

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

April 27, 2006

The regular quarterly meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was held on April 27, 2006 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Administration Building. Mr. Lenker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were Chairman Lenker, Vice-Chairman Forrey, Secretary Clark, Treasurer Turner, Ms. Best, Mr. Bullock, Cumberland County Commissioner Eichelberger, Mr. Heefner, Mr. Lush, Mr. McCallin, Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Sharar, Mr. Stees, Mr. Stokes, Perry County Commissioner VanBuskirk, and Mr. Williams. Messrs. Szymborski, Reardon and Millard of the staff were in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Turner.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The actions of the Executive Committee on the Financial Statements for January and February, 2006, were ratified on a motion by Ms. Best, seconded by Mr. McCallin.

The Financial Statement for March 2006 was received for filing and audit on a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. McCallin. Copies of the Financial Statements are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

The actions of the Executive Committee on the expenses for January and February, 2006, were ratified on a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Best.

The payment of March 2006 expenses was approved on a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Sharar.

PLANNING PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Szymborski reported a new staff member had been hired. Matthew Jones began employment on April 10, 2006 as a Planner I. His immediate assignments include assisting the county planners with the completion of the Perry and Dauphin County Comprehensive Plans, assisting with the development of the Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances, environmental assessment under the CDBG Program and participation in the Local Planning Assistance program.

Mr. Szymborski informed the Commission the 2005 Annual Report will be sent to the Executive Committee for its review prior to authorization to print and distribution.

Staff has received verbal notice to proceed for the LUPTAP grant to complete the respective comprehensive plans. Formal contacts are still waiting for appropriate signatures. In addition, notice to proceed is expected shortly on the Model Ordinance grant, however, has not been received yet.

Commission staff has been requested to coordinate the next phase of the Regional Conference for Transportation, Land Use and Economic Development initiative. It will focus on "Development and Implementation of a Regional Action Plan." The conference is cosponsored by PennDOT, DEP, DCNR, DCED and the Dept of Agriculture. This State Planning Board initiative involves the eight Southcentral PA counties.

Mr. Szymborski distributed some handouts and moderated discussion on the participating municipalities in the 2006 LPA Program, a list of the 2006-2007 Commission membership, and an overview report of the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership.

The HATS Legislative Liaison Subcommittee will meet on May 8, 2006 with State and Federal Congressional and legislative members and staff to establish a closer working relationship. Primarily, the meeting will be to enhance the mutually supportive roles in the transportation planning and programming process (i.e., earmarks).

The staff has not yet received a response from PennDOT concerning the 2007-2010 draft TIP. The outstanding issues are the 2009-2010 Interstate Maintenance Program and the MPO's request for \$19 Million in "Spike" funding. There are meetings scheduled to discuss these issues. A delay of much longer will impact the staff's ability to meet the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and 30-day Public Review timelines.

REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT STUDY: STAFF PRESENTATION

Staff member Chip Millard presented the results to date of the special study examining the goods movement activities in the southcentral eight-county region. The PowerPoint presentation indicated the impacts the movement of goods has on our region. Significant to the results is the high percent of trucks operating movements through the region (upwards to 90%) and the very large economic impact goods movement has on the region. Some of the next steps towards maintaining positive influences with goods movement are the development of a task force to continue coordination of the land use and transportation issues and continued ongoing maintenance of the electronic file cabinet of information collected as part of the study. Mr. Stokes suggested better recruitment of logistic retirees from the varied military facilities may assist in any employment shortages. Mr. McCallin, while recognizing the regional benefits, reminded the Commission there were still local impacts to consider when evaluating goods movement opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for July 27, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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