



**Executive Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2020**

Officers Present	Delegates Present	Delegates Not Present	Centralina Staff
Bobby Compton, Chairman Jay McCosh, Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn, Secretary William Morgan, Treasurer	Deloris Chambers Larken Egleston Bill Feather Trevor Fuller Martha Sue Hall Darrell Hinnant Autumn Michael Pedro Morey Lynn Shue	Zach Almond Gene Houpe Rich Permenter Troy Selberg Jim Watson Ronnie Worley	Geraldine Gardner David Hollars Mike Manis Linda Miller Michelle Nance Sherika Rich Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Venecia White <i>Guests</i> Leslie Mazingo, Strategies Consulting

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order.

Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board, called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Invocation

Chairman Compton gave the invocation.

Consent Agenda

- 1. FY2020 Budget Amendment**
- 2. FY2020 Audit Contract**
- 3. Approval of the March 18, 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lynn Shue, Cabarrus County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Regional Updates

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, reported on regional coordination efforts in response to COVID-19.

Linda Miller, Aging Director, presented an overview on services for seniors across the region.

David Hollars, Executive Director of Centralina Workforce Development Board, presented an update on workforce development activities, including virtual services for jobseekers and employers.

Mike Manis, Community and Economic Development Director, reported on economic development activities.

Michelle Nance, Planning Director, gave an overview of planning services and support for local governments.

5. Federal Relations Update

Leslie Mazingo, Strategies Consulting, presented an update on the federal response to COVID-19. She noted that FY20 federal grants are still being awarded. She also noted that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes \$850 million in Byrne-Justice Assistance grant funding for local law enforcement agencies.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hall, Mr. Manis noted the rise in the unemployment claims rate due to COVID-19, adding that communities are experiencing unprecedented economic conditions.

Vice Chair Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville, made a motion to accept the Strategies Consulting performance report for March 2020. Commissioner Shue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. CCOG Personnel Policy Manual Amendments

Ms. Gardner noted that CCOG is amending its personnel policy to add Administrative Leave with Pay. She explained that because the organization receives funding from federal agencies, making this amendment is necessary to allow CCOG to charge to federal grants in the event of an emergency closure. She added that the organization is in compliance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Commissioner Trevor Fuller, Mecklenburg County, made a motion to approve adding Administrative Leave with Pay as a leave category to the CCOG Personnel Manual and to affirm that the Coronavirus pandemic is a qualifying situation for an emergency closure if designated by the Executive Director at a future date. Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Comments from the Executive Board and CCOG Staff

There were no comments from the Executive Board or staff.

Comments from the Chair

Chairman Compton noted that the next Board of Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th. He added that the meeting will be virtual and will feature a regional update on COVID-19.

Comments from the Executive Director

Ms. Gardner thanked the Executive Board members for participating in the meeting and lending their guidance and support to the organization. She encouraged the Executive Board to participate in the May Board of Delegates virtual meeting and asked that they encourage other Delegates in their counties to participate as well.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hall, Ms. Mazingo explained that the original Coronavirus relief funds were primarily set up as direct assistance to local governments over 500,000 in population. Those under 500,000 would have to apply for assistance through the State Treasury. She noted that smaller local governments have pushed back and advocated for direct assistance instead. She added that the fourth phase of federal relief will likely address these concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall noted there are more small towns in the U.S. with populations under 50,000 than there are with populations above 50,000.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.