



**MID-CAROLINA REGIONAL COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 23, 2022**

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The Mid-Carolina Regional Council Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 23, 2022. The meeting held at the Mid-Carolina offices located at 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 28302.

Board Members Present

Vice Chair Sue Lee (Commissioner, Sampson County) – Participated Remotely as Allowed by North Carolina Law and Council Rules

Mr. Chris Coats (Mayor, Town of Coats) – Participated Remotely as Allowed by North Carolina Law and Council Rules

Dr. Jeannette Council (Commissioner, Cumberland County)

Mr. Martin Jones (Mayor, Town of Stedman) – Participated Remotely as Allowed by North Carolina Law and Council Rules

Mr. Brooks Matthews (Chair/Commissioner, Harnett County)

Staff to the Board

Justin Hembree, Executive Director

Ad Winters, Council Attorney

Call to Order/Certification of a Quorum

Vice Chair Lee noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10pm.

Election of Officers

Mr. Hembree entertained nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Council. Mr. Coats nominated Mr. Books to serve as Chair. Dr. Council nominated Mr. Jones to serve as Vice Chair.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mr. Jones, Mr. Brooks was elected as Chair with five members in favor and none opposed.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Ms. Lee, Mr. Jones was elected as Vice Chair with five members in favor and none opposed.

Consideration and Approval of the Agenda

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Ms. Lee, the agenda was approved as presented with four members in favor and none opposed.

Public Comment

Chair Brooks asked for comments from the public. No comments were made.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hembree presented the following consent agenda items:

- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Record Retention Policy

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Mr. Jones, the consent agenda was approved with four members in favor and none opposed. This action approved the Conflict of Interest Policy, Nondiscrimination Policy, and Record Retention Policy.

Items of Business/Discussion/Updates

The following items were discussed and considered:

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #3

Mr. Hembree presented Fiscal Year 2021=2022 Budget Amendment #3 was presented for consideration. The proposed budget amendment included the following:

- A net increase of \$201,000 for the Local Technical Assistance Budget – state funding via an NCORR grant for technical assistance for Autryville, Garland, and Turkey
- Transfer of \$37,884 from In-School Youth to Out-of-School Youth in the Workforce Development Budget.

Hembree recommended approval of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #3.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Council, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #3 was approved with five members in favor and none opposed.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Public Hearing

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Council, the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget was opened with five members in favor and none opposed.

No public comments were made or received.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Ms. Lee, the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget was opened with five members in favor and none opposed.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Hembree provide the following overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

- The proposed MCRC budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 totals \$15,163,613. Member government dues are proposed to remain unchanged at \$0.24 per capita for municipalities and \$0.27 per capita for counties. Considering the growth of the organization and the exponential increase in demand for services, staff recommends the Board consider appointing a stakeholder committee to examine the current dues structure and make recommendations concerning any appropriate changes.
- Plans are moving forward for the development of joint finance operation in partnership with Triangle J Council of Governments to increase internal capabilities, control costs, and improve our ability to support stakeholder finance needs.
- The proposed budget includes a five-percent cost of living adjustment for MCRC staff. Plans are in place to implement a pay-for-performance system at the mid-point of Fiscal Year 2022-2023, based on funding availability.
- The proposed budget for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) reflects a \$1,121,871 decrease. Most of this decrease is attributed to the spenddown of CARES Act funding.
- The proposed budget for Local Technical Assistance reflects a \$357,654 increase. This increase is attributed to anticipated additional fee-for-services activities and a grant received from the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency. It should be noted that this increase is based on the current fiscal year budget as of Budget Amendment #3.
- The proposed budget for Workforce Development reflects a \$1,479,714 increase. This increase is attributed to the addition close out funds for the current program period.
- The proposed budget for Outside Agencies reflects a \$15,450 increase. Most of this increase is attributed to the anticipated carryover of Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLAC) funds.

Hembree recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget as presented.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Mr. Coats, the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget was approved as presented with five members in favor and none opposed

Appointments

Mr. Hembree explained that The Forum is a unique venue where municipal and county elected officials convene to research and discuss issues and policies and seek regional solutions for units of local government in NC. The body focuses on issues that can best be addressed on a regional or statewide level. The Forum consists of elected officials from each of the 16 regional councils in NC.

Hembree noted Mayor Jones currently serves as Mid-Carolina's Primary Delegate. Mr. Arnold Page was the Council's Alternate Delegate.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Mr. Coats, Mr. Jones was appointed as Mid-Carolina's Primary Delegate to The Forum and Mr. Coats was appointed as Mid-Carolina's Alternate Delegate to The Forum with five members in favor and none opposed.

Reports

The following reports were provided:

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Hembree provided a standard update on his activities and the activities of the Council.

No action was requested or taken.

Other Items

Upon a motion made by Dr. Council and seconded by Mr. Coats, the Board entered closed session as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes to discuss personnel with five members in favor and none opposed.

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Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Council, the Board took action to provide Mr. Hembree with the five-percent salary increase included in the budget for all regular Council staff with five members in favor and none opposed.

Adjournment

Being no other business, Chair Matthews adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:40pm.