

# Tri-County Council

*for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland*

*Serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties*

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes Tri-County Council Multi-Purpose Center January 14, 2021

Mr. Gregory Padgham conducted roll call and the following were present:

### **Somerset County**

Chair: Rex Simpkins

Third Vice Chair: Eldon Willing

### **Wicomico County**

First Vice Chair: John Cannon

Secretary: Josh Hastings

### **Worcester County**

Second Vice Chair: Ted Elder

Past Chair: Joe Mitrecic

### **Maryland Senate**

At-Large: Senator Mary Beth Carozza – Proxy Pat Schrawder

Senator Addie Eckardt

### **TCC Staff**

Executive Director: Gregory Padgham

Administrative Services Director: John Donegan

Shore Transit Director: Brad Bellacicco

Lower Shore Workforce Alliance Director: Becca Webster

Regional Communications Developer: Monique Snyder

Economic Development Coordinator: Stephanie Wilkins

Technical Services: Victoria Matthews

Quorum was established. Chairman Rex Simpkins called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

October 21, 2020 Executive Board Minutes: Voting members unanimously approved the minutes.

### **Old Business**

Open Meetings Act: Mr. Padgham announced that Stephanie Wilkins has received her Certificate of Completion for the Maryland's Open Meetings Act.

#### **Shore Transit: Brad Bellacicco, Shore Transit Director**

- A. Transportation Update
  - 1. Continue to operate essential transportation
  - 2. Fix Route ridership is in the winter seasonal low, which is normal.
  - 3. Origin to Destination (ADA, SSTAP, and medical transportation) is worse, operating about 40%.
- B. Vehicles
  - 1. Revenue Fleet at 38, with two not road worthy.
  - 2. Delivery of the 7 FY2019 and 2020 medium buses still delayed due to the purchase of the manufacturer that requires contract review by FTA.
  - 3. The FY2021 Annual Transportation Plan budget granted Shore Transit two small buses and two medium buses
- C. Staffing
  - 1. Shore Transit employees 84 employees, with 51 being drivers
- D. Funding
  - 1. FY21 grant paperwork sent to MTA. Five months of reimbursement has been requested. No money has come in to date.

#### **Administration – John Donegan, Administrative Services Director**

- A. Mr. Donegan shared the fiscal overview of the organization.
- B. Reviewed Tri-County Council Campus Projects.
- C. Loan Information as of January 2021/
- D. The Administrative Director discussed the different types of funding sources that fund the various programs within TCC.
- E. Shore Transit Cash Flow Status: Shore Transit is still waiting on MTA for the reimbursement payments.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution 22-01 – Brad Bellacicco**

- A. John Cannon made the motion to accept Resolution 22-01 as is. Commissioner Ted Elder second the motion. The TCC Executive unanimously accepted the Resolution.

#### **FCC RDOF Auction 904 Results – Gregory Padgham**

- A. Auction 904: Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)

- B. Covered the timelines:
  - 1. January 29, 2021 – Awardees must certify the award and submit a proforma
  - 2. February 15, 2021 – Awardees must open an LC for 10% of the award in order to be certified.
- C. HB43 Department of Information Technology – Office of Broadband and Joint Committee on Broadband
- D. HB0097 (Cross-filed with SB0066, which was cosponsored by Senator Eckardt) Department of Housing and Community Development – Office of Digital Inclusion – Established (Digital Connectivity Act of 2021).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was done by Mr. John Cannon followed by Mr. Eldon Willing, who seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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