

RPCGB

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

Board Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Valerie Abbott, City of Birmingham
Honorable Tommy Bowers, St. Clair County
Mr. Reginald Holloway, Shelby County
Mr. Chester Jolly, City of Warrior
Honorable David Jones, City of Springville
Mr. Devon Laney, City of Birmingham
Honorable Lee McCarty, Town of Wilsonville
Honorable Theoangelo Perkins, Town of Harpersville
Ms. Eunice Rogers, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATES

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens
Honorable Robbie Hayes, Shelby County
 Represented by Mr. Reginald Holloway
Honorable Tom Henderson, City of Center Point
 Represented by Councilor David Jones
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, City of Tarrant
 Represented by Mr. Ken Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tom Barnett, City of Birmingham
Honorable Delor Baumann, City of Hueytown
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, Jefferson County
Honorable Allen Caton, Chilton County
Honorable Randy Curtis, Town of Hayden
Honorable Joe Funderburg, City of Pell City
Honorable Chris Green, Blount County
Honorable Ken Gulley, City of Bessemer
Honorable Joe Knight, Jefferson County
Honorable Eddie Reed, Town of Jemison
Honorable Jimmie Stephens, Jefferson County

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OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Joselyn Harper, City of Birmingham

Mr. Charles Ball, RPCGB

Dr. Ray Morris, RPCGB

Mr. Brian O'Dell, RPCGB

Mr. Scott Tillman, RPCGB

Ms. Yvonne Murray, RPCGB

Ms. Bridgett Phillips, RPCGB

Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, RPCGB

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Honorable Valerie Abbott called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. A quorum was declared by the Chairman. The following business was conducted.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 18, 2015 were accepted as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Brian O'Dell presented the financial reports ending March 31, 2015.

Statement of Net Assets

The current (1.99) and quick (1.27) ratios represent an overall healthy and very strong financial report. Due to reimbursements being slow coming from the State, some of the money invested in the Reserve Fund has now been accessed. Calls have been made and the Medicaid Waiver check was cut yesterday and should be received in a few days. Cash and Cash Equivalents are \$889,196. Current Assets are \$2,869,019 (C), Accounts Receivable are \$941,036, Unbilled Receivables are \$1,038,787 (D), Total Current Liabilities are \$1,438,607 (E), Accounts Payable are \$948,796 (G), Deferred Revenues are \$367,113 (H).

Budget Summary

The budget summary reflects excellent management of programs and projects. Total Expenditures are under budget by \$1,445,005(J), Salaries, Fringe and Indirect are under budget \$85,725 (K), Direct Costs/Contracts are under budget \$1,359,281 (L),

Dues

The Committee reviewed the Dues Status report for FY2015. A comparison chart was distributed indicating dues collected as of April 30, 2015. 70 member governments have paid \$574,450 during FY 2015 compared to 67 member governments paying \$594,970 for the same period last year (FY2014). The most significant difference is not receiving Walker County

PROGRAM BUDGET REPORT

ALDOT Bikeshare Agreement

Mr. Tillman presented the agreement. The amount of this agreement is Federal Funds, \$1,664,000 with the City of Birmingham providing the match of \$416,000. This will be a pass through of funds. REV Birmingham is the non-profit that will be executing the implementation and operation of this program. The Bikeshare program consists of 400 bikes and 40 stations in the City of Birmingham.

Bikeshare Financing Authorization

Dr. Morris presented the following request to the Committees. A separate, specific Line of Credit for approximately \$2 million will be necessary to fund the previous agreed to agreement. RPCGB is on a reimbursement relationship with ALDOT so the funds have to be expended before receiving the funding from ALDOT. The Line of Credit should be paid out by early 2016.

Mayor Perkins moved and Ms. Rogers seconded to approve this agreement and authorize Mr. Ball to negotiate and enter into a Line of Credit. Motion passed on a voice vote.

HARPO Planning Work Program

Ms. Land presented the following work program. The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has contracted with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) to conduct the non-metropolitan consultation planning process for rural transportation planning for portions or all of Blount, Chilton, St. Clair and Walker counties.

Mayor Perkins moved and Mr. Holloway seconded to recommend the RPCGB Board of Directors adopt the Work Program as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Medicaid Waiver Budget Update

Dr. Morris presented the following information on the State of Alabama proposed budget cuts.

Current Status:

- ▶ 512 Elderly and Disabled Clients (101 Pending at ADSS/Medicaid)
- ▶ 13 530 Clients
- ▶ 2 Alabama Communities in Transition Clients
- ▶ 9 Technical Assistance (Ventilator) Clients

E & D Wavier Budget: \$6,139,000
E & D Budget Request: \$2,400,000 (200 Additional Slots)
530, ACT, TA Budgets: \$ 600,000 (ACT & TA Budgets are estimated)
Total Budgets: \$9,139,000 (Estimated)

State Proposed Budget Cuts:

- ▶ 11-15 Percent for most agencies
- ▶ Waiver Programs targeted for 50% cuts
- ▶ Approximate savings are estimated at \$10 Million per year
- ▶ Loss of \$40 Million in Federal Funding

Worse Case Scenario:

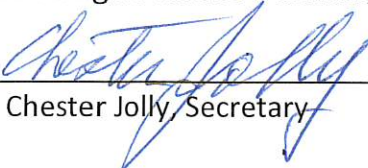
- ▶ 3,750 Clients will be cut from the program
- ▶ No procedure in place to determine who is cut
- ▶ If all 3,750 were to be placed in a nursing home (for which they are eligible!) the cost would be over \$268 million based on average semi-private nursing home care.
- ▶ Even with the Federal Government picking up 80% of these costs the State would be required to budget nearly \$54 Million or over 5 times the current budget amount of \$10 Million
- ▶ Spill over effect to RPCGB staff and Direct Service Providers

The Board recommended that this information be distributed to each Board member requesting them to contact their State representatives.

OTHER

Mr. Holloway announced that the Shelby County Safe Havens is in operation. Funding was provided by a federal grant. Their mission is to provide a safe location in Shelby County where family members who have experienced domestic violence may safely exchange children for supervised visitation in a structured environment, with respectful consideration for all.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.



Mr. Chester Jolly, Secretary

8/19/15

Date