

**Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments  
Board of Directors  
October 22, 2020**

**Members Present**

John Alston	Walter Gardner	Philip Meador
Mary Anderson	Carroll Harris	Tom Lane
Wayne Aycock	Wanda Henderson	Ruth Nance
Kechia Brustmeyer-Brown	Reggie Horton	Kenneth Perry
Francine Chavis	Zelodis Jay	David Smith
Sidney Dunston	Jennifer Jordan Pierce	Danny Wright
Carolyn Faines	Leo Kelly	Betty Wright

**COG Staff:**

Diane Cox  
Susan Tucker  
Lou Grillo  
Donna Lee  
Michael Kelly

**Others:**

Jim Wrenn, COG Attorney

**Roll Call**

As the meeting was conducted virtually, a voice roll call was requested and a quorum confirmed.

**Call to Order**

As a quorum was present, Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Chairman Dunston asked for the pleasure of the Board with regard to the Consent Agenda, which contained:

- A. September 15, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes
- B. September 24, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes
- C. September 24, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- D. October 8, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes
- E. September Finance Report
- F. Executive Director's Report

**Motion #1**

A motion was made by Sidney Dunston to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Zelodis Jay. A full roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Comments from the public**

Chairman Kelly asked if there were any comments received from the public on issues concerning the COG. Members of the public were asked to register in advance. There were no comments registered.

### **Public Hearing: NCDOT Grant Application**

Chairman Kelly opened the Public Hearing for any comments on the proposed Program Application to be submitted to the NC Department of Transportation no later than December 1, 2020. Members of the public who wished to make public comments were required to register in advance, and no comments were received. As such, Chairman Kelly closed the Public Hearing.

### **Approval of NCDOT Program Application**

Executive Director Diane Cox asked the Board to consider a resolution approving the submission of a Grant Application to the NC DOT. The objective of the program is to facilitate and coordinate public transportation opportunities in Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren counties that meet the medical transportation needs of elderly persons and those living with disabilities in rural areas for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. The total estimated amount of the request would be \$300,000 for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Director Cox added that \$197,000 was received from this grant program for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, and that the program provided 340 individuals with 9330 trips during that time. She added that the majority of trips provided were related to dialysis services. Chairman Kelly then called for questions from the Board.

Chairman Kelly himself asked how transportation services are provided. Director Cox responded that services are provided in Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren counties through KARTS, and in Person County through PATS.

Danny Wright inquired if a local match was required for services. Cox explained that a 10% match is required, and that Region K counties use Aging Funding through the Home & Community Care Block Grant to provide the match funds.

Wanda Henderson asked how clients are identified for the service, and Director Cox highlighted multiple referral routes, including Social Workers at local Dialysis centers, Senior Centers and the Department of Social Services, and that clients must be 65 years of age or older or have a certification of disability to qualify for services.

Chairman Kelly wrapped up the questions by inquiring if applications and referrals from other sources were welcome, and Director Cox indicated that they were welcomed and encouraged.

### **Motion #2**

At this point, Dr. Philip Meador moved for a resolution approving the submission of the application. The motion was seconded by Walter Gardner. A full roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Appointment to the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee**

Chairman Kelly recognized Executive Director Diane Cox, who shared that a request to fill the current Warren County vacancy on the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee has been received. She asked the Board to consider appointing Sallie White, Branch Leader for BB&T (now Truist) of Warrenton to the committee.

### **Motion #3**

Walter Gardner made a motion that Ms. White be appointed. John Alston seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Building Lease – KTCOG Offices, 1724 Graham Avenue**

Director Cox stated that the lease for the Kerr-Tar Regional COG office space at 1724 Graham Avenue, Henderson NC is up for renewal January 1, 2021. Terms of the lease between the Vance County Board of Education and the KTCOG include 5,661 square feet of office space at a rate of \$8.50 per square foot through December 30, 2025. There is no change in cost from the existing lease.

### **Motion 4#**

Sidney Dunston moved that the lease be approved for renewal. Danny Wright seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was held, and the measure passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia S. Cox  
Secretary to the Board of Directors