

MINUTES
LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FULL BOARD MEETING
Conference Call
June 11, 2020

12:00 pm Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mr. James Haigler gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present:

Aiken County

Roger Boyd
Gary Bunker
Danny Feagin
Lessie Price
Andrew Siders
John Simmons

Allendale County

Larry Cohen
Rebecca Gooding
Dorothy Riley
Bill Robinson
Theresa Taylor

Bamberg County

Jerry Bell
Sharon Hammond
Larry Haynes

Barnwell County

Jason Stapleton

Calhoun County

James Haigler
Roger Hill
David Summers

Orangeburg County

Janie Cooper-Smith
Johnny Ravenell
Brad Hutto

The following board members were absent or excused:

Aiken County

Willar Hightower (A)
Thomas H. Williams (E)
Melissa Oremus (A)

Allendale County

Dawan Smith (A)

Bamberg County

Clint Carter (E)
Shawn Hanks (A)
Gerald Wright (A)
Justin Bamberg (A)

Barnwell County

Tim Bennett (A)
Freddie Houston (A)
David Kenner (E)
Ben Kinlaw (A)
Thomas L. Williams (A)
Lonnie Hosey (A)

Calhoun County

Helen Carson-Peterson (A)
John McLaughlin (A)
Ken Westbury (A)
Russell L. Ott (A)

Orangeburg County

Michael Butler (A)
Heyward Livingston (A)
Vernon Stephens (A)
Harry Wimberly (A)

The following staff were present:

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith and seconded by Mr. Larry Haynes to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2020 full board meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Larry Haynes and seconded by Mr. John Simmons to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Ms. Frances Owens presented the financial report for May 2020 for information. The report was accepted as information.

SCDOT TRANSIT FUNDING

Ms. Rhonda Mitchell shared that each year SCDOT requires all SCDOT transit sub-recipients to provide a board resolution to apply for funding for transit operations for the upcoming fiscal year. The request has not been released and will be a forthcoming agenda item.

The transit program is exploring the potential for some federal dollars of funding under the new CARES Act apportionments for our large urban transit program, the Best Friend Express. The CARES ACT funding supports public transit expenses incurred in response to COVID-19. We are working with the Augusta Richmond Metropolitan Planning Organization and Augusta Public Transit with the necessary measures to apply for funding. This was shared as information only. No approval needed at this time.

5310 PROPOSED RANKINGS

Ms. Rhonda Mitchell shared the of the committee rankings of the 5310 proposed funding applications.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Project</u>
Calhoun County DSNB	54	Vehicle – Replacement
Allendale County OOA	53	Vehicle – Expansion
Bamberg County OOA	51	Vehicle – Expansion
Calhoun County COA	46	Vehicle – Expansion
Aiken Senior Life Services	39	Vehicle – Replacement
Orangeburg DSNB	38	Vehicle - Expansion

Ms. Mitchell asked for the Boards’ approval to submit the results to the SCDOT who will make the final decision on funding. She anticipates the process to be complete by August or September. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Haynes and seconded by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith. **The motion carried unanimously.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT REVIEW FOR FY 19-20

In the absence of the treasurer Mr. David Kenner, Dr. Molnar summarized the budget amendment that was approved by the Executive Board for the fiscal year 2019-2020. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Haynes and seconded by Mr. Bill Robinson to accept the budget amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.**

BUDGET REVIEW FOR FY 2020-2021

Dr. Molnar summarized the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021, that was approved by the Executive Board. A motion was made by Mr. Bill Robinson and seconded by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith to accept the budget amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Larry Haynes stated that the Nominating Committee (made up of himself, Mr. James Haigler and Mr. Ken Westbury) proposed the following slate of candidates – Mr. Andrew Siders: Chair, Mr. David Kenner: Vice Chair, and Mr. James Haigler: Treasurer. Mr. Bill Robinson made the motion to approve, Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Molnar discussed under normal circumstances at the June meeting the Board members caucus by county to elect Executive Committee members. However, because we are not meeting in person that process will not work. There was general discussion regarding the current members of the Executive Committee and the different seats on the Committee. Dr. Molnar explained that there are 13 members on the Executive Committee. Four members are the chair, vice-chair, treasurer and immediate past chair; each of the six counties places one person on the Executive Committee and elects one Alternate. In addition there are three minority members with three Alternates. Dr. Molnar asked the board how they wish to proceed. Mr. Larry Haynes suggested that each county caucus with their members and present their recommended Executive Board members and Alternates at the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting. It was motioned accepted Mr. Haynes suggestion and that the current Executive Committee would remain in place until that time by Bill Robinson and second by Janie Cooper-Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Molnar mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 in Bamberg County. The options for the meeting are to have it in person, by Zoom, or by teleconference. He suggested at this point to continue to monitor the pandemic numbers, discuss with Bamberg and make a final determination as we get closer to that time. The board agreed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Molnar gave updates on the following events:

- LSCOG Operations – The COG is currently working a staggered schedule with 50% of the staff in the office and 50% working from home (no more than half the staff in the office at any one time.) We are following Accelerate SC guidelines and there is no public access into the building at this time.
- SCCOG's Annual November Meeting in Myrtle Beach is cancelled
- SC Association of Counties Annual Meeting will be held in Hilton Head. It is a hybrid conference with virtual sessions and limited in-person events.
- MASC Annual Meeting – cancelled. Portions of this will be held virtually.
- NADO – on hold for now
- SC Works Centers – opening to the public in certain centers. Orangeburg opens on 6/15; Aiken on 6/17 and Barnwell on 6/22.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

No General discussion items.

ADJOURN

Chairman Dorothy Riley adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. William Molnar
Executive Director

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