

**SCOCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
August 20, 2019**

The following Council Members were present:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
John Turner, <i>Chairman</i> Ozark County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Mark Collins, <i>Vice Chairman</i> Howell County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Jeff Cowen, <i>Secretary</i> Shannon County Presiding Commissioner	_____	X
Zach Williams, <i>Treasurer</i> Wright County Presiding Commissioner	X	_____
Lance Stillings Douglas County Presiding Commissioner	_____	X
Scott Long Texas County Presiding Commissioner	_____	X
George Hunt / Mayor of Koshkonong ExCom member for Oregon County area	X	_____

SCOCOG Staff Present:

Johnny Murrell	Executive Director
Kelly Wise	Fiscal Officer
Cody Dalton	Assistant Director
Angie Ball	Administrative Assistant
Darci Malam	RLF Manager/Project Manager
Jessica Paulk	Community Development Specialist/Emergency Planning Manager
Trent Courtney	Disaster Recovery Planner

Others Present:

Dale Counts	Shannon County Associate Commissioner / Designee for Jeff Cowen
Rob Harrington	City of Houston / Designee for Mayor Willy Walker
John Casey	Texas County Associate Commissioner
Ron Scheets	City of Cabool
Tony Floyd	Intercounty Electric
Dick Salgado	Douglas County
Burrely Loftin	Ava Mayor
David Trotter	Birch Tree Mayor
Herman Kelly	Shannon County Associate Commissioner / Kelly's Auto Body Shop
Will Wheeler	Senator Blunt's Office

John Turner called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m., and welcomed Board members and others.

George Hunt moved to approve the agenda. Zach Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Executive Board minutes from the June 18, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Zach Williams and seconded by Mark Collins. Motion carried.

At this time, members and guests were introduced.

Review and Approval of Financials

Kelly Wise presented the financial report for July. The General Fund Revenues for July are \$107,326, and fiscal year-to-date is \$424,368. Total Disbursements are \$49,041 and fiscal year-to-date is \$442,484. The General Fund balance is \$303,036. Total available funds are \$637,184. Motion to accept financial report was made by Zach Williams. Mark Collins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Johnny Murrell presented the Monthly Cash Flow comparison through July 2019.

The Executive Board reviewed the Check Registers from June and July of 2019. The Board members present did not find any errors within the register. Motion to approve the Check Registers was made by Rob Harrington and seconded by Mark Collins. Motion carried.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS – In lieu of full Staff Reports

Jessica discussed the RHSOC program. She said that we are in Region G covering nine counties. This is funded through DPS. Those interested in grant funds have to write their own application. Jessica added that she holds workshops to assist with those applications, and anyone can apply for these funds. There are a lot of different sectors represented within the RHSOC. She asked for volunteers in order to obtain new ideas. The primary and alternate representatives should be communicating in their area. This year money went toward sustainability. She added that GIS, generators, and radios have also been purchased with funds. The region receives approximately \$100,000 per year, but receive \$400,000 - \$600,000 in requests. She encouraged all to attend the meetings and apply, and to contact her to become involved. She encouraged new people to become involved, as they might bring new ideas to the table. She added that the Region received a MoDOT trailer this year, and will order when funds are released. This will be stored in Wright County, as a deployable asset. She also distributed a list of floodplain administrators and EMD's listed by city/county.

Cody said that the Solid Waste District voted to purchase a portable trailer to post at the West Plains Transfer Station to house household hazardous waste. The idea is to have a central location to bring waste that cannot go into a landfill. If successful, others may be set up in the region.

Trent said that in regard to the Ozark County Food Pantry, since last month he has been working through this project with CDBG. The first bid came in over, and CDBG was asked for an increase in funds. They agreed. Now, signatures have been obtained for the grant increase of \$58,000. The total project cost is \$208,000. Soon after, the pre-construction meeting can occur.

Cody discussed the CDBG disaster funding. He said that he learned of the funding in February 2018, and tomorrow he and Trent are attending a training in Poplar Bluff to learn about the online application process. Then the money will be ready to be applied for. He asked the group if they knew of anybody that lives in a flood hazard area, to let them know there is money available, but there is an income threshold. He added that \$42 million has to be spent in five zip codes. Funds will be most widely used for buyouts. Tenant

assistance and relocation assistance will also be available. The applicant can receive up to 25% of the total mortgage loan for a home. Cody then discussed multi-family housing. He said that with CDBG and the MHDC tax credit program, a builder would apply for tax credit and the city applies for a grant and the funds are put together. He said that \$58 million is around half of allocation in Missouri, and the rest is for public infrastructure for counties impacted.

Cody said that Dick Salgado from the Ava Citizen's Action League, was at the TAC meeting in December, and had an idea for the League. Cody stated that their group takes volunteer labor and donated materials to refurbish downtown buildings. Their group needed a bucket truck, so Janice Lorrain helped submit an application. The application was funded, but the truck sold in the meantime. Dick thought they had perhaps found another one; Cody said that he would call Mark Dethrow and see if the truck can be purchased. Dick said that all new benches were put in the gazebo in downtown Ava. The lumber was donated, and volunteers did all the work. Cody added that Ava also is getting new sidewalks. Jessica said that those are exempt from the environmental review process.

Darci spoke about the Fuels for Schools program. She said that Summersville and Houston will be finished by the end of the month, and there will be one more round of funds to advertise applications for. She is working with Mike with MDC on a new contract. This round will be statewide with enough funds for one project. The next round cannot be awarded to a previous recipient.

Darci said that she will be putting together an application on behalf of four communities to obtain medical and dental events for uninsured or underinsured under the DRA/IRT project. The application is due September 30, 2019. She added that these clinics are two years out, if awarded.

Johnny said that he received an email from Heather Fisher regarding a rural business incubator feasibility study. Representatives will be in town Thursday and Friday, and any cities that have a building that could be a candidate to house this should contact her.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus Procedure FY20

Johnny outlined the caucus procedure for FY20 by stating that each year the bylaws require elected mayors, etc. to select who they want to be represented on the SCOCOG Executive Board.

Set budget meeting for September

The budget meeting will be held September 10, 2019 at 11:30 at Open Range. The budget will be confirmed at the September 17, 2019 Executive Board meeting.

OTHER

Open Discussion

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be September 17, 2019

CLOSED SESSION**Personnel Matters Section 610.021**

Motion was made by Dale Counts for the Board to meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters (RSMo §610.021); the motion was seconded by Mark Collins. Motion carried at 2:01 p.m.

SCOCOG Executive Director Johnny Murrell submitted his retirement notice to the Executive Committee, Chairmen Turner and other board members.

Board member Zach Williams made a motion to accept Johnny's retirement notice, Dale Counts seconded the motion. Vote tally was in favor of the motion:

John Turner – yea

Mark Collins – yea

Dale Counts – yea

Zach Williams – yea

George Hunt – yea

There were no nay votes.

Mark Collins moved to reopen the meeting, and George Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:45 p.m.

CONVENE BACK TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Ball
SCOCOG Administrative Assistant

Reviewed for Content,



Zach Williams
SCOCOG Treasurer