



**Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments**

Thursday, February 23, 2017 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CCMCOG Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Melissa Atkins, Lexington County
Jimmy Bales, Richland County Legislative Delegation
Erin Long Berguson, Lexington County Council
Connie Breeden, Richland County
Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council
David Brown, Fairfield County
John Carrigg, Lexington County
Kathy Condom, Irmo Town Council
Ben Connell, Kershaw County Council
Ellen Cooper, City of Columbia
Kendall Corley, Richland County
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council
Julie Ann Dixon, Richland County
MaryGail Douglas, Fairfield Co Legislative Delegation
Shawn Epps, City of Columbia
Dr. Roger Gaddy, Chairman, Winnsboro Town Mayor
Malcolm Gordge, Blythewood Town Council
Zebbie Goudelock, Newberry City Council
John Hardee, City of Columbia
Norman Jackson, Richland County Council
William Leidinger, City of Columbia
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Mayor of Lexington
Earl McLeod, Lexington County
Elise Partin, Cayce City Mayor
Juston Ricard, Springdale Town Council
Bill Waldrop, Newberry County Council

ADVISORY MEMBER PRESENT:

Barbara Smith-Carey, Mayor of Pelion

GUESTS PRESENT:

Boyd Brown, Tompkins, Thompson & Brown
Government Affairs
Tevia D. Brown, S.C. Department of Transportation
Julian Burns, Chair, Kershaw County Council
Chris Clauson, Town of Chapin
Randy Edwards, Town of Lexington
Jim Frierson, S.C. Department of Transportation
Holland Leger, Lexington County
Maeve Mason, Office of Regulatory Staff, Energy
Office
Landon Masters, Office of Regulatory Staff, Energy
Office
Yolanda Morris, Federal Highway Administration
Donna Peeler, Joint Municipal Water and Sewer
Commission
Robert I. Pratt, Richland County Penny Tax
Will Schenk, EngenuitySC
Jeff Stilwell, Town of Springdale

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Felicia Anderson, HR /Operations Manager
Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner
Eartha Burrell, Community Development Planner
Guillermo Espinosa, Senior Planner
Cyndi Gawronski, Community Development
Manager
Anna Harmon, Director of the Long-Term Care
Ombudsman Program
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Malia Ropel, Finance Director
Andy Simmons, Information Services Manager
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive
Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director of Research, Planning and
Development

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. on February 23, 2017 by Chairman Roger Gaddy.

A1. Determination of Quorum

Chairman Gaddy acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

A2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved, seconded by Vina Abrams, to approve the order and contents of the overall agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

A3. Introduction of Guests

Gregory Sprouse introduced the guests at today's meeting. They are listed on the first page.

A4. Invocation

The Board held a moment of silence in memory and honor of State Representative Joseph Neal who recently passed away.

Johnny Jeffcoat gave the invocation.

A5. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Johnny Jeffcoat was presented with a resolution recognizing his years of service to the CMCOG Board of Directors.

A6. Introduction of New Board Members

Chairman Gaddy introduced Councilwoman Erin Long Bergeson who is representing Lexington County on the CMCOG Board of Directors.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the December 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, approved
2. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds to CMRTA, **To approve the transfer of the entire amount of FY 2015 FTA Section 5307 funds to CMRTA, approved**
3. Quarterly Financial Statement, **To approve the financial statement for the period from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, approved**
4. Revised Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2016, **To approve the revised Financial and Compliance Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, approved**
5. 2016-2022 TIP Amendment – FTA Program Allocations, **To approve fiscal year 2017 partial federal funding apportionments to be added to the 2016-2022 TIP, approved**

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved, seconded by Joyce Dickerson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Stronger Economies Together

Gregory Sprouse provided an update on the Stronger Economies Together (SET) program. The program is a technical service and training initiative launched in 2009 by USDA Rural Development. The purpose of SET is to strengthen the capacity of rural communities to work together to develop and implement an economic development plan based on current and emerging strengths and comparative economic advantages. Mr. Sprouse discussed the project partners and upcoming events. A brief discussion took place.

No action was taken for this agenda item.

C2. Update on Military Joint Installation Planning

Mr. Sprouse explained that over the past ten years, CMCOG, Richland County, and other partners have been working with our military installations to collaborate on land use planning activities that help ensure neighboring communities can sustain economic activity and growth without degrading the military missions on the bases. Mr. Sprouse briefed the Board on the project and other joint installation planning efforts. A brief discussion took place.

No action was taken for this agenda item.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMITTEE OR STAFF REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCES

D1. Executive Director's Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- Staff will be contacting local governments to remind them of the COG's capabilities to provide technical assistance.
- The SC COGs Directors recently held their annual meeting with Senator Hugh Letterman regarding the FY 2017-18 State funding. The directors requested additional \$500,000 to be used to match federal programs and pursue other funding opportunities.
- The Midlands Workforce Development Board received an incentive grant for \$126,508 to help address the demand for public disaster and humanitarian assistance in the wake of Hurricane Matthew.

D2. SCDOT Programmed Project Viewer

Elizabeth Thebo gave a presentation on the SCDOT Programmed Project Viewer. The program was developed in response to the Legislative Audit Council's audit. This tool allows members of the public to view information about all of the SCDOT's programmed projects. Ms. Thebo demonstrated how the program works. A brief discussion took place.

D3. Palmetto Clean Fuels

Maevae Mason and Landon Masters provided a general overview of the Clean Cities Program. The overview included information on the SC Energy Office's program areas, local partnerships, and information on Energy Efficiency Revolving Loans and Mini-Grants. A brief discussion took place.

D4. 2016 Regional Competitiveness Report

Will Schenk provided an overview of the 2016 Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report. He stated that EngenuitySC has developed an annual scorecard that identifies and tracks metrics that measure the competitiveness of the regional economy. He discussed each component of the report.

D5. CDBG 2017 Community Report

Cyndi Gawronski updated the Board on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2017 Community Infrastructure Spring Round Availability. She stated that there are two (2) CDBG sources for the Midlands: 1) HUD Entitlements: Lexington County, City of Columbia and Richland County; and 2) State Funding from the SC Department of Commerce (SCDOC). Ms. Gawronski also discussed the SCDOC Allocation Plan for 2017, upcoming CDBG deadlines and other grant opportunities.

D6. Regional Roundup

Johnny Jeffcoat introduced Lexington County Councilwoman, Erin Long Bergeson.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business was brought forth.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

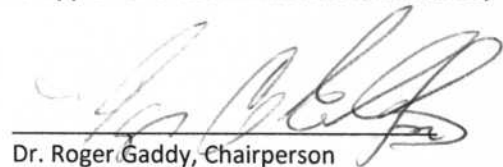
No other business was brought forth.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:59 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its March 23, 2017 meeting.


Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer


Dr. Roger Gaddy, Chairperson

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Felicia C. Anderson