

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
THE RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

MARCH 9, 2017
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Chairman Gene Oakley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Donald Black, the Minutes of the December 2016 meeting and Financial Reports for the quarter ending December 31, 2016, were approved.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy informed the group that he attended the MODOT Statewide Planning Partners meeting in Jefferson City, at which MODOT reported that statewide revenues have increased. More funding for projects will be available for inclusion within the STIP. The focus of the projects will be safety.

Mr. Murphy presented the commission with a draft of the *2017 Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Plan*. The draft plan will be presented for adoption consideration during June 2017.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REGION Q

Recycling Center Supervisor Jamie Lansford reported that the price of cardboard has steadily increased since the December 2016 meeting.

Buff up the Bluff will begin April 22nd. Any other communities wishing to schedule a spring clean-up should contact him at (573)785-0034.

OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Associate Director Matt Winters reported upon the business incubator expansion effort. All six incubator spaces are occupied. The plans for the expansion are complete; 50,000 square feet will be added this summer. Construction bids will be opened April 7, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. Construction will commence soon after the bid opening.

OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OFRCF)

As of December 31, 2016, the balance of funds held through the OFRCF was \$691,626.00 within 33 funds. This is an increase of \$191,000.00 and seven new funds since December 2015. The new funds created since December including the Friends of Southern Reynolds County, the Stitches of Love Fund, and the Holy Cross Jubilee Ministries Fund of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

Give Ozarks Day- a day of online giving that is coordinated by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks –will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017. There are several non-profit partners that will be raising money during the event including the following: the Clearwater School Foundation, UCAN, the Boys and Girls Club of Poplar Bluff, the Child Concern Center, the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, the Rodgers Theater, Whole Kinds Outreach, and the Animal Welfare Alliance of Southeast Missouri. The Community Foundation board and volunteer fund representatives are planning a concerted group marketing campaign leading up to Give Ozarks Day including an event the day of to draw attention to the participating non-profits. The group will be sharing emails and Facebook posts including donation links.

RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

Housing Coordinator Niki Harp reported upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The Ripley County Public Housing Agency currently has 358 vouchers filled. In addition, thirty-four VASH vouchers are dedicated specifically for homeless veterans. All thirty-four vouchers specified for veterans are filled. Section 8 pre-application acceptance began March 1, 2017 bringing the waiting list to 241 families. Pre-applications will continue to be accepted until March 31, 2017.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Carolyn Meeks reported that there are currently thirty-seven families participating in the FSS Program and eighteen families participating within the Home Ownership Program. Twelve of the home ownership clients are engaged in credit counseling.

Resolutions and Certifications required for the RCPHA *Annual Plan* proposed for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development was presented to the board by Director Felicity Ray. On a motion made by Commissioner Donald Black and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe the *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan* was approved for execution. On a motion made by Commissioner Joe Loyd and Seconded by Commissioner Donald Black the *Civil Rights Certification: Annual Certification and Board Resolution* was approved authorizing submission of the *PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan* as presented to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

Associate Director Matt Winters reported upon the grants received during the prior quarter. They were summarized as follows:

- Doniphan Vitality, Delta Regional Authority, \$99,225;
- City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri Department of Transportation, \$337,751;
- Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, \$2,400/year; and,

- Greenville R-1 School District, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, \$843,297.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Director Ray reported that fourteen grant applications were submitted during the prior quarter. A summary of each proposal was provided to those in attendance as an attachment to *Resolution #288*. A motion was made by Mr. Darrell Dement and seconded by Mr. Russell French to adopt Resolution #288 authorizing submission of the proposals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ray described the composition and purpose of the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG). The MACOG board is comprised of the directors of each member regional planning council in the state. MACOG currently wishes to revise its bylaws; all such revisions must be approved by the member councils. A listing of the proposed bylaw amendments was available for review. The proposed revisions will be presented for official consideration and adoption during the June board meeting.

No legislative officials were present to provide a legislative update as originally planned.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Associate Director Winters reported that Samantha Rogers has been working upon the *Reynolds County Hazard Mitigation Plan* update. The goals of the updated plan are as follows:

- Implement mitigation actions that improve the protection of human life, health and safety from the adverse effects of disasters;
- Implement mitigation actions that improve the continuity of government and essential services from the adverse effects of disasters;
- Implement mitigation actions that improve the protection of public and private property from the adverse effects of disasters; and,
- Implement mitigation actions that improve the protection of community tranquility from the adverse effects of disasters.

These goals mirror the goals of the *Missouri State Hazard Mitigation Plan*.

We recently received contracts from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to begin the update process for the Butler and Wayne County plans. The Butler County plan must be updated by August 8, 2017, and the Wayne County plan must be updated by November 29, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Rev. Greg Kirk and seconded by Mr. Darrell Dement, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Barion Polk 6-15-17
~~Dr. Gene Oakley, Chairman~~ Date
Barion Polk, Vice Chairman

Edward Coursey 6/15
Mr. Edward Coursey, Secretary Date

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Edward Coursey	Donald Black	Mildred Coursey
Joe Loyd	Angela Smith	Russell French
Wayne Gibbs	Wayne Gibbs	William Kennon
Gregory Kirk	Margaret Carter	Sr. Anne Francioni
Brian Polk	Darrell Dement	Paul Johnson
Vince Lampe	Dr. Gene Oakley	Mike Gossett

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ed Degaris	Gary Conway, Jr.	Glen Sedrick
Mike Hoerner	Angela Clyburn	Paul Woods
William Kirkpatrick	Lee McComb	Rick Julius
Kim Diamond	Stanley Barton	Dawn Hood
Terry Cooper	Carroll Rainwater	

GUESTS

Joe Leah	Kathy Obourn	Tammy Thurman
Helen Crites	Clayton Brooks	Jeff Shawan
Pamela Kirk	Joe Driskill	Mary Anderson
Bill Robison	Ronda Polk	Larry Kimbrow
Sandy Crites Jay	Christy Roberts	Larry Sloan
Bill Moriary	Wally Duncan	Matt Michel
Dan Brady	Judy Oakley	Michelle Albritton
Rudy Fuchs	Karen White	Blake Albritton
Tonyi Deffendall	Kathy Duncan	Marie Obourn
Charles Ray	Butch Anderson	Karen Crook
Ruby Prewitt	Brenda Johnson	Fred Crook
Betty Bilbrey	Gloria Dement	Doug Mosbey
Skip Hinrichs	Jeanne Porter	Heather Mosbey
Clifford Smith	Kathy Gossett	Steve Halter
Gene Bilbrey	Donna Brady	Debbie Halter
Sheri Hinrichs	Julianne Brady	Scott Preslar
Lisa Lansford	Jerry Warren	Becky Gibbs
Ron Smith	Ruth Warren	Greg Batson
Mrs. Gossett	Rebecca Winters	Rose Marie Batson
Kristin Brooks	Kathy Lightner	Caroline Yield
Gary Emmons	Georgia Woods	Jared Hicks
		Marvin Nesbit

EMPLOYEES

Felicity Ray
John Anderson
Jamie Lansford
Eugene Shanor

Matt Winters
Andrew Murphy
Keona Ferguson
Samantha Rodgers

Ilene Ward
Carolyn Meeks
Mike Watkins
Camille Donnell