

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, February 28, 2019 6:30 P.M.  
POINT SOUTH, SOUTH CAROLINA

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
<b>BEAUFORT COUNTY:</b>	Phillip Cromer Gerald Dawson Brian Flewelling Herbert Glaze William Harkins Chris Hervochon Joseph McDomick Paul Sommerville Dan Wood	Mary Beth Heyward Mark Lawson
<b>COLLETON COUNTY:</b>	Esther Black Bobby Bonds Tim Grimsley Tommy Mann Phillip Taylor, Sr. Gene Whetsell	Dr. Joseph Flowers Crawford Moore
<b>HAMPTON COUNTY:</b>	J.L. Goodwin Pete Hagood Ronald Mixson Buddy Phillips Charles Savino Nat Shaffer	Pete Mixson
<b>JASPER COUNTY:</b>	John Carroll Tom Johnson Henry Lawton, Sr. Joey Malphrus	Gwen Smith
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Jenny Boulware, Celia Price, Al Jenkins, York Glover, John Fleming	
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mike Butler, Sabrena Graham, Ginnie Kozak, Jordan Newman, Sherry Smith, Michelle Knight, Lynette Harley	

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Bonds called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
  - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.2 Invocation
    - Led by Phillip Taylor, Sr.
  - 1.3 Introduction of Guests and Staff

Action

1.4 Proxies

- Dr. Joe Flowers to Mr. Gene Whetsell
- Mr. Pete Mixson to Mr. J.L. Goodwin

1.5 Approval of January 24, 2019 Minutes

- MOVED by Mr. Phillip Cromer and seconded by Mr. Tommy Mann to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Presentation

2.1 Presentation to retiring Board Member: Mr. Henry Lawton, Sr.

- Mr. Henry Lawton served on the LCOG Board for over 40 years and is the longest living member. He was presented with a plaque and gift that commemorates his time on the board.

2.2 Main Street South Carolina Program—Ms. Jenny Boulware

- There are 23 local programs statewide. There are 271 municipalities in our state. Not every area has a main street. Main Street has a 4-pt approach. It is DOPE: (1) Design—restoring physical value, (2) Organization—restoring the civic approach, (3) Promotion—restoring social value, and (4) Economic Development—restoring the economic development value. In 2018, there were 41 improvement projects and 60 businesses opened. This created 229 jobs.

3. Reports

3.1 Finance Report for January 2019—Ms. Sherry Smith

- Revenues over expenditures were \$72,353 and 1.19% of the budget has been expended.
- Copies of the Finance Report were distributed in the agenda packets.

3.2 Community and Economic Development Report—Ms. Michelle Knight

- Deadline for submitting applications for Community Development Block grants is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Michelle Knight and staff if your agency is interested in applying in the Spring round. RIA applications are due by March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Question from Mr. Nat Shaffer: "For the Demo projects in Hampton County (Early Branch & Varnville), is the one in Varnville inside the municipal limits?"
- Answer from Ms. Knight: "I think they're unincorporated areas because that's basically what we were looking at for the Hampton County projects. We were looking at areas outside the town limits."
- Question from Mr. Nat Shaffer: "They are demo-ing what?"
- Answer from Ms. Knight: "Those are vacant residential properties that are attracting nuisances. That's what we're looking at".
- Copies of the Community & Economic Development report were distributed in the packets.

3.3 Director's Report—Ms. Sabrena Graham

- The South Carolina COG-MPO 2019 Conference was held February 4-5 in Beaufort. The conference, with its overall goal of promoting a multi-modal transportation system across the state, focused on topics related to intermodal planning and asset management via local projects, best practices, and issues pertinent to the area. Approximately 70 people attended.

- Many thanks are due Ginnie Kozak and the Planning Staff for hosting the event. Special thanks to the City of Beaufort for allowing us to use their chambers and meeting space.
- The SC Councils of Governments will participate on the Governor's 2020 Census Count Committee. We all know that Census results impacts everything from federal funding to voting in the local area. The COG's role has not been defined but we will do all we can to assist our local governments in this process. The federal government is now hiring temporary employees for the 2020 Census Count. You may apply online at [www.2020Census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020Census.gov/jobs).
- LCOG Procurement: The Aging Department is procuring all senior services this month to include: home delivered and group dining meals, transportation, home care services, respite and disease prevention/health promotion. Deadline to submit a proposal is March 21, 2019. The Workforce Department is procuring a contract for workforce services. Proposals are due April 8, 2019. This board will be presented recommendations for approval on both of these procurements.
- Thank you to Ms. Boulware for her presentation on the Main Street South Carolina program.
- We will host an Orientation for all newly elected County and Town council members on March 28<sup>th</sup> instead of holding our regular March meeting. It is important that all council members in the region know who we are and the services we provide. Please encourage your constituents to come. If you would like to attend, please let Lynette know.
- The State's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program—Rural and Urban Projects has been announced. Planning Director Ginnie Kozak has notified agencies in the region about this grant opportunity. The deadline to apply is March 8. You must apply online at SCDOT. The LCOG Board's Transportation Committee will need to meet before our April board meeting to review/prioritize applicants and submit a recommendation to the full board for approval. LCOG has been asked to submit an application on behalf of Jasper Council on Aging and Beaufort Senior Services. Hampton has decided to apply on their own behalf this year seeking funds for a vehicle. An agency in need of assistance may contact Ginnie.
- Lowcountry Council of Governments now has a Facebook page. So, please like us on Facebook. We will promote our services, announce upcoming events and share success stories on Facebook in our monthly electronic newsletter.

#### 4. Council Time

- There were no reports.

#### **Action**

#### 5. Adjourn

- Moved by Mr. Pete Hagood, seconded by Mr. Brian Flewelling and approved by consensus to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

#### 6. Caucus

- Beaufort County needs to appoint a representative to the Transportation Committee. **Mr. Brian Flewelling was chosen to serve.**

- Colleton County needs to appoint a representative to the HOME Consortium Advisory Committee & the Transportation Committee. **Mr. Phillip Taylor was chosen to serve on the HOME Consortium Advisory Committee & Mr. Gene Whetsell was chosen to serve on the Transportation Committee.**
- Jasper County needs to appoint a representative to the Area Agency on Aging Committee and the 208 Committee. **Mr. Joey Malphrus will serve on both committees.**

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