

GNRC

Greater Nashville Regional Council
501 Union Street, 6th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-1705

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 10:45 a.m.
Music City Central
400 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

MINUTES

Those in Attendance:

Megan Barry	Nashville
Dennis Buchanan	Mt. Juliet
Howard Bradley	Robertson County
Paige Brown	Gallatin
Ernest Burgess	Rutherford County
Fred Burton	Wilson County
Philip Craighead	Lebanon
Jim Durrett	Montgomery County
Scott Foster	Hendersonville
Wayne Hall	Fairview
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Randall Hutto	Wilson County
Gary Jaeckel	UT - MTAS
Rick Johnson	Ashland City
Jerry Kirkman	Westmoreland
Kenny Martin	Mt. Juliet
Kim McMillan	Clarksville
Denise McBride	THDA
Jeff Peach	Town of Smyrna
Bob Rial	Dickson County
Robin Roberts	CTAS
Bill Terry	TACIR
Tauna Blaisdell	GNRC
Bryan Collins	GNRC
Amanda Giner	GNRC
Grant Green	GNRC
Taylor Hollars	GNRC
Angie Hutchison	GNRC
Hope Jackson	GNRC
Jovia King	GNRC
Norma Powell	GNRC
Matt Von Lunen	GNRC
Laylah Smith	GNRC
Gayle Wilson	GNRC

Call to Order

President Randall Hutto called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Music City Central Station, 400 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

President Hutto welcomed any new members and guests.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD)

Norma Powell, Deputy Executive Director of AAAD, reported that News Channel 5 interviewed the Information and Assistance supervisor, Diane Schlaufman, on keeping seniors safe. It ran on Tuesday, December 8th and the report is on our website. On Thursday, December 10th, the Tennessean featured one of our senior centers, Byrum Porter Senior Center in Orinda, conducting an evacuation drill.

Norma received approval from the Finance & Personnel Committee to hire a part-time person for Veteran's Directed Home and Community Based Services program. This is already in our budget. This position will be posted internally and externally.

Norma attended the TDDA meeting in Sam Edwards' absence. They are requesting more funding for the Development Districts from the State. Angie Hutchison will email you handouts from that meeting.

Mid-Cumberland Area Development Corporation (MADC)

Amanda Giner, MADC Executive Director, reported there are funds available to loan to small business owners and that SBA interest rates remain low at 4.87% fixed for 20 years. To find additional information on all loan programs, Ms. Giner referred them to MADC's website at www.madc.us.

Research, Planning and Development

Matt Von Lunen, Research, Planning and Development Division Administrator, passed out a Tennessee Development District CDBG Distribution FY 2016 list which was requested by the Executive Committee earlier in the year. GNRC is in the process of preparing 3 CDBG applications.

The reason our communities are missing out is that the state uses 3 criteria to judge CDBGs: community need (per capita income), project need and project impact. If you want a better chance, you need to put in a bigger match than the bare minimum. Instead of looking at a whole county, it may need to be broken down. Some wealthier counties have pockets of low-income communities that still need help. Some cities are awarded CDBG funds automatically. This new fiscal year the CDBG is coming under the Rural Development office.

Matt Von Lunen is to bring back an action plan for January's Executive Committee meeting. Also bring a breakdown of which communities get automatic CDBG funds and which need to apply for funds. Matt was asked to prepare a letter that outlines the issues that each Mayor can personalize and send to their representatives.

Robertson County Mayor Howard Bradley made a motion for Matt Von Lunen to draft an action plan and letter. Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

President Randall Hutto called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the November 18, 2015 GNRC Executive Committee meeting.

Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dickson County Mayor Bob Rial 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 November 30, 2015. The total expenditures for the month of November were \$463,102.64 with \$14,987.70 in pass through. The year-to-date expenditures were \$3,459,440.89. The total revenues were \$2,686,159.23. The total pass through were \$1,435,472.04.

Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan made a motion to approve the finance report as presented. Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Project Review

Matt Von Lunen, Research, Planning and Development Division Administrator, presented two (2) new projects that were reviewed this reporting period. Staff found no conflict with existing or planned activities and recommended approval. Both were TDOT projects.

Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt made a motion to approve the projects as submitted. Nashville Mayor Megan Barry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Legislative Agenda

Hope Jackson, Deputy Executive Director of Human Resources and Chief Legal Counsel, reported that two bills have been drafted so far. There is a watch list so if we need to move on any items. The requested word changes are reflected on the legislative agenda.

Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan made a motion to approve legislative agenda. Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Other Business

There was a closed Executive Session this morning to hear about the investigative report from Tom Whitworth. Around 9:30 this morning, the Finance and Personnel Committee met to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Angie Hutchison read the first recommendation.

Based on findings by an independent investigator retained by GNRC that Tim Roach violated the Equal Employment/Sexual Harassment and Drug and Alcohol Free Work Place policies, the Finance and Personnel Community made the following motion to recommend that Tim Roach's employment be terminated effected immediately. Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt made a motion to approve termination. Nashville Mayor Megan Barry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Dickson County Mayor Bob Rial made a motion to approve the termination. Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Angie Hutchison read the second recommendation.

Sam Edwards will remain on paid administrative leave until further notice. Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt made a motion to approve paid administrative leave. Nashville Mayor Megan Barry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Dickson County Mayor Bob Rial made a motion to approve the paid administrative leave. Robertson County Mayor Howard Bradley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

It was requested that the Finance and Personnel Committee meet soon to discuss Sam Edwards' situation and call an Executive Committee meeting before the monthly January meeting.

Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett made a motion to approve the called meetings. Dickson County Mayor Bob Rial seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Patty Cavanah retires at the end of this month. This is her last Executive Committee meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Hutchison

Recording Secretary
Administrative Support Specialist
NLP/adh & hj