

**MINUTES**  
**BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**January 24, 2018**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the BRADD Office, Bowling Green, KY. The BRADD meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mayor Dick Doty.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Michelle Hines, BRADD Aging Director.

Chairman Doty recognized all guests and representatives of the news media.

Chairman Doty introduced the meeting speaker, Congressman James Comer. The Congressman thanked everyone for the opportunity to be present at the BRADD. He recalled his first BRADD meeting back in December of 2000 where he spoke as a Legislator. Congressman Comer spoke about work and projects currently occurring within the BRADD counties in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional district. Congressman Comer's presentation topic included what he feels is the number one issue, the economy. He believes progress towards a strong economy can be seen in improving the business climate in such ways as removing the governmental regulations off the backs of the private industry. As such, tax cuts allow business to grow and retain additional employees resulting in a far greater stimulation of the economy. The Congressman also shared that Kentucky currently has 31 percent of its residents on Medicaid. He believes this number to be too great and therefore supports the government putting tax rates on unemployed able bodied persons, in addition to increasing the rules and regulations on Welfare Reform. Congressman Comer opened the floor to any questions.

**ATTENDANCE:**

It was determined that a quorum was present. (See attached attendance Record).

**MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting were approved as mailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Mayor Billy Phelps, seconded by Mayor Bob Greer to approve the December 20, 2017 Board minutes as emailed. Motion Carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No reports.

**Council:**

**Aging Council:**

**Ms. Vickie Walker**, reported that the Aging Council met on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the BRADD Conference Center. The Center for Accessible Living provided a presentation to members on the services provided through their agency. Aging Council members reviewed and approved the Aging Services Review Committee's report. The Executive Council will make those recommendations to the BRADD Board. The next Aging Council meeting is scheduled to take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 with a public hearing on the new area plan to take place immediately following the Council meeting.

**Special Advisors:**

**Mr. Tim Thomas**, Senator Mitch McConnell's Field Representative, report echoed Congressman Comer's thoughts on the rising tide of economic optimism. He informed that the company, Apple, has made the largest single tax payment to the government to date. Mr. Thomas expresses the hope of the Senator is to see more development investment in manufacturing and infrastructure. Additionally, Mr. Thomas added the unemployment rate is at 4.1 percent overall. The IRS has recalculated the tax tables for 2018 and they are now available. Employers have until February 15<sup>th</sup> to get the calculations submitted.

**Mr. Isaac Myers**, Office of the Governor, reported Kentucky's Corporate Investment Record announced \$9.2 billion in corporate expansion and new-location projects in 2017, creating 17,200 jobs. Mr. Myers reported that Earlier this month Governor Bevin announced that the federal government has approved Kentucky's Section 1115 Medicaid waiver known as Kentucky HEALTH (Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health). Kentucky's new program will improve the health of its participants, strengthen Medicaid's long-term fiscal sustainability, and promote personal responsibility for health and well-being. Mr. Myers informed that a copy of the Governor's recommended budget is available on the State Budget Director's Website. Additionally, the recommended highway plan is available on the Transportation Cabinet's website. Mr. Myers invited everyone to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM at the Kentucky Horse Park's Alltech Arena in Lexington.

**Dr. Victoria Gordon**, WKU Center for Local Governments, had no official report but reminded the Board of the partnership benefits available to local governments through the Western Kentucky University Department for Local Governments. Dr. Gordon stated they are available to assist local governments as necessary in areas such as; providing qualified students through internships, practical research opportunities, and coordination of university resources with local needs.

**Joseph Plunk**, Chief Engineer for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, informed that Governor Bevin has released the highway plan which details an emphasis in bridges and pavements; if anyone has questions they should contact the Transportation Department Office. Mr. Plunk updated that the first winter storm of the year yielded successful response from the road departments. He is proud of the department's work for safe and efficient removal and clearing of 2,400 miles of state maintained roads. He encouraged members to please inform the office of any road updates in the represented counties.

