

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 16, 2020**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2020 virtually through Zoom. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Chairman Thurmond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond virtually welcomed all board members, special advisors and attendees to the BRADD December Board Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the first guest speaker, Mr. Lanny White, Auditor of Carr, Riggs and Ingram. Mr. White provided a brief report on the recent fiscal year 2020 audit. Mr. White provided a summary description of the audit results on the zoom share screen. Mr. White reported the audit was completed using Government audit standards and resulted in an unmodified, clean opinion, as disclosed in the management letter. Mr. White informed there were no control or compliance findings. BRADD was deemed as a low-risk auditee. Mr. White commended BRADD on a good, clean audit report.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the second guest speaker, Mr. JD Chaney, Executive Director of Kentucky League of Cities. Mr. Chaney spoke about top priorities in the upcoming Legislative session. The session will be limited to few bills. One of the top priorities is transportation funding as needed to modernize roads. Other areas of consideration include the Governors executive authority, police reform and the 'bad act' with Kentucky Law Enforcement. Additionally, Mr. Chaney spoke about the local government funds and CARES funds specifically in relation to small cities who have received limited use of funds.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the next guest speaker, Ms. Shellie Hampton, Legislative Director for Kentucky Association of Counties. Ms. Hampton informed the KACo Board met and set agenda items for the upcoming Legislative session. Ms. Hampton stressed this session will be very fast paced with 30 meeting days rather than the normal 60. She informed a limited

number of bills will be filled and encouraged officials to contact their Legislators to let them know their priorities. Ms. Hampton stressed COVID is one of the most important considerations and at the forefront of all presented bills. Similar to Mr. Chaney, Ms. Hampton spoke about the top legislative priorities from the Counties perspective. The top priorities spoken of included increased transportation and infrastructure, broadband, and expense needs associated with jails.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of October 27, 2020 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Mark, seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper to approve the October 27, 2020 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers:

Budget and Personnel

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, Chairman of BRADDs Budget and Personnel committee. Judge/Executive Cannon informed at the October meeting the Executive Council authorized the posting of a BRADD Deputy Director position. The position was posted and advertised pursuant to KRS 147A.070, Section Three. The BRADD Budget & Personnel Committee convened via Zoom, November 30 for the purpose of conducting interviews for BRADD Deputy Director. The committee interviewed two very qualified candidates and came to a unanimous decision. The committee recommended to the Executive Council that BRADD Associate Director of Aging, Michelle Hines, be appointed to the position of BRADD Deputy Director, effective January 1, 2021. The Executive Council approved the recommendation.

Motion: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to appoint Ms. Michelle Hines to the position of BRADD Deputy Director effective January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Logan Chick. Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Water Management Council Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who informed The BRADD Water Management Council met on Wednesday, December 2nd, via Zoom. The Council heard a presentation from Kentucky Rural Water Association's Jason Pