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**Executive Committee**

**Special Call Meeting**

**Via Zoon**

**January 22, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

**Members Present on Zoom:**

**Clarendon County:** Senator Kevin Johnson, Mayor Julia Nelson, Councilman Dwight Stewart

**Kershaw County:** Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr., Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

**Lee County:** Councilman Travis Windham, Councilman Wayne Hancock, Representative Will Wheeler

**Sumter County:** Councilman James McCain, Chuck Wilson, Councilwoman Vivian McGhaney.

**Members Absent:**

**Sumter County:** Councilman Jim McCain

**Kershaw:** Jeffery Graham

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. **Invocation:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Dwight Stewart lead the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Quorum Determination:** Board Clerk informed the committee that a quorum was established.
5. **Agenda Adoption:** Mr. Chuck Wilson made the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Dwight Stewart made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **New Business:**

- a. **Report and Presentation from Building Committee:** Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford informed the committee that the Building Task Force met on January 16, 2024 to discuss the business of the Lease Termination that was received for the Corporate Way location on January 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Mr. Cyphers and staff reported to the Committee that three properties had been reviewed for the Corporate Way Staff to relocate. Mayor Drakeford informed the Committee that the Task Force voted unanimously to relocate at a property located on 3219 Broad Street Sumter for \$4500 monthly. Mayor Drakeford called for a motion for the Executive Committee to accept the recommendation that was coming from the Building Task force and to allow the Executive Director to move forward with the new lease for the 3219 Broad Steed Sumter location. Mr. Cyphers discussed with the Board the other two properties that he and Mr. Areatha Clark visited prior to deciding on the 3219 Broad Street location. He informed the Committee that the location was over 5000 square feet. The committee was informed by Mr. Cyphers that the building owner stated that there will be no penalty for early termination on the lease. Chairman Tucker seconded the motion coming from the Building Task Force allowing Mr. Cypher the permission to move forward with a three-year lease on the property at 3219 Broad Street in the amount of \$4500.00 monthly. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Update from Aging Dept:** Executive Director Dennis Cyphers informed the Committee about a legal matter that involves our HHS Department. He stated that one of our contractors potentially has some fraudulent activities going on with paperwork. Mr. Cyphers informed the Board that the agency in question has had their attorney reach out to the COG. Director Janae Stowe informed the Board that the invoice has not been paid to the agency in the amount of \$10,000.00 for one month. She stated that we have contracted with this agency for three years, and she has presented all our files to our legal counsel. Mr. Cyphers indicated that our attorney has consulted with a third party to review the files. Mr. Cyphers gave the Committee an overview of the current House Bill that is on the floor at the State House that involves our Aging Department. Senator Kevin Johnson informed the Committee that this new Bill is still in the early stages.

8. **Executive Director Update:** Executive Director Dennis Cyphers informed the Board on the following:


- The Ways and Means Committee continues to hold subcommittee hearings on agency budgets. Our budget request is \$445,000 in new recurring revenue in addition to the current recurring funding of \$1.5 million and \$1 million in new non-recurring revenue. This request will be divided between all 10 COGs.
- A Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee was held on S.915 Executive Office of Health and Policy on Wednesday and the subcommittee received a report from the consultant, Boston Consulting Group, that the SC Department of Administration hired pursuant to the DHEC reorganization bill. The consultant gave a general overview of the benefits and challenges of these agencies being streamlined. The subcommittee will meet again to review the specifics of S.915 this Wednesday. The full Senate Medical affairs Committee will meet on Thursday so I would almost guarantee that the bill will be on the Senate calendar next week.
- Governor McMaster will deliver his State of the State Address this Wednesday January 24, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the House Chambers. COG members and staff will be present on the House floor.
- South Carolina Transportation Secretary Christy Hall announced her retirement after thirty years with the Department effective at the end of March. Her replacement will be Justin Powell who is the current chief operating officer at SCDOT where he manages day-to-day operations.

9. **Chairman's Remark:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. thanked the committee for all their support to him and

his family during the death of his mother.

10. **Adjourn:** Chairman Sammie Tucker Jr. called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chuck Wilson made the motion, the motion was seconded by Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

  
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Linda Jackson  
Board Clerk

Approve by:

  
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Dennis Cyphers  
Executive Director