

MINUTES
PTRC Board of Delegates
June 19, 2024

Present

Marikay Abuzuaiter, City of Greensboro
Kevin Austin, Yadkin County
Robin Beeson, Town of Dobson (Z)
Sam Bishop, Town of Elkin (Z)
Mike Brannon, Town of Bermuda Run
Kay Cagle-Kinch, Town of Biscoe (Z)
Bobby Chin, City of Graham (Z)
Jane Cole, City of King
Monta Davis-Oliver, Town of Yadkinville (Z)
Lewis Dorsett, City of Archdale
Stephanie Enoch, Town of Green Level (Z)
Serita Faison, Town of Sedalia
Johnny Farmer, Town of Stoneville (Z)
Benita Finney, Davie County
Alvin Foster, Town of Yanceyville
Darrell Frye, Randolph County
Montrena Hadley, City of Mebane (Z)
Nancy Henderson, City of Randleman
Dwight Lake, Town of Mayodan
John Larson, City of Winston-Salem
Peggy Leight, Town of Walkertown (Z)
Greg Light, City of Eden
Monte Long, Town of Lewisville
Dean Maddox, Town of Pleasant Garden
Richard McNabb, City of Trinity
Lynn Montgomery, Town of Jamestown
Rick Morris, Stokes County (Z)
Scott Needham, Town of Pilot Mountain
Randy Orwig, Town of Elon (Z)
Damon Prince, Town of Troy (Z)
Mark Richardson, Rockingham County
Travis Sapp, Town of Swepsonville (Z)
John Shaw, Montgomery County (Z)
Jeff Smith, Town of Cooleemee
Phil Thacker, City of Mount Airy
Van Tucker, Surry County (Z)
Larry Ward, Town of Denton
Cindy Wheeler, Town of Whitsett
Filmore York, Town of Liberty

Absent

Tim Andrew, City of High Point
Kelly Allen, Town of Haw River
Wayne Atkins, Town of Dobson
Terry Bennett, Town of Rural Hall
Layton Booker, Town of Candor
Nellie Brown, Town of Walnut Cove
John Burke, City of Lexington
Jim Butler, City of Burlington
John Bynum, Town of Midway
Mary Cameron, Village of Clemmons
Phil Cheap, Village of Alamance
Carly Cooke, Guilford County
David Cox, Town of Boonville
Monica Craver, Town of Boonville
Anita Darnell, Town of Jonesville
James Dunn, Town of East Bend
David Fernandez, Town of Seagrove
Johnny Frye, Town of Mocksville
Michael Greeson, Town of Oak Ridge
Ethel Gwynn, Caswell County
Virginia Hoover, Town of Madison
Melissa Hunt, Town of Lewisville
A.C. Hurley, Town of Franklinville
Mark Jones, Davie County
William Martin, City of Reidsville
Fred McClure, Davidson County
Tonya McDaniel, Forsyth County
Howard Morgan, Town of Sedalia
Sheldon Morley, Town of Mt. Gilead
Dennis Paschal, Town of Wentworth
William Phillips, Town of Madison
Janelle Robinson, Town of Summerfield
Karen Scotton, Town of Staley
Lisa Shell, City of Thomasville
Boyce Shore, Village of Tobaccoville
David Smith, City of Asheboro
Hampton Spivey, Town of Ramseur
Chris Thompson, Town of Kernersville
Pam Thompson, Alamance County
Janet Whitt, Town of Danbury
Leonard Williams, Town of Gibsonville
Kenneth Wolfe, Town of Bethania
Randy Wooden, Village of Clemmons
Steve Yokeley, Town of Wallburg
Raleigh York, City of Thomasville

Chairman Mark Richardson welcomed the PTRC Board of Delegates and called the meeting to order at 12:02pm via Zoom and in person attendance. Chairman Richardson requested a moment of silence and then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Open Hearing for the purpose of FY23-24 Budget Adoption, Mr. Alvin Foster, Chair

- a. Mr. Kevin Austin made a motion to enter into Public Hearing.
- b. Mr. Dwight Lake seconded it.
- c. Roll call vote to go into Public Hearing- Ayes: *Marikay Abuzuaiter, Kevin Austin, Robin Beeson, Sam Bishop, Mike Brannon, Kay Cagle-Kinch, Bobby Chin, Jane Cole, Monta Davis-Oliver, Lewis Dorsett, Stephanie Enoch, Sherita Faison, Johnny Farmer, Benita Finney, Alvin Foster, Darrell Frye, Montrena Hadley, Nancy Henderson, Dwight Lake, John Larson, Peggy Leight, Greg Light, Monte Long, Dean Maddox, Richard McNabb, Lynn Montgomery, Rick Morris, Scott Needham, Randy Orwig, Damon Prince, Mark Richardson, John Shaw, Jeff Smith, Phil Thacker, Van Tucker, Larry Ward, Cindy Wheeler, and Filmore York.*
- d. Nays: *none*
- e. Roll call vote to close Public Hearing- Ayes: *Marikay Abuzuaiter, Kevin Austin, Robin Beeson, Sam Bishop, Mike Brannon, Kay Cagle-Kinch, Bobby Chin, Jane Cole, Monta Davis-Oliver, Lewis Dorsett, Stephanie Enoch, Sherita Faison, Johnny Farmer, Benita Finney, Alvin Foster, Darrell Frye, Montrena Hadley, Nancy Henderson, Dwight Lake, John Larson, Peggy Leight, Greg Light, Monte Long, Dean Maddox, Richard McNabb, Lynn Montgomery, Rick Morris, Scott Needham, Randy Orwig, Damon Prince, Mark Richardson, John Shaw, Jeff Smith, Phil Thacker, Van Tucker, Larry Ward, Cindy Wheeler, and Filmore York.*
- f. Nays: *none*
- g. Mr. Alvin Foster made a motion to close the Public Hearing.
- h. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phil Thacker.

