

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Called Board Meeting Minutes
The Center for Regional Planning and Design
14th day of December, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Valerie Abbott
Honorable Stan Batemon
Honorable Mary Buckelew
Honorable Lindsey Allison
Honorable Billy Joe Driver (Present by Alternate Obie Littleton)
Honorable Bruce Hamrick
Honorable Reginald Holloway
Mr. John Hudson
Honorable Bernard Kincaid (Present by Alternate Kevin Owens)
Honorable Royce King
Mr. Ed Lowe
Honorable Roger McCondichie
Mr. Todd McDonald
Mr. Waymon Pitts
Honorable Sonny Posey (Present by Alternate Duane Wallace)
Honorable Glenda Strength (Present by Alternate Joy Littleton)
Honorable Gary White
Honorable James Whitfield (Present by Alternate Brad Watson)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Anthony Cicio
Mr. Richard Dickerson
Honorable Michael Johnson
Honorable Larry Langford
Ms. Merika Coleman
Honorable Shelia Smoot
Honorable Adam Stocks
Ms. Virginia Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Honorable Robbie Hayes
Mr. Larry Watts
Mr. Bill Foisy
Mr. Ray Morris
Mr. Voris Williams
Ms. Emi Burton
Ms. Cissy Edwards

CALLED TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Commissioner Bruce Hamrick. Commissioner Hamrick welcomed everyone, proceeded with roll call and the next order or business.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Batemon and seconded by Commissioner White to accept the Appalachian Regional Commission Operating Grant Resolution as presented (included in minute book). Discussion followed with an explanation of the in-kind match that will be used along with a cash match. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Batemon to accept the Alabama Department of Transportation resolution for a pilot program for Rural GIS Street Layer subject to an in-kind match (no cash) limited to \$50,000 against the ALDOT funding of \$200,000. Discussion followed concerning the availability to the end users and the fact that these funds are limited when compared to usual GIS related expenses and a request that a project budget be distributed. MOTION PASSED.

Board members concurred that all proposed resolutions, contracts and agreements coming before the Board be accompanied by a budget.

A motion was made by Judge King and seconded by Commissioner Batemon to accept the City of Leeds, Alabama contract resolution in the amount of \$100,000 with subcontracts in the amount of \$70,000. Discussion followed on the subcontract selection, indirect expense recovery and profit being built into the budget. There was discussion about whether the \$30,000 is enough to cover RPC expenses on this project. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buckelew and seconded by Mr. Holloway to authorize the Executive Director to execute the following agreements: (1) agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,400,000 federal for 2006 air quality program with no RPC local match required; (2) agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation in the amount of \$800,000 federals for 2006 Rideshare program with no RPC local match required. Discussion followed with assurance that these dollar allocations were approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2006. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Commissioner Batemon and seconded by Mr. Holloway to approve the adoption of a RPC Standard Contract and Transmittal Letter as presented that was prepared by the law firm Dominick, Fletcher, Yeilding, Wood & Lloyd, P.A. Discussion followed and a point was made that the terms of payment will allow for a better cash flow for projects. MOTION PASSED.

In closing remarks, Mr. Watts stated that RPC Bylaw amendments will be presented at the January 11, 2006 meeting. Bylaw amendments will address requirements of the Economic Development Administration for private sector representation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Shelia Smoot, Secretary

Date