

**HIGH COUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MAY 15, 2017
MINUTES**

The Executive Board of the High Country Council of Governments met May 15, 2017, 7:00pm, at the High Country Council of Governments' Office in Boone. The following members and alternates were present at the meeting: J.B. Lawrence, Robert L. Johnson, Rick Miller, Dale Baldwin, William Sands, Joel Whitley, Tudor Vance, Chris Jones, Valerie C. Jaynes, Michelle Slaton, Larry Fontaine, Rennie Brantz, Vern Grindstaff, Mark Evans, Paul Robinson, Jr., and Johnny Riddle. The following staff and guests were present at the meeting: Shane Fox, Jeff Hedrick, Phil Trew, Julie Wiggins, Keith Deveraux, Kate Hayes, and Tanna Greathouse.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Vice Chair Johnny Riddle called the meeting to order in Chairwoman Lyerly's absence and thanked everyone for attending. Vice Chair Riddle called on J.B. Lawrence to lead the invocation. Vice Chair Riddle then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Robert L. Johnson made a motion to approve the Executive Board minutes for April 17, 2017. Rennie Brantz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

April Financial Highlights

Vice Chair Riddle called on Executive Director Shane Fox to give details regarding the April financials. Mr. Fox reviewed the Financial Highlights as of April 30, 2017 (Attachment A1). J.B. Lawrence made a motion to approve the Financial Highlights report. Robert L. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution to Establish a Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance Policy

Mr. Fox presented a resolution (Attachment A2) for the board's consideration. This resolution was presented and discussed at the April meeting and there were no further comments or suggestions from board members. Vern Grindstaff made a motion to adopt the Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance Policy Resolution. Rennie Brantz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adoption of FYE2018 Budget

Mr. Fox presented key facts and figures from the FYE2018 Budget (Attachment A3). Mr. Fox stated the budget totaled \$5,808,827 and reflects \$300,000 in new revenue from a variety of sources. J.B. Lawrence made a motion to approve the FYE2018 Budget. Robert L. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO HCCOG BY-LAWS

Mr. Fox presented proposed changes to the By-Laws (Attachment B) that were first introduced and discussed at the April board meeting. Mr. Fox highlighted a few additional grammatical changes that were added since then. Chris Jones made a motion to adopt the proposed changes to HCCOG By-Laws. Rick Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE MEMBERS

Julie Wiggins, Area Agency on Aging Director, announced she had STHL board member directories available for anyone wanting a hard copy. The directory provides biographical information about each member. Ms. Wiggins announced Wilkes County had a new Delegate – Mr. Kenneth Foster, and a new Alternate – Mr. Ormond Loomis.

DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVING REOPENING OF FACILITIES AT DOUGHTON PARK ON THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Phil Trew, Planning & Development Director, presented a draft resolution (Attachment C) supporting the reopening of facilities at Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Facilities there have been closed since 2010 and require substantial renovations. J.B. Lawrence stated his support for the resolution and commented on how the Blue Ridge Parkway is a major economic engine in our area. Mr. Trew stated copies of adopted resolutions would be sent to legislators and included in any applicable grant applications. The resolution will be presented at the June meeting for action.

REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Update on Regional Programs, Projects and Issues

Mr. Fox presented the May ReCOgnition Newsletter and thanked Tanna Greathouse for putting that together. Mr. Fox mentioned the COG had several sets of monitors in the office since our last meeting and that reports were positive.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

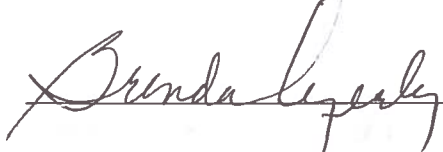
Tudor Vance asked board members to keep the Morton family in their thoughts and prayers.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS


Vice Chair Riddle thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As there were no other comments or business, J.B. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn. Robert L. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.



Chairwoman, Brenda Lyerly



Clerk to the Board, Tanna Greathouse

Date 6/19/2017