adhere to federal regulations. MOVED by Pete Hagood. Seconded by Brian Flewelling. Motion carried.

4.3. Poll Board for SCARC Conference – November 20-22,2022 Myrtle Beach, Kingston Resorts—Ms. Nikki Leak

- Board members will find a form at their seats where they can report whether they are interested in attending the SCARC Conference.

5. Department Reports

5.1. Quarterly 208 Report & Regional Unemployment Chart—Ms. Stephanie Rossi

- The unemployment rate is at 3% for the four-county region. There have been 40 208 requests made this year.

5.2. Finance Report for September 2022—Ms. Sherry Smith

- The target percentage is 16%. Things look well within reason of where things should be for the first couple of months in the fiscal year. The auditors were here and spent a week with us and we should have the completed audit report to present during the October meeting.

5.3. Community and Economic Development Report—Ms. Michelle Knight

- 5 SCIIP applications were submitted to RIA. We are working on two CDBG applications that will be submitted next week and two SCOR applications will be submitted, the deadline for submission is mid-October. We will host a regional meeting Wednesday, October 5 about BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) funding through FEMA. Staff from our local governments have been invited. The department has added a new staff member. This is the largest number of staff 7, that we have had in the department so we are very busy with work and happy to do what we can for our communities.

5.4. Director's Report—Ms. Sabrena Graham

- I want to thank Dr. Maleena Parkey for her Aging Evaluation presentation to the board. We are excited to make changes and improvements to our Area Aging Program. The partnership with the Beaufort Parks and Recreation Department has been going very well. They have 3 centers open and hope to add 3 additional centers in Beaufort. They have also increased the number of seniors served and the number of services available.
- I will be visiting the county council meetings of our four member counties seeking approval of the amendment to the LCOG Board's policy on membership and representation.
- The SCARC Conference will be held November 20-22, 2022. Please let Nikki know if you plan to attend the conference.

6. **Council Time**

7. **Adjourn**

- Pete Hagood MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Philip Cromer Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Nikki Leak.

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