

Big Sandy Area Development District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. – District Meeting Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge-Executive Ben Hale
Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel, by proxy Ms. Lillian Wheeler
Judge-Executive Charles Hardin, by proxy Mr. Mike Wilson
Judge-Executive Kelly Callaham, by proxy Ms. Nita Collier
Mayor Les Stapleton
Mayor Bill Mike Runyon
Mayor Pete Shepherd
Mayor Ed Daniels
Mayor Andrew Scott
Mayor Jerry Fultz
Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock
Mr. Mark McKenzie
Mr. Millow McCarty
Ms. Nita Collier
Ms. Lillian Wheeler
Mr. Don Cecil
Ms. Susan Howard

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mullins, Summit Engineering
Mr. Michael Browder, Housing and Urban Development
Mr. Colby Kirk, One E. KY
Ms. Bertha Daniels, Aging Advisory Council
Rep John Blanton
Ms. Deanne Jessee, PAP
Ms. Donna McClure, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Ms. Lori Foley, AppalRed

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Sandy Runyon	Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton
Ms. Terry Trimble	Ms. Regina McClure
Mr. Joe Jacobs	Ms. Janice Prater
Mr. Greg Salyers	Ms. Misha Curnutte
Ms. Petty McKenzie	Mr. Steve Jones
Ms. Sharlet Butler	Ms. Peggy Thompson
Ms. Retha Mullins	Ms. Denise Thomas

After a quorum was determined to be present, the chair called the meeting to order. The chair took the liberty to introduce guests. The minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock noticed a typo on page 3 – first paragraph. Fannin needed to be changed to Fultz. With the change noted, a motion and a second was made by Mr. Burl Spurlock and Mayor Andrew Scott to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion passed. The board reviewed the agenda and with no changes to be made, the agenda was approved with a motion and a second by Mayor Les Stapleton and Mayor Ed Daniels. Motion passed.

Greg Salyers gave the Financial Report. He said we have \$523,843 cash in the bank, \$367,519 in our ED RLF account ready to loan, and \$259,000 in our EKami account. This check came in late and expenditures for this project have already been processed. The balance sheet looks good with strong assets to liabilities. KY Works operating budget is a little overspent due to paying all the leases for the year at the beginning of the year. A motion and a second to approve the financial report were made by Mr. Millow McCarty and Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock. Motion passed.

Clearinghouse had the following projects for approval.

- Wayland Rt. 7 Drainage project – City of Wayland - \$409,000
- Water Meter Change out Program – Southern Water & Sewer District - \$212,500
- ARC Water System Improvements – Martin County Water District - \$1,200,000
- Coal Run Old House Hollow Drainage – Coal Run Village - \$102,506
- Water System Controls & Raw Water Modifications – Martin Co. Water District - \$4,801,750 (AML)

A motion by Mr. Millow McCarty and Mayor Jerry Fultz approved the Executive Review. Motion carried.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale initiated a discussion regarding a planned fly-in to Washington October 3-5, 2017 to meet with representatives regarding the Reclaim Act for 2017 – an opportunity to revitalize coal communities. Mayor Andrew Scott offered to check his calendar for his availability.

Royalton Trail Town received approximately 1.9 Million dollars AML Grant for development of the trail. The MOA requires that a separate checking account be set up by the ADD to administer that grant. A motion by Mayor Andrew Scott and Mayor Pete Shepherd approved setting up that account. Motion carried.

Ms. Krissy McIntosh was recommended by Director Runyon for KY Works Department for the position of Employment Specialist for Johnson and Magoffin Counties. A motion and a second by Mayor Jerry Fultz and Mayor Pete Shepherd approved her employment. Motion carried.

Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes has joined forces with the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts and the Kentucky Association of Food Banks to raise resources for hunger relief. Our goal is to donate 400,000 pounds of food or \$50,000 that will be used to purchase food, just in time for the holidays. We would like our local officials to work with us by

allowing the food bank to place barrels at your City Hall's and County offices. The drive is set for October 16-27, 2017.

The board welcomed Mr. Michael Browder with HUD to speak. He is a liaison to city and county leaders. He spoke of the many programs provided through HUD to try to end homelessness. Not only do they focus on affordable housing, but also empowering self-sufficiency through economic programs. They are transforming public housing and building thriving communities. They received a \$2.8 million dollar grant to remove lead from homes in Louisville. They strive to enforce fair housing, provide education and close the digital divide to stay connected through broadband. Mr. Browder's purpose was to make us aware of various programs offered by Housing and Urban Development.

Directors Comments:

The Community for Health and Family Services, Department for Aging and Independent Living is now requiring that our board members have a 3 hour training in order to be contractually compliant. Ms. Runyon is working with them to acknowledge the training hours already received by local leaders, but to date, they do not consider those hours sufficient. They've given us two dates to come here – November 3rd or December 8th. Judge-Executive Ben Hale has asked Sandy to see if she can get them to come up at the next board meeting day – October 24th at 9:00 a.m., train for three hours when the board is already here, eat lunch and then have a board meeting. Sandy said she would ask and advise board members of the outcome.

Denise Thomas and Misha Curnutte are having a Small business EXPO this afternoon at the MAC from 4-7 p.m.

We have an intern working with us – Monica Spriggs. She will be discussing the CRS Rating System, an incentive program from FEMA with our cities and counties. There is a checklist of programs/items that must be addressed and upon completion, you receive a discount on your flood insurance. For example, Paintsville pays \$312,000 a year now and they will be receiving a 5% discount. They are on their way from a class 9 to a class 7 rating. Many of the items on the checklist they were already doing and didn't know it. Several additional counties and cities have expressed an interest in participating in the project. Regina McClure and Monica Spriggs will follow up with them.

Regarding personnel – Joe Cornette who was a planner with KY Works resigned due to health reasons. That position will not be replaced but rather the workload and counties will be realigned. Cody Branham has been promoted to KWP Planner, and will pick up some counties with the other planners. Also, Tracy Wireman resigned and went into the private sector. Tomorrow is the deadline to apply for that position and we hope to have someone on board soon.

Representative Blanton spoke to the board about a bill regarding the Rural Jobs Act. It's a bi-partisan bill that he and Chris Harris have worked on. It is modeled after the Federal Tax Credit program and will act as an incentive for companies to locate in the rural counties of Kentucky. Stipulations include companies with less than 150 employees, less than 15 million dollars in

revenue and in an area with a population less than 70,000. He will continue to keep us informed of its progress.

Ms. Runyon informed the board that there were department reports in their books for review only.

Donna McClure with Senator Mitch McConnell's office announced that Senator McConnell and United States EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in Hazard on October 9 at Wayne Supply. She said to contact her if you wanted to attend because reservations are required.

Ms. Nita Collier informed the board that on October 20-22, 2017 there will be a hiking group going to different natural arches. She would like everyone who can, to participate. They will meet at Roy F. Collier Community Center at 9 a.m. each morning. They are hoping to be able to document all the natural arches in Kentucky.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.