

MINUTES
KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
November 17, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Alston
Pete Averette
Sidney Dunston
Walter Gardner
Hubert Gooch
Jennifer Jordan
Pete O'Geary
Bryan Pfohl
Joe Shearon
Lou Stultz

Mary Anderson
Jimmy Clayton
Rob Evans
Terry Garrison
Zelodis Jay
Dazale Kearney
Gary Plummer
Barry Richardson
John Stallings
Bob Williford

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Quinlan – Guest Speaker
Julius Banzet- Warrenton
Robert Davie – Warrenton
Mary Hunter – Warrenton
Jeff Parrott – Warrenton
Cindy Gardner – Norlina
Mike Rainey – Henderson
Tony King - Louisburg
Russ Reid

COG STAFF PRESENT:

Timmy Baynes
James Pearce
Rick Seekins
Giannelli Evans
Angela Davis
Ella Williams
Julie Reid
Gina Parham

CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments' Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 27, 2011 COG Board and Executive Committee meetings were presented for the Board's review.

Minutes

Motion # 1

Motion was made by James O'Geary, seconded by Pete Averette to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director, James Pearce presented the Budget Amendments for the Board to review. He stated that the amendments were for contract changes and additions and offered to answer any questions.

FUND 10 - GENERAL FUND

BUDGET AMENDMENT # 1	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED
SYSTEM OF CARE- LME	4715			
EXPENDITURES				
Salary - Juvenile Justice Consultant	166	10,797	5,819	16,616
Supplies	260	750	0	750
Travel	314	632	-18	614
Fringe Benefits	690	7,220	3,891	11,111
Indirect Costs	790	7,454	3,656	11,110
Program Costs	795	<u>3,147</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>4,799</u>
		30,000	15,000	45,000
REVENUES	3452			
System of Care- LME	000	<u>30,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
		30,000	15,000	45,000
BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED
KTREDC- MARKETING	4915			
EXPENDITURES				
Marketing	370	<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
		0	15,000	15,000
REVENUES	3490			
KTREDC- Marketing	291	<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
		0	15,000	15,000
BUDGET AMENDMENT # 3	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED
NC TOMORROW	4942			
EXPENDITURES				
Program Costs	200	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
		0	150,000	150,000
REVENUES	3482			
NC Tomorrow	010	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
		0	150,000	150,000
BUDGET AMENDMENT # 4	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED
AGING- MEDICATION MANAGEMENT	5505			
EXPENDITURES				

Salary- Aging Projects Coordinator	184	0	1,810	1,810
Travel	314	0	100	100
Fringe Benefits	690	0	1,210	1,210
Indirect Costs	790	0	1,210	1,210
Program Costs	795	0	523	523
		0	4,853	4,853
REVENUES	3516			
Aging- Medication Management	010	0	4,853	4,853
		0	4,853	4,853

Budget Amendments # 1 - 7 are necessary because of changes in current contracts as well as new contracts.

BUDGET AMENDMENT # 5	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED
AGING- EVIDENCE BASED	5510			
EXPENDITURES				
Salary- Aging Projects Coordinator	184	0	3,058	3,058
Supplies	260	0	110	110
Travel	314	0	2,000	2,000
Fringe Benefits	690	0	2,045	2,045
Indirect Costs	790	0	2,045	2,045
Program Costs	795	0	883	883
		0	10,141	10,141
REVENUES	3535			
Aging- Evidence Based	000	0	10,141	10,141
		0	10,141	10,141
BUDGET AMENDMENT # 6	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED
WIA- OJT SPECIAL PROJECT	6967			
EXPENDITURES				
Salary- Business Services Rep	186	0	6,093	6,093
Contract Services	200	0	50,000	50,000
Fringe Benefits	690	0	4,074	4,074
Indirect Costs	790	0	4,074	4,074
Program Costs	795	0	1,759	1,759
		0	66,000	66,000
REVENUES	3740			
WIA- OJT Special Project	016	0	66,000	66,000
		0	66,000	66,000
BUDGET AMENDMENT # 7	A/C #	BUDGET	CHANGE	REQUESTED

VANCE CO NSP	7686			
EXPENDITURES				
Salary- CDBG Rehab Specialist	177	0	1,664	1,664
Salary- CDBG Director	179	0	5,465	5,465
Salary- CDBG Planner	181	0	4,186	4,186
Salary- CD Planner	190	0	1,014	1,014
Contract Services	200	0	7,500	7,500
Travel	314	0	750	750
Fringe Benefits	690	0	8,241	8,241
Indirect Costs	790	0	8,241	8,241
Program Costs	795	0	3,559	3,559
		0	40,620	40,620
REVENUES	3475			
Vance Co NSP	436	0	40,620	40,620
		0	40,620	40,620

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Budget Amendments
Motion # 2

Motion was made by Sidney Dunston, seconded by Joe Shearon to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attended NC Regional Council Directors Meeting in Charlotte and much work continues with the NC Tomorrow Project. In addition, a Triangle North Board meeting was held since our last meeting.

A lot of work continues with CDBG Projects, including a Lead Grant, and an Economic Development Project in Franklin County. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm with these projects.

