

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

August 27, 2009

The regular meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee was held August 27, 2009 in the Seventh Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building; Harrisburg, Dauphin County, PA. Chairman Eakin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. by welcoming all members and guests.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: Mr. Paul Clark, Ms. Jackie Eakin, Commissioner Gary Eichelberger, Mr. Skip Memmi, Commissioner Steve Naylor, and Mr. James Turner. Messrs. Szyborski and Reardon of the staff were present. Mr. Kirk Stoner, Director Cumberland County Planning Department and Mr. Anthony Amadure, Cumberland County Economic Development, were present as guests.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Turner, the minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Szyborski reviewed the Financial Statement for the period January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009. The Financial Statement was accepted for filing and audit on a motion by Commissioner Naylor, seconded by Mr. Clark. A copy of the Financial Statement is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

Mr. Reardon distributed a schedule of proposed planned development section workshops for the update of the regional transportation plan. The project development process required for this update will be using a new method and staff would strongly encourage all project sponsors to attend at least one of the nine workshop meetings. Further information will be distributed closer to the date of each meeting.

Mr. Szyborski reviewed the payment of expenses for the month of July 2009. On a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Commissioner Naylor, the expenses for July were approved for payment. A copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The August month-to-date expenses were reviewed for information purposes.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CAEDC LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioner Eichelberger gave a presentation on a Cumberland County Economic Development application for designation as an Area Loan Organization and Industrial

Development Corporation. The Commissioner's presentation included information regarding the historical use of funds in Cumberland County. He indicated the benefits to Cumberland County and to Pennsylvania as part of his dialogue. The commission discussed the sample support letter previously forwarded by the CCED. Commissioner Eichelberger made a motion to send a letter of support to PA DCED regarding the County's application. There was no second to the motion. Discussion continued as to the current provider's position and the short turn-around time on the request.

(It should be noted Commissioner Eichelberger and CC staff left the meeting at 2:12 pm)

PENSION PLAN

Mr. Reardon presented a spreadsheet showing the results of increasing the staff contribution to the pension plan to 5% over various time periods. On a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Mr. Turner, the commission took action to raise the employee participation percent to 5% over a period of four years, equaling a one-half percent increase each year, beginning January 1st.

REGIONAL BUS TRANSIT COORDINATION STUDY

Mr. Szymborski reported the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership recently expanded to include Berks County, bringing to nine the number of counties involved in the commuter effort. Through the work of BARTA, the Berks area transit provider, the SRTP was successful in obtaining a \$300,000 grant to study the potential of providing inter-county transit service throughout the region. The grant does require a 3.3% local match. Basing the local match on county commuter interactions, the Tri-County region's match requirement is \$2,597.40. Mr. Szymborski requested this funding be allocated from the regional commission's reserve account. On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Commissioner Naylor, the request for this funding was approved.

2010 DRAFT TCRPC BUDGET

Mr. Reardon presented a preliminary draft of the 2010 TCRPC budget. He has been in discussions with Cumberland County staff regarding issues with next year's planning program, many of which are still pending. After presenting the proposal and indicating the areas still requiring discussion, Mr. Reardon asked for a consensus to continuing working with the counties to firm up the budget for a presentation at next month's executive committee meeting.

TCRPC 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Mr. Szymborski noted the two-year terms for commission members ends this December and staff will be beginning the process of distributing information to the municipalities for nominations to the planned development sections. For the 2010-2011 term, the Chairman and Secretary positions are assigned to Perry County, with the Vice-Chair and Treasurer positions filled by Dauphin and Cumberland Counties respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Commissioner Naylor, seconded by Mr. Clark, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

William Forrey

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Secretary