

**MINUTES
BLUEGRASS ADD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
50TH CELEBRATION MEETING**

APRIL 27, 2022

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors met Wednesday, April 27 at the Embassy Suites. Chair Mayor James James called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Anderson County	Judge/Executive Orbrey Gritton Tom Isaac
Bourbon County	Judge/Executive Mike Williams Jan Wagoner Don Menke
Boyle County	Judge Howard Hunt Tom Tye Martha Caywood
Clark County	Judge/Executive Henry Branham Mayor Ed Burtner Robert Blanton Larry Disney
Estill County	Judge/Executive Donnie Watson
Fayette County	Mayor Linda Gorton Chris Ford
Franklin County	Judge/Executive Huston Wells Mayor Layne Wilkerson
Garrard County	Mayor Marshall Norton Donna Powell
Harrison County	Judge Alex Barnett Mayor James Smith Anna Moore Gary Brunker
Jessamine County	Judge/Executive David West Peter Beaty
Lincoln County	Judge/Executive Jim Adams
Madison County	Judge Reagan Taylor Mayor Robert Blythe
Mercer County	Mike Sanford

Nicholas County	Judge/Executive Steve Hamilton Cheryl Rawlings
Powell County	Judge/Executive James Anderson Mayor Dale Allen Josie Hollon James Caudill
Scott County	Mayor Tom Prather Jared Hollon Mike Hennigan
Woodford County	Mayor Brian Traugott
At-Large	Sandy Shafer Dave Carlstedt
Emeritus	Don Hassall

A quorum was present.

Chair Mayor Smith introduced special guest:

Robbin Taylor - State Director
 Senator Mitch McConnell
 Stephanie Nelson - Field Rep/Senator Mitch McConnell
 Mica Sims - Field Rep/Senator Rand Paul
 Tatum Dale - Deputy District Director
 Congressman Andy Barr
 Lance Terrell - Field Rep/Congressman Andy Barr
 Craig Shockley - Field Rep/Congressman Andy Barr
 Kathy Plomin - Council Member LFUCG
 Jamie Link - Secretary, Education & Labor Cabinet

Former Board members:

Russ Meyer
 Edwinna baker
 Larry Tincher
 Harold McKinney
 Denny Nunnelley

Retirees from the Bluegrass ADD:

Doug Rigsby
 Cheryl Goodman
 Craig McAnelly
 Don Hassall

Chair, Mayor Smith wanted to take a minute and remind everyone of what makes up the Bluegrass ADD Board of Directors. The ADD has 17-counties and 33-cities and is governed by Board of Directors consisting of 17 Judge/Executives, 18 Mayors. We have 34 appointed citizen members, two from each county, and three At-Large Citizen Members. Total of 72. Executive Committee meets monthly and has one member to represent each county that is nominated by the nominating Committee, selected by the Chair and approved by the Board.

Mayor Smith called on Secretary, Mike Sanford for the January Joint Board of Directors, February Executive and March Executive meeting minutes found on pages 9-10. A motion was made by Judge Watson and seconded by Mayor Burtner to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Judge David West was asked to update the members on the Bluegrass ADD's finances. The past CFO resigned in December. Mr. Michael Buschmann had previously worked at the ADD as the Workforce Financial Officer and is now the CFO. Judge West informed the Board that the schedule of investments, held in two money markets and one CD sits at roughly \$600,000. It is the financial goal of the Bluegrass ADD to see the investments grow to \$1M with the target date of achieving that goal with 5-years.

A motion was made by Mayor Blythe and seconded by Judge Adams to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Chair, Mayor Smith mentioned the Board priorities. Broadband, Opioid and Substance Abuse. We continue to improve the district with the expansion of Broadband. Workforce is partnering with Isaiah House to provide employability workshops and career services.

Mr. Duttlinger wanted to recognize the past Officers and to Thank them for all their support they have given in the past year. Past Chair, Judge Huston Wells, Vice-Chair, Mayor James Smith, Treasurer, Mayor Robert Blythe and Secretary, Judge David West.

Next, Mr. Duttlinger introduced Master of Ceremony, Tony Wilder. Tony has served as a probation and Parole officer, then was elected Circuit Court Clerk for Boyle County by becoming a four-term County Judge Executive and became Commissioner of Department of Local Government and is now the Executive Director of Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts.

Mr. Duttlinger informed the Board last Wednesday was proclaimed ADD Day for the State of Kentucky with proclamations read in both the House and Senate Chambers and signed by Governor Beshear.

Mr. Wilder recognized Jas Sekhon. Jas Sekhon who immigrated to American from India and completed his master's degree in land use planning from Ole Miss. Jas pulled the region together driving around 17-counties to meet with the County Judge Executives and 33-mayors of the region, convincing them that working together will work. He asked for and received a per capita match from each of the 50-local governments to be used as matching dollars to state and planning dollars.

Mary Crowley Schmidt was recognized as most senior BGADD employee. She began working at the BGADD in July 1986 in pilot program for Homecare case management. Her current position is the Assistant Director for the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living.

Logan Hart was called on for the newest BGADD employee. Logan accepted an intern position at the Bluegrass ADD in August of 2020 and was offered a position as Community Development Specialist and has successfully written a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant for the God's Outreach Madison County Food Bank, became a certified CDBG administrator.

Mayor Harold Rainwater was recognized as the longest serving elected official. Mayor Rainwater was first elected to public office in 1971 to the Wilmore City Council. He was elected Mayor of Wilmore April of 1976 and has now served for 12- terms making him the longest serving Mayor in the County. He also serves as an adjunct professor for Asbury University in the equine department.

Mr. Duttlinger wanted to Thank the communities for supporting us with baskets. Mayor Bruce Fraley, Mayor Linda Gorton, Mayor Dale Allen, Mayor Johnny Plummer and Judge Huston Wells.

There being no further business, Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Judge Watson and seconded by Judge Gritton. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.