

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Summary Minutes of March 17, 2016

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:31 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Clyde Haulman, Chairman (WM)
Dr. Ella P. Ward, Vice Chair (CH)
James Baker (CH)
Debbie Ritter (CH)
Randy Martin (FR)
Chris Snead (HA)
George Wallace (HA)
Rex Alphin (IW)
Sanford B. Wanner (IW)
Bryan J. Hill (JC)
Michael Hipple (JC)
James Bourey (NN)
Saundra Cherry (NN)
McKinley Price (NN)

Mamie B. Johnson (NO)*
Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)
Kenneth Wright (PO)
Traci Dale Crawford (PQ)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Michael Johnson (SH)
Barry Porter (SH)
Patrick Roberts (SU)
Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)
Dave Hansen (VB)
Barbara Henley (VB)
Louis R. Jones (VB)
Neil Morgan (YK)

Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

*Late arrival or early departure.

Others Recorded Attending:

Robb Braidwood, Earl Sorey (CH); Garrey Curry (GL); Brian DeProfio (HA); Brita Ayers, Bryan Stilley, (NN); Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski, (NO); Dallas O. Jones (SH); Bob Matthias, Erin Sutton (VB); Jeff Wassmer (YK); Demontre Boone (Congressman Bobby Scott's Office); Drew Lumpkin (Senator Mark Warner's Office); Shannon Kendrick (Congressman Scott Rigell); Diane Kaufman (Senator Tim Kaine's Office); Rob Mooney (DHS); Stacie Neal, Adam Thiel (Office of the Governor); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Cathy Davidson (Albemarle Commission); Kevin Page (HRTAC); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Curtis Brown (VDEM); Eric Stringfield (VDOT); Peter Huber (Willcox and Savage); Staff: Randy Keaton, Rebekah Eastep, Andrea Gayer, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur, Tara Walker.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Haulman requested the Executive Director Contract item be added to the agenda

Commissioner Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the agenda, as amended; seconded by Vice Chair Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Haulman indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Executive Directors Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, reminded the Commission the HRPDC Retreat will be held on April 21, 2016. He stated the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the agenda will include four topics:

- The HRPDC's role in preparing a Regional Economic Development Strategy
- Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee recommendations
- Envision Hampton Roads update
- The HRPDC's role in the legislative process

Commissioner Mamie B. Johnson arrives.

Executive Director Contract

Chair Haulman stated the joint HRPDC and HRTPO Personnel and Budget Committee reviewed Commissioner's comments in regards to the distributed Executive Director Evaluation form. He indicated the Committee recommended making the Executive Director's contract permanent.

Chair Clyde Haulman Moved to make the Executive Directors contract permanent; seconded by Commissioner George Wallace. The Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Items

- A. Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting
- B. Transcribed Public Comments – February 18, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting
- C. Treasurer's Report of January 2016
- D. Janitorial Contract
- E. Prioritize Regional Non-Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Types and Activities.

Commissioner Michael Hipple Moved to approve the consent items; seconded by Vice Chair Ward. The Motion Carried.

Chair Haulman recognized the federal representatives in the audience and thanked them for their presence.

Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Update

Mr. Robb Braidwood, All Hazards Advisory Committee Chair, reviewed the background of the UASI Program and explained the amount of grant money received by a region is determined upon its Risk Assessment Score.

Deputy Secretary Adam Thiel, Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, reinforced the State's continued engagement with the Department of Homeland Security and other federal partners in regards to the Region's Risk Assessment Score. He reviewed the risk calculation equation with the Commission and identified Hampton Roads as ranking 31st overall.

Secretary Thiel outlined nine recommendations from the State to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including the number of Department of Defense (DOD) facilities be considered in future risk profile determinations. He additionally detailed the Commonwealth's initiative to expand the critical infrastructure data call list.

He noted the Region did receive additional Port Security Grant monies in FY15 which were allocated to execute a higher fidelity risk assessment and refine the port security risk assessment. He further explained the State's efforts working FEMA and U.S. Congress in regards to securing UASI funds again for the Hampton Roads region.

Mr. John Sadler, HRPDC Emergency Management, displayed a chart detailing previous UASI grant monies awarded to Hampton Roads and outlined the regional initiatives they funded.

Mr. Braidwood stated if the program continues on the current trajectory, there will need to be a reduced dependency on federal grants and future initiatives will have to be funded locally. Additionally, he explained future potential actions if funding becomes available.

General Assembly Debrief

Mr. Robert Matthias, City of Virginia Beach Assistant to the City Manager, summarized legislation passed during the 2016 General Assembly Session. He outlined the following Transportation examples, which include but are not limited to:

- \$350 million in bond proceeds for capital improvements and automation at Norfolk International Terminal (NIT).
- Amtrak Trains 2 & 3 to Norfolk be established prior to advancing passenger rail for the Washington D.C.—North Carolina Corridor.
- Established new toll policy restricting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), and Northern Virginia

Transportation Authority (NVTa) from tolling existing un-tolled lanes without General Assembly approval except on: HOV/HOT Lanes, new lane capacity, new bridges and short segments of highways between existing toll facilities.

He noted SB 669 failed, which would have provided a local option, without state maintenance penalty, for converting any portion of state supported roadway lane miles to bike and pedestrian lanes.

Mr. Matthias reviewed a series of HRTAC related legislation discussed during the General Assembly Session including, but not limited to:

- Counties can designate a representative.
- All localities to have representation at meetings if the Chief Elected Officer or County Designee is unable to attend, with a minimum of a 48 hour notice.
- No floor on gas tax for HRTAC or NVTa.

Additionally, he briefed the Commission on items pertaining to economic development. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Creates the Go-Virginia program for regional cooperation.
- Provides an additional \$250,000 in support for the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in Portsmouth.
- Newly established JLARC unit providing ongoing oversight of economic development incentives, including grants and tax incentives.
- \$2.4 million over the biennium for Jefferson Lab.

Mr. Bryan Pennington, City of Norfolk Director of Intergovernmental Relations, summarized the HRPDC's leadership on securing approximately \$900 million of additional state monies over the biennium to support public education. He noted these efforts were noticed by Legislators, and identified the following public education actions taken by the General Assembly:

- Reinstates \$193.8 million in lottery per pupil funding using the local composite index formula.
- Additional \$50.3 million and redirects \$143.2 million from Governor's introduced budget to public education initiatives.
- School divisions are given more public education spending flexibility and options.
- \$9.6 million over the biennium for additional career and technical credentialing equipment and Virginia Early Childhood Foundation.
- \$2.9 million over the biennium to increase Preschool Initiative per pupil grants.
- \$2.1 million to develop/implement a performance-based teacher compensation system.

Mr. Matthias indicated state employees will be receiving a 3% salary increase effective November 2016, with a 2% salary adjustment for teachers and state-supported local employees effective December 2016. He additionally reported the State was funding the

Virginia Retirement System (VRS) at 90% of the board certified rate for teachers in FY17 and at 100% in FY18.

Furthermore, he highlighted legislation in regards to the following topic areas:

- Capital outlay and technology
- Mental health/public safety
- Natural resources
- Reauthorization of the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Haulman reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda, and reminded the Commission the Retreat will be held in April.

Advisory Committee Summaries

Chair Haulman noted the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Haulman highlighted the Correspondence of Interest Section of the agenda.

Old/New Business

Chair Haulman indicated there was no Old/New Business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Clyde A. Haulman
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director