#### **STAFF:**

**Ms. Dajana Crockett**, Public Administration Specialist, reported that the 2018 RTP Recreational Trails Program grant is now open. It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, developments and maintenance of recreational trail and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. A hand out on this topic was provided in the Board Packet. (See attached)

**Ms. Michelle Hines**, Aging Director, reported to the BRADD Board that the Aging Department was notified by the Department for Aging and Independent Living on January 4th that the "hold" placed on state-funded programs has been lifted. BRADD is now able to open new participants in the PCAP and Homecare programs. BRADD partnered with Home Instead Senior Care this year with the Be a Santa to a Senior Program. BRADD received over 100 gifts for clients in need. Ms. Hines further reported that BRADD received a donation of 100 buckets of soup cans and crackers from Home Depot. The soup buckets are being delivered to needy elderly clients throughout the BRADD region. BRADD hosted a personal care drive and received 60 packages of diapers, several bottles of laundry detergent, shampoo, and body wash. Items will be delivered to caregivers who don't have the means to purchase these items.

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, updated the Board on the current JFA/ KIA reduction situation. Commissioner Sandy Dunahoo of DLG initially informed ADD directors a 17.4 percent cut would be issued for the current fiscal year. The funding for KIA was reduced for BRADD by almost \$16,000. After having

submitted the JFA contract in August, the BRADD never received the fully executed copy. Additionally, in October BRADD submitted a report for first quarter reimbursement, as reported at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the reimbursement was still not received. Mr. Sexton informed that when the Governor issued his Budget Reduction Order, DLG's actual reduction was 5.1% equal to \$804,500. ADD Directors reached out to the Commissioner to express concern for having to absorb proposed 97% of DLGs reduction. Mr. Sexton further explained that on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the ADD Directors meeting the Commissioner returned the fully executed JFA contract and gave the first quarter reimbursement. However, BRADD's reimbursement was \$22K less than requested and did not include any unmatched state funds. These cuts are going to directly affect the services provided by the BRADD and further cuts in FY19 are suspected. If these cuts come to fruition the essential services BRADD has provided for 50 years could be at jeopardy. Mr. Sexton asked the Board to assist by communicating with their Legislators what is occurring. Mr. Sexton then recognized three staff anniversary years of service. Cody Moats 6 years, Kim Morrow 11 years, and Amanda Briggs 5 years. Mr. Sexton reported that BRADD is currently updating conflict of interest forms on all Board of Directors. Also, the Aging Department requires conflict of interest statements on members to be collected for the Ombudsmen Long-Term care program that is administered through the BRADD. Mr. Sexton invited everyone to the Legislative Breakfast on Thursday February 15, 2018 at the Capitol Annex Cafeteria. Following the breakfast will be the KCADD board meeting. Mr. Sexton announced that BRADD will not have a February Board Meeting and that March 28<sup>th</sup> is the next Board Meeting. In April the Board Meeting is planned to be held at Mammoth Cave National Park for National Parks Month.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Executive Council Report:**

#### **1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects**

Chairman Doty reported that no Clearinghouse projects were reported this month.

#### **2. Aging Requests for Proposals**

Judge/Executive Tommy Willett reported that the board packet contained the Aging Services Review Committee Report and cost unit spreadsheet. No proposals were submitted for the personal care attendant care program and therefore BRADD will continue to provide PCAP services in house for another year. The review committee voted to accept Kentucky Legal Aid's (KLA) proposal for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Medicare Improvements for Patient and Providers Act (MIPPA). Additionally, KLA was the only submittal for the Ombudsmen/Elder Abuse Prevention Services, of which

the review committee accepted. The Hot Meal Preparation program received an incomplete bid from Canteen Service Company, the review committee recommended to reject the proposal and rebid the service. (See attached)

**A motion was made by Judge/Executive Tommy Willett, seconded by Mr. Jim Wilkerson to approve the aging requests for proposals. Motion Carried.**

### **3. Quarterly Financials Report**

Judge/Executive Wil Cannon reported that the Board packet contains the FY'18 financial report for the second quarter ending December 31, 2017. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$4.05 million through the second quarter of FY18. This represents 54% of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$4 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 53% of the annual expenditures budgeted. (See attached)

**A Motion was made by Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, seconded by Mr. Jim Wilkerson to approve the quarter two financial report. Motion Carried.**

### **ADJOURN**

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Mark Stratton, seconded by Mr. Elroy Larimore to adjourn.

  
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Signed

  
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Approved