

# GNRC

Greater Nashville Regional Council  
501 Union Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-1705

Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.  
Music City Central  
400 Charlotte Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee

## MINUTES

### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Rogers Anderson	Williamson County
Brooke Barrett	TDEC
Meredith Benton	TDEC
David Bordenkircher	Sierra Club
Howard Bradley	Robertson County
Paige Brown	Gallatin
Ernest Burgess	Rutherford County
Fred Burton	Wilson County
Philip Craighead	Lebanon
Jim Durrett	Montgomery County
Brandi Ghergia	Cheatham County
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Frank Humber	Fairview
Randall Hutto	Wilson County
Rick Johnson	Ashland City
Thomas King II	Millersville
Jerry Kirkman	Westmoreland
Denise McBride	THDA
Mike McClanahan	Kingston Springs
Ken McLawhon	Nolensville
Kim McMillan	Clarksville
Jeffrey L. Peach	Smyrna
Bob Rial	Dickson County
Charles Schneider	Congressman Diane Black's office
Bill Terry	TACIR
Ken Wilber	Portland
Tauna Blaisdell	GNRC
Patty Cavanah	GNRC
Sam Edwards	GNRC
Amanda Evilcizer	GNRC
Amanda Giner	GNRC-MADC
Melanie Howell	GNRC
Jovia King	GNRC
Tim Roach	GNRC
Matt Von Lunen	GNRC
Gayle Wilson	GNRC

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Kim McMillan called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Music City Central Station, 400 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

President McMillan welcomed any new members and guests.

Meredith S. Benton, TDEC Chief of Staff, introduced Brooke Barrett, TDEC Regional Director for External Affairs. Both urged members to contact them if they have any questions or concerns.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY**

Gayle Wilson, Assistant Director of Area Agency on Aging and Disability, reported that the GNRC Area Plan was completed. Ms. Wilson also reported that provider applications are all in for FY 2016.

Melanie Howell, AAAD Division Counselor, reported on the OPTIONS Program. This program assesses and determines eligibility for those in need. Part of the program includes the Home and Community Based Services, Family Caregiver, Choices Intake (formerly Medicaid Waiver) and the Veterans Program.

GNRC has over 100 clients with persons in all 13 counties. While there is a long wait list, GNRC staff is working very hard to bring those numbers down.

**RESEARCH, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Tim Roach, Deputy Executive Director of Research, Planning and Development, reported that things are going well and there is nothing new to report.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Kim McMillan called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 18, 2015 GNRC Executive Committee meeting.

Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Portland Mayor Ken Wilber seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Tauna Blaisdell, Deputy Executive Director of Administration/Operations and Chief Fiscal Officer, presented the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2015. The total expenditures for the month of March were \$562,432.79 with \$210,989.83 in pass through for the Aging programs. The year-to-date expenditures were \$5,260,593.00 with \$1,769,950.82 in pass through. The total revenues were \$5,520,830.11.

Ashland City Mayor Rick Johnson made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Robertson County Mayor Howard Bradley seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the financial report were unanimously accepted.

Ms. Blaisdell reported that the FY 2014 audit had no findings.

### **PROJECT REVIEW**

Tim Roach, Deputy Executive Director of Research, Planning and Development, presented four (4) new projects that were reviewed this reporting period. Staff found no conflict with existing or planned activities and recommended approval.

Robertson County Mayor Howard Bradley made a motion to approve the projects as submitted. Lebanon Mayor Philip Craighead seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **RESOLUTION GNRC 2015-11: Submission of AAAD FY 2016 Area Plan**

Gayle Wilson, Assistant Director of the Area Agency on Aging and Disability, presented Resolution GNRC 2015-11: A resolution approving the GNRC's Area Agency on Aging and Disability proposed FY 2016 Area Plan, FY 2016 Area Plan goals and objectives and FY 2016 State and Federal funds allocated to implement the FY 2016 Area Plan. Ms. Wilson reported that the Aging Advisory Council had already reviewed and approved this plan.

Portland Mayor Ken Wilber made a motion to approve Resolution GNRC 2015-11 as presented. Westmoreland Mayor Jerry Kirkman seconded the motion.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Sam Edwards, Executive Director/Chief Legal Counsel, reported that the reason the flags were at half-staff was that it was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death.

Mr. Edwards reported that the General Assembly is almost there.

Bills of interest:

- Guns can no longer be prohibited in parks - passed
- SB 382 passed (this creates new methods of guaranteeing infrastructure improvements before final subdivision plat approval by regional or municipal planning commissions; eliminates criminal penalty for transferring land before subdivision plat approval and before recording plat with county register)
- SB0323: clarifies that agricultural lands located within an identified special flood hazard area located in a county participating in the national flood insurance program are not exempt from building permit requirements and other county zoning regulations – this bill may be trouble in the future

Caption bills are always dangerous. Some of the annexation bills have been deferred to 2016.

The Growth Plan will have to be done again. The new bill will tell you that you have to redo and within what timeframe.

Mr. Edwards assured members that a final report showing all bills that have passed will be sent out. This final report will show the bill number, description and the Public Chapter number assigned to it.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

President Kim McMillan reported she had confirmation from her appointees that they would be willing to serve. They are:

- Cathy McLeod, CPA from Clarksville
- Nancy Ladd, CPA from Clarksville
- Mark Follis, CPA from Murfreesboro

Robertson County Mayor Howard Bradley made a motion to confirm the appointed Private Citizens Audit Committee. Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patty Cavanah*

Recording Secretary  
Assistant to the Executive Director  
SHE/pyc