

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

March 26, 2009

The regular meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee was held March 26, 2009 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Administration Building; Harrisburg, Dauphin County, PA. Chairman Eakin called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. by welcoming all members.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: Mr. Paul Clark, Ms. Jackie Eakin, Mr. Skip Memmi, Commissioner Stephen Naylor and Mr. James Turner. Messrs. Szymborski and Reardon of the staff were present.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Commissioner Naylor, the minutes of the February 26, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Szymborski reviewed the Financial Statement for the period January 1, 2009 through February 28, 2009. The Financial Statement was accepted for filing and audit on a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Commissioner Naylor. A copy of the Financial Statement is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

Mr. Szymborski indicated receipt of a thank you note from the United Way of Central PA noting the staff 23 percent increase in contribution for this year.

Mr. Szymborski reviewed the payment of expenses for the month of February 2009. On a motion by Commissioner Naylor, seconded by Mr. Clark, the expenses for February were approved for payment. A copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The March month-to-date expenses were reviewed for information purposes.

PLANNING PROGRAM REPORT

Mr. Szymborski reported the Commission has entered into a memorandum of Understanding with the Lower Susquehanna Center for Land Use and Water. The MOU does contain stipulations regarding the Commission's involvement in the organizations activities.

Mr. Szymborski and Mr. Kmiecinski will participate in an eight county regional transit/MPO roundtable to discuss the potential for interconnectivity among the systems.

Staff has prepared some GIS mapping to help illustrate the urbanized areas and possible service connections.

Staff will be participating in the Susquehanna Water Gap workshop on March 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be an opportunity to provide information to the public on our programs as well as a chance for questions and answers. The group also requested assistance in facilitating a small discussion group.

Mr. Szymborski has participated in two regional forums concerning the Act 24, Appalachian Trail initiative. The consultant is preparing a menu of choices from which the affected municipalities can select to meet the intent of the legislation.

PennDOT has been requested to consider extending the deadline for the MPO prioritization of the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) projects. Deputy Secretary Ritzman believes additional time can be considered given the number of projects received statewide and the Department's goal of delivering a list of projects for funding to the State Transportation Commission at the end of May.

Mr. Szymborski distributed a handout staff prepared illustrating the public participation plan for the coordination of the Regional Growth Management Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan.

The CAT service study is continuing. Two intra-borough routes have been identified for possible service consideration. Staff is currently analyzing the cost/benefit projections for the routes. The Anderson land use layer for GIS is nearing completion. The use of this component will assist in more accurately depicting the actual land use of a parcel. (Ten acres of land depicted as residential, may be more aptly identified as two acres of residential with eight acres of open space). This information will allow accurate density to be created for transportation applications.

The Regional Action Plan caucus meeting will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>. Franklin County Planning Director Phil Tarquino will be making a presentation to the commissioner's group.

A draft data sharing agreement has been prepared for Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry and Tri-County GIS departments to consider at the groups next technical committee meeting.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

Mr. Szymborski reported Professor Neil Perry from Lebanon Valley College will be at the Commission's April meeting to make a presentation on the climate change issue and how it impacts central PA.

#### COMMISSION CHECKING ACCOUNT: Bank Selection Options

Mr. Szymborski and Mr. Reardon presented information as a follow-up to the meetings with four financial institutions concerning possible changes to the commission's

accounts. The programs put forth by the institutions were “like comparing apples and oranges”. Additional discussion will be held prior to any decision being made.

### 2008 REGIONAL BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT – DRAFT

Mr. Szymborski distributed a copy of the 2008 Regional Building Activity Report. The report summarizes the activity in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties based on municipal information provided. Several points were discussed as to the report’s use. Comments were requested to be directed to Janine Park within two weeks.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Turner the Commission agreed to ratify staff letters of support for the intergovernmental reviews #2009-R32 and #2009-R34.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Commissioner Naylor, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*William Forrey*

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Secretary