Currently serving on the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program (APNEP) and the board is in the process of updating the plan for the next decade. Meeting dates and locations are provided on the flyer in your meeting packets. Members were encouraged to review the information on line as the Policy Board has worked very hard updating the Comprehensive

Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). Members can submit their comments or attend one of the upcoming sessions in their area to provide feedback.

Work sessions and assistance has been provided to several smaller municipalities since the last meeting.

The COG offices will be closed on November 24 and 25th for Thanksgiving Holidays, All members were wished a happy holiday season since the COG will not hold a Board Meeting in December.

Members were advised that the COG staff had agreed to support a Christmas Project again this year. Normally the adopted agency or family would come from the county of the retiring Chairman; however, last year an unexpected need arose in Vance County so the staff adopted that family. Due to that change, a family will be adopted from Franklin County this year. There is a flyer in the packet which specifies the process for the Christmas Project. Staff members wanted Board Members to be aware of their efforts in case any member would like to participate in the project with the staff.

All members were reminded that there is NO Board Meeting held in December. Also due to Middleburg Steakhouse closing, the meetings will be relocated during the months ahead. The COG staff is looking at several options on where these meetings could be held in the future. At this time meeting space has been reserved at the Henderson Country Club in Henderson for January and February. As we relocate the meeting to different facilities, we may have to do away with the free social that we had in the past and members would be responsible for their social.

Mr. Baynes also advised that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has still not provided year end closeout information to any agencies at this time. In case DHHS does not make the cut-off deadline date to get information to the COG, Mr. Baynes asked for tentative approval for a time extension on the COG Audit contract if this information was not received. He assured the Board that there would be no further cost involved as it was simply a time extension.

Audit Extension

Motion # 3

Motion was made by Bryan Pfohl, seconded by Pete Averette to approve a time extension on the COG audit contract if necessary, with it being understood there would be no additional fee incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Chairman Gardner encouraged all local governments to express their concern and opposition to the re-opening of the Uranium Mine in Cole's Hill, VA. The re-opening of this mine could cause major environmental problems downstream which would affect many of our counties and other parts of North Carolina.

At this time, Chairman Gardner asked Bob Williford to provide the invocation prior to the dinner meal. Prior to the invocation, Mr. Williford stated that the City of Oxford would be 200 years old in 2016 and they had just elected their first female Mayor during the this year's elections.

After dinner, the Chairman asked that we give the caterer a round of applause. Walter then turned the program over to Paul Quinlan, who is the Managing Director of the NC Sustainable Energy Association.

NC RURAL CENTER PRESENTATION

Paul advised he would give an overview of what his agency sees regarding Clean Energy Resources and Technology for North Carolina.

Highlights of Paul's presentation included:

Energy Efficiency – Quickest payback- Energy Star which is found in a fourth of the new homes

Biomass – Lot of debate on what is included....Biomass resources include...."agricultural waste, animal waste, wood waste, spent pulping liquors, combustible residues, combustible liquids, combustible gases, energy crops, or landfill methane." Forest resources are the most abundant biomass resource in NC.

Geothermal – Used more widely in California. This process is when cooler air is pumped in to the earth, and heated warm air extracted for heat. This process can be done in North Carolina as well.

Hydro Energy – Process is used more in the Mountain Valley areas.

Solar Energy – This can be used for hot water, space heating and swimming pools. Roxboro has a great example of Solar Energy with their Solar Field.

Wind Energy – Some turbines are located at the Coast and Mountain areas in North Carolina. The turbine height is very important for this to be an effective energy source.

Paul also discussed the Economics of Clean Energy Policies.

Three revenue stream:

- Sale of electricity (different amounts over the course of the year)
- Sale of renewable energy certificates (RECs) Important aspect for economics of any project.
- State and Federal Tax Credits

There are poultry and swine waste requirements in NC only.

As of June there were 1800 Renewable Systems in rural NC counties and more solar systems in the Urban counties.

Energy Star has Supermarket programs of which Food Lion is a member and the Food Lion stores are basically powering for free using the Energy Star Program!

Program is currently revisiting homes that were built prior to 1970 to get ideas of how to retrofit to make these homes more energy efficient. Customers in some of these older homes are paying higher rates to many of our local electric cooperatives.

Funding is required to address better efficiency in older homes.

Legislation was introduced last year that would allow an energy developer to place a solar setup on property and then sell this power.

On the most recent energy census it is believed that 14,800 jobs in NC are related to energy.

Contact Paul with any questions or contact the COG for more informational booklets.

Information about NC tax credits are available on line at www.energync.org

Members were advised that two deep ground geothermal systems were set in Franklin County last year. Costs run about \$10,000 to \$15,000 for this system for a residential setting. These systems use the constant temperature of the earth's core to heat and cool. Systems do qualify for tax credits.

The Chairman and attendees thanked Paul for his informative presentation. He encouraged members to pick up one of the booklets Paul had on hand.

Also advised that Roxboro is active in the solar power business and now Vance county is working with a company to build solar panels.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walter invited everyone to Warrenton for breakfast on Thanksgiving morning at the Fire Department. Meal will be served from 5:00 AM until 10:30 AM. Menu: Eggs, Grits, Country Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits, Gravy, Pancakes and Muffins.

Wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing everyone in January at the Henderson Country Club.

There being no further comments, the meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy M. Baynes, Executive Director
Secretary to the Board of Directors