

MINUTES
BLUEGRASS ADD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AUGUST 24, 2022

The Executive Committee met Wednesday; August 24 at the Bluegrass ADD office. Chair Mayor James Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present:

Judge Orbrey Gritton	Anderson County	Mayor James Smith	Harrison County
Judge Mike Williams	Bourbon County	Judge David West	Jessamine County
Mayor Ed Burtner	Clark County	Judge Jim Adams	Lincoln County
Judge Donnie Watson	Estill County	Mayor Robert Blythe	Madison County
Chris Ford	Fayette County	Mike Sanford	Mercer County
Judge Huston Wells	Franklin County	James Caudill	Powell County
Ken Parson	Garrard County		

Also, present Jared Hollon and Jon Gay. A quorum was declared present.

Secretary Mike Sanford directed the Board to pages 1-5 of the packet for the July Executive and July Quarterly Committee meeting and asked for approval. A motion was made by Judge Williams and seconded by Judge Adams to approve the report. The motion carried.

Michael Buschmann directed the members to their handout for the July financial report. Mr. Buschmann wanted to point out page 5 for the change in net assets, net assets at the beginning of the year and net assets at the end of the year. Mr. Buschmann with through and discussed the aging, community planning and workforce program with the board. He wanted to informed the board they are looking into outsourcing payroll.

James Caudill made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Sanford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next, was the Report on Investment. Michael Buschmann went over the report with the board members and asked for any questions. A motion was made by Judge Wells and seconded by Judge Williams to approve the report. The motion carried.

Chair Mayor Smith asked for approval for the Credit Card vouchers e-mailed to the members prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Judge Williams and seconded by James Caudill to approve the vouchers. The motion carried.

Celeste Robinson gave the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Council report. The council met July 13 at the Richmond Senior Center and was also available by zoom.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Rhodus with UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging presented Harmony at HOME for Caregivers of People Living with Dementia.

Karyn Leverenz presented the Area Water Management Council report. The council met July 15 via zoom. Consideration of Amended and New Project Profiles – There were 8 amended profiles for the full Council to approve. One correction was made – WX21073024 listed Farmdale Water District as the owner/applicant when it should be Peaks Mill Water District.

Karyn Leverenz was called on for the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Guest speaker Amy Samples gave a AppHarvest Presentation. Amy's focus includes community partnerships and educational programs. Prior to joining AppHarvest, Amy provided operations management for a regional land trust in Kentucky and she spent several years with The Nature Conservancy. In support of university extension, Amy has also provided community planning outreach and research coordination.

Next, Mikaela Gerry reported on the Regional Planning Council. The Council met July 26 and was held as a hybrid meeting with in-person and zoom. Vice Chair Hewitt turned the meeting over to Eastman Johnson, Regional Land Use Planner for the Bluegrass ADD to present on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan. Eastman provided a brief overview of what the CEDS Plan is, what's required in the CEDS Plan, and then opened the floor up for discussion.

Alex Sergent was recognized to report on the Regional Transportation Committee. The Committee met July 11 in person and via zoom. ADD staff Alex Sergent presented on the Transportation Report for the Safe Streets For All and Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. There was discussion for further understanding of the two programs and people were given time to talk to their respective entities on is they wanted to be a part of either program.

Logan Hart gave the Tourism, Historic Preservation and Recreation Advisory Committee report. The committee met July 12 and did a tour of the Wilderness Trail Distillery. The committee announced events coming up: Taste of Richmond, Elmwood Mansion Trivia, Hops and Wine Festival, and a reenactment of the Battle of Richmond. There will also be a Bourbon Jam Music Festival on August 13th at the old Richmond Mall.

A motion was made by Judge Adams and seconded by James Caudill to approve the reports submitted. The motion carried.

Next, Mr. Duttlinger called on the Director of Aging, Community Planning and Workforce to give an update on their departments and informed the Board the Department updates could be found in their packet. The Department Directors updates will be included in the minutes.

Eastman Johnson and Greyson Evans gave a power point presentation on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan. During the presentation the members where asked what would be their five year projects. Projects discussed: Broadband; opioid epidemic/addiction and recovery; housing shortage; labor market shortage and advanced manufacturing.

A motion was made by James Caudill and seconded by Mayor Blythe to approve the district staff report. The motion carried.

Chair Judge Mayor Smith directed the Board to the KIRP's contained in the packet and asked if there were any to be discussed. There being none, a motion was made by Mayor Burtner and seconded by Judge Hamilton to accept the KIRP's with staff or committee recommendation given. The motion carried.

Powell Village Rehab - Powell Village LLC
Lincoln County Sr. Center Kitchen Expansion Project - Lincoln County Fiscal Court
Burgin-Water System Improvements Project - City of Burgin
Overhead Safety Cable Replacement - Valley View Ferry
Wilmore Granary Restoration Phase II - City of Wilmore

Kirksville Fire Station CDBG-CP - Madison County Fiscal Court
KCTC-Scott County Connector Road - KY Transportation Cabinet

Secretary, Mike Sanford asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 1(f) personnel issue. James Caudill seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Judge Gritton and seconded by Judge Wells to go into regular session with no action taken in closed session. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Chair Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by James Caudill and seconded by Judge Wells. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.