2) Presentation: Andrea DeSantis, PhD, Assistant Secretary for Workforce Solutions, NC Department of Commerce

- a. Ms. Andrea DeSantis thanked PTRC for being tremendous partners. We couldn't accomplish our mission without our partners. Their mission is simple: we help people in NC find jobs.
- b. To accomplish that, we administer a statewide system of workforce programs that prepare North Carolinians for employment.
- c. We offer services for adults, veterans, youth, and more. We help employers find the qualified talent they need to make their businesses thrive. To maintain the quality of all those services, we train our state's workforce professionals.
- d. North Carolina is at the forefront for Economic Development. We were named one of the best states to do business.
- e. Being here on Juneteenth is important because we commit ourselves to an economy that works for all citizens regardless of background.
- f. We see a lot of growth in transitioning to a clean energy economy thanks to the groundwork Governor Cooper has put in place. We are excited about the new opportunities to improve both the environment and the state's economy.
- g. Moving forward we will focus on Reentry. We want those who have been incarcerated to have access to services and all the supports they need to be successful back in population. We believe this will only build stronger communities.
- h. Workforce Solutions is working to create a job seeker system for those on Medicaid benefits.
- i. We have business services at the state level to support business engagement.

- j. In closing, it's so important to see the power of the workforce system and the power of what you can accomplish. We strive to help communities be successful.

3) Consent Items, Mr. Mark Richardson, PTRC Chair

- a. Request to authorize receipt of \$100,000 in grant Funding from ARC to support Forsyth Connections project
- b. Request for authorization to enter into contract with SFRF in the amount of \$623,925
- c. Request for approval to enter into contract with the Town of Pleasant Garden
- d. Request for approval to submit the Piedmont Greenway planning and design grant
- e. Request for approval to apply to HUD for Manufactured Housing Community support
- f. Request for approval to enter into contracts with Yanceyville and Mayodan
- g. Request for approval to amend the Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy
- h. Request for approval of Budget Revision for FY 2023-2024

4) Action Item: Request for Approval February 21, 2024 PTRC Board of Delegates minutes, Mr. Mark Richardson, Chair

5) Action Item: Request for approval of the Resolution of Membership from the Town of Swepsonville, Mr. Mark Richardson, PTRC Chair

- a. WHEREAS, NC General Statutes 160A-470 and 153A-445 authorize municipalities and counties to form and to join regional councils of governments; and
- b. WHEREAS, the Town of Swepsonville desires to join with other municipalities and counties which are members of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council; and
- c. WHEREAS, the Town Council affirms the benefits of cooperation among local governments within a region and their elected and appointed officials;
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Swepsonville that the attached Charter of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council is hereby ratified and that membership in the Piedmont Triad Regional Council for the Town of Milton is hereby authorized.

6) Action Item: Request for Approval of Original Budget Ordinance for FY 2024-2025, Mr. Jarrod Hand, Finance Director

- a. The Finance Department requests approval of the original Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2024-2025 budget of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. This original Budget Ordinance shows a total budget of \$47,827,353; a decrease of \$1,763,585 from the original Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2023-2024. The following pages include the Budget Ordinance and a summary of the budget by area.
- b. The Finance Department requests approval of the original Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2024-2025 budget of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. This original Budget Ordinance shows a total budget of \$47,827,353; a decrease of \$1,763,585 from the original Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2023-2024.
- c. Mr. Hand went over a summary of the changes for this year's budget. Those changes include:
 - i) A decrease in Admin due to the completion of the NCARCOG Resiliency/ Recovery Grant.
 - ii) Admin Services has 24 new projects ranging from \$3,300 to \$38,500.
 - iii) Crime Control will see a decrease to due to the transition of Project Reentry programs to the counties and the end of the current Recidivism Reduction Services in August.
 - iv) Aging is seeing a decrease due to ARPA coming to an end.

