

MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT MEETING WITH THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
& PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013-2016 AREA PLAN DOCUMENT
Thursday, September 27, 2012 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
StRUT, Petersburg School, 3855 Fifteen Mile Rd., The Dalles, OR

2012 Board of Directors:

Gilliam County: *Pat Shaw, Jeff Bufton, Mike Weimer.
Hood River County: *Maui Meyer, Les Perkins, Lance Masters.
Sherman County: *Cliff Jett, Steve Burnet, Michael Smith.
Wasco County: *Sherry Holliday, Brian Ahier, Rod Runyon.
Wheeler County: *Jeanne Burch, Jack Lorts, Patrick "Chris" Perry.
(*denotes Executive Committee Members)

ORIGINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Present: Maui Meyer, Pat Shaw, Cliff Jett, Michael Smith, Rod Runyon. Mike Weimar, Jeanne Burch and Chis Perry were present via telephone conferencing.

Absent: Les Perkins, Steve Burnet, Jeff Bufton, Brian Ahier, Jack Lorts, Sherry Holliday.

Staff: John Arens, Executive Director; Sarah Braumbaugh, Fiscal Director; Bill Fashing Community Development Director; Bill Larson, AAA Director; Mary Martinez, AAA Program Assistant; and Tine Meriwether, Executive Assistant.

B. Approval of May 22, 2012 Board Minutes.

Pat Shaw moved, seconded by Cliff Jett, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

II. OPEN AGENDA

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 12-07, Surplus Property.

Jett moved, seconded by Maui Meyer, to approve Resolution No. 12-07 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 12-09, Budget Modification.

The resolution represents actual grant awards received after the adoption of MCCOG's budget and accordingly, the budget has to be revised. The Board was provided a narrative to explain the modifications.

Building Codes budget was adjusted because permit revenue received was less than projected. With regards to Transportation, Sarah Brumbaugh explained OMAP reduced the reimbursement rate we receive per ride. There is currently a dispute for about 4,000 rides to be reimbursed which is about \$190,000 in revenue.

Consequently, the brokerage reserve was reduced. Brumbaugh stated OMAP agrees there may be a discrepancy and she feels certain the issue will be resolved. The other reduction discussed was the StRUT program, a reduction in the General Fund.

Following discussion, Shaw moved, seconded by Meyer, for approval of Resolution No. 12-09, the Supplemental Budget Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

-Recess for Public Hearing on AAA 2013-2016 Area Plan-

Michael Smith, MCCOG Board Chair, opened the Public Hearing at 1:29 p.m. He outlined the rules of the hearing and then asked for staff to come forward to make the presentation.

John Arens, Executive Director, addressed those present including the MCCOG Board of Directors, Senior Advisory Council and staff members. Arens recounted the development of the AAA Area Plan and thanked staff for their assistance on the project. He thanked the SAC for their dedication and time in helping to create the plan for the next four years. Through PowerPoint presentation, Arens reviewed the pages of the Plan as provided to those present. He stated once the SAC approves the Plan and the Board adopts it, it will be forwarded to the State of Oregon for review/approval. The Plan will be constantly monitored by SAC and staff and updated annually with the State. The idea of the Plan is to enhance the quality of life for area seniors.

With regards to Wheeler County, it was clarified there are three medical facilities in the county. The main facility is in Fossil with two satellite facilities in Spray and Mitchell. Also, Gilliam County has two medical clinics. The Plan needs to be updated to include this information.

Arens indicated the AAA has hired a new OPI coordinator, Melissa Howtopat, to help network with the Native American culture and help address minority issues in a way we have not been able to do so before.

Arens discussed that the AAA has entered into discussion with COCOA in Bend to help collaborate with them to create a regional call center (ADRC). The call center staff would have to be educated and trained on how to assist peoples with disabilities, minorities or home bound seniors.

Arens concluded the review by thanking all the volunteers who make the AAA program work. He stated the AAA budget overall is about \$400,000. Volunteer in-kind services and donations amount to \$557,000. Without the volunteers, the program could not provide all the services it does.

It was discussed that staff try to modify the budget to identify funds received and also show in-kind revenue and services from other areas in each program. That might help to identify where assistance is needed and also explain how program services are provided.

Julie Reynolds, SAC, commented that on page 7 of the survey with regards to transportation, it says the transportation needs of seniors are generally being met. She stated transportation has come up "over and over" at the SAC meetings and she feels this area needs to be re-visited.

Michael Smith stated Sherman County has a new exercise center that needs to be added to the list.

Following the presentation, Michael Smith called for public testimony. As there was none, he closed the public hearing at 1:55 p.m.

The SAC went back into session and approved the AAA Area Plan as presented referring it to the MCCOG Board of Directors for final adoption.

IV. BACK IN SESSION

The Board came back into session at 2:00 p.m. following the Public Hearing and action by the SAC.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

A. AAA Area Plan Adoption.

Shaw moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve the Area Agency on Aging Area Plan 2013-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. SAC Chair or Representative

There was no report given.

As there was no further business for the MCCOG Board, Jeanne Burch, Chris Perry and Mike Weimer were excused from the meeting.

B. Directors' Reports

Arens reported that the RFP process had been completed and new meal site contracts went out to Hood River Valley Adult Center and Fossil. A new contract has been negotiated and signed by The Dalles Meals on Wheels (MOW). Contract modifications reflecting the changes requested by MOW will go out to other meal site contractors so all of the contracts will be the same. The modifications include insurance language changes and an option of allowing scanned original forms to be submitted. At the request of MOW, staff has posed a question to the State Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding allowing read-only on their computer system (Oregon Access). A reply has not been received at this time.

The Mandatory Functions Report of the AAA, as requested by DHS, has been submitted and it is anticipated that DHS will have findings available by mid-October. The findings will likely be submitted directly to Rod Runyon and Michael Smith with copy to MCCOG staff.

As reported during the public hearing, Melissa Howtopat has joined the AAA team to assist with the OPI program. She will be a great asset to MCCOG with her ability to reach out to the Native American population. It was noted that OPI referrals have increased and we are serving more than ever before.

Arens noted that over 800 hours went into the development of the AAA Area Plan with another 400-500 hours just on the Functions report. He stated it was a "significant Team effort" and he feels good about the finished product. In response to a question posed by Pat Shaw, Arens responded the hours did not require employee paid over-time.

Bill Larson is retiring as AAA Director. The position has been advertised and a hiring committee has been formed to assist in the process to find a new Director. The committee consists of Brian Ahier, Lee Brouhard,

Delene Durfey, Denise Ford and himself. Interviews for the position will take place next Tuesday. The committee is charged with selecting the top two finalists from which staff will select the one to hire.

Bill Fashing reported briefly that the MCCOG land purchase and NEPA review are moving ahead as scheduled. He said the RFP for architects and engineering have been posted on-line on ORPIN. Things are falling into place.

With regards to the StRUT program, staff reported it needs a long-term plan established. Also, the Robotics program suggests implementation of a \$5 fee per participating student with proceeds to come directly from the school district. Gilliam County will be meeting with Program Director, Marty Willie, to discuss being involved. Jett suggested more marketing needs to occur of this program and gave credit to MCCOG for getting this program.

It was noted that wireless is being installed in the MCCOG Board room and will be available at the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the MCCOG Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

ATTEST:



Fine Meriwether, Executive Assistant



Michael Smith, Board Chair