

MINUTES
LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Conference Call
May 14, 2020

12:00 pm Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Dorothy Riley called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following Executive Committee members were present:

Aiken County

Allendale County

Bamberg County

Dorothy Riley, Chair
Larry Cohen (MM)
Theresa Taylor
Rebecca Gooding (Alt)
Bill Robinson (Alt)

Jerry Bell
Larry Haynes, Past Chair

Barnwell County

Calhoun County

Orangeburg County

David Kenner, Treasurer

Roger Hill

Janie Cooper-Smith (MM)

The following Executive Committee members were absent or excused:

Aiken County

Allendale County

Bamberg County

Andrew Siders (A)
Roger Boyd (A)
Thomas H. Williams (A)

Gerald Wright (A)

Barnwell County

Calhoun County

Orangeburg County

Ben Kinlaw (A)
Jason Stapleton (A)

Harry Wimberly (E)
Vernon Stephens (A)

The following staff were present:

Dr. William Molnar
Nora Sanders
Frances Owens
Vicki Hallee
Rhonda Mitchell
André Anderson

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Mr. David Kenner presented the financial report for April 2020 for information. The report was accepted as information.

5310 RURAL FUNDING STATUS

Ms. Mitchell shared there were 6 applications for the 5310 rural funding program and she had received 3 responses by the start of this meeting. Once she has received a quorum number of score sheets she will tabulate the scores and provide the rankings to the Board. The Funding announcement is expected by late August.

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PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP)

Ms. Mitchell gave an overview of a new Federal Transit Agency (FTA) regulation requirement for the Best Friend Express Transit Service. This is a regulation for large urban transit agencies to develop a plan to handle transit related safety issues. Ms. Mitchell stated that the LSCOG is working with SCDOT, a consultant and our contractor, Aiken Senior Life Services to develop a plan. The plan will be presented for Board approval once developed and reviewed by SCDOT.

SC WORKS UPDATE

Mr. Anderson provided an update on the SC Works Centers stating the plan is to have most centers open by the second week of June. We are partnering with Aiken Tech and OC Tech to set up virtual training opportunities. Mr. Anderson also stated that he participates in a weekly meeting with SC DEW to discuss Workforce Development across the state.

BUDGET AMMENDMENT REVIEW for FY 2019-2020

Mr. David Kenner presented the budget amendment review for FY 2019-2020. The motion was made by Mr. Larry Haynes and seconded by Mr. Larry Cohen. **The motion carried unanimously.**

BUDGET REVIEW for FY 2020-2021

Mr. David Kenner presented the budget review for FY 2020-2021. The motion was made by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith and seconded by Mr. Larry Haynes. **The motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S synopsis

Dr. Molnar shared that the LSCOG is currently operating with a maximum of 10 people in the building and are working on a plan to return staff to the office beginning June 1st per Accelerate SC's re-entry plan for state employees. Dr. Molnar also gave an update on the following meetings:

- LSCOG Board of Directors next meeting on June 11th will be a conference call beginning at noon
- SCCOG Annual Meeting scheduled for November in Myrtle Beach has been postponed
- SC Association of Counties Annual Meeting is moving forward as planned
- MASC Annual Meeting will be in Charleston on July 16-18
- NADO transportation meeting in Kansas City is on hold; NADO training conference in October in Cleveland is moving forward.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion

ADJOURN

Chairwoman Dorothy Riley adjourned the meeting at 1:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. William Molnar
Executive Director

NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND A COPY OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND A NOTICE OF THE MEETING POSTED ON LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WEBSITE AND BULLETIN BOARD AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.