- v) Housing Rehab will increase with an addition of ESFR22 grants for seven counties.
- vi) Planning is receiving a NCDOT administered State Planning and Research grant in the amount of \$120,000 and \$66,000 in Clean Water funding. The budget reflects \$500,000 in 22 new Local Technical Assistance projects.
- vii) PTRDC shows a decrease due to several grants being finalized the previous year.
- viii) Section 8 will see an increase as more people are in the program.
- ix) WED shows a significant increase due to new grants from North Carolina Division of Workforce Solutions in the amount of \$785000. There are also increases in allocations for Adult and Youth Funding. Other funding includes \$500,000 in ARPA Workforce Based Learning, \$250,000 in ARPA Reentry Alamance, and \$35,000 in Business Services.
- d. Our three largest departments make up 82.51% of the budget. (AAA – 36.02%, CD – 26.98% & WED- 19.51%).
- e. Administration is 2.52% of budget.
- f. To review supporting documents, visit www.ptrc.org or email kmitchell@ptrc.org.
- g. It is recommended that the board adopt this original budget ordinance of \$47,827,353 for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- h. Mr. Dolge thanked Mr. Hand and the entire staff for a great budget year. We worked with \$60million new dollars without hiring any additional staff. With the decrease we are seeing this year we won't have staff cuts. We feel strongly that this is a conservative budget and we will continue to serve you at the highest levels.
- i. Mr. Larry Phillips asked about the pay studies outside of the region. Mr. Dolge stated that our scope is much larger than that of other Council of Governments. Mr. Reece has expanded our Admin Services program by hiring retirees that have a great understanding of local government. Our services are stronger than those available in their areas. We feel it's important to strengthen not just our region but also the state when given the opportunity.
- j. Mr. John Larson asked how the budget reflects climate change and resiliency. Mr. Dolge answered that our Weatherization program is a large part of that. We aren't only weatherizing homes but also making individuals more self-sustaining. We have also developed a training program on energy efficiency techniques and have received a national certification.
- k. It is recommended that the board adopt this original budget ordinance of \$47,827,353 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

7) New Action Item: Request for approval of the audit contract for fiscal year-ended June 30, 2024

- a. The Finance Department requests approval of the audit (financial and compliance) contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. for fiscal year-ended June 30, 2024. The audit fee for financial and compliance audit has a not to exceed fee of \$43,750.
- b. It is recommended that the Board of Delegates approve the audit contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co for fiscal year-ended June 30, 2024.

8) Roll Call vote for the Abovementioned Consent Items 3a-h and Action Items 4-7

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Scott Needham.
- b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dwight Lake.
- c. Roll call vote- Ayes: *Marikay Abuzuaiter, Kevin Austin, Robin Beeson, Sam Bishop, Mike Brannon, Mary Cagle Kinch, Bobby Chin, Jane Cole, Monta Davis-Oliver, Lewis Dorsett, Stephanie Enoch, Serita Faison, , Johnny Farmer, Benita Finney, Alvin Foster, Darrell Frye, Montrena Hadley, Nancy*

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- d. Nays: *none*
- e. Consent Items 3a-h and Action Items 4-6 were approved.

9) Executive Director's Report, Mr. Matthew Dolge, Assistant Director

- a. Mr. Dolge shared that his oldest son got engaged on Monday. There will be no meetings in July. Have a great summer!

10) Around the Region, Mr. Mark Richardson, Board Chair

- a. Mr. Lewis Dorsett introduced Ms. Susan Swaim who is the interim City Manager for Archdale. He also introduced Councilman Roger Blackwell. He announced that Mr. Zeb Holden is now Manager for Randolph County. Mr. Matthew Christian will be the new Manager effective July 15, 2024. Archdale will hold their July 4th celebration at Creekside Park.
- b. Mr. Darrell Frye shared that there is a Vietnam Memorial, "The Wall that Heals", in Asheboro. This will be the only time it will be on display in NC this year.
- c. Mr. Filmore York invited everyone to Liberty on July 13th for food trucks, fireworks and more.
- d. Mr. Bobby Chin invited everyone to the Hot Air Balloon Festival September 13-15. Alamance County Veterans (ALCOVETS) is also holding a raffle for a respite campus on Bass Mountain. You can visit www.alcovets.org for more information.
- e. Mr. Mike Kosher invited everyone to Yadkinville for their Dog Days of Summer on August 9th. There will be food, music and fun.
- f. Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter shared that the Fun Fourth Celebration will be held all day in Greensboro.
- g. Ms. Nancy Henderson shared that Randleman will have free hot dogs, watermelon, bands and fireworks on July 5th starting at 6:00.
- h. Mr. Alvin Foster invited everyone to Yanceyville on June 28th for food trucks, music and fireworks.
- i. Mr. Larry Ward announced the Old Thrashers Reunion on July 1st in Denton.,
- j. Mr. Scott Needham announced Pilot Mountain's Pig Out this Friday from 4:00-10:00.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 1:05pm.

Mark Richardson, PTRC Chair

Katie Mitchell, Clerk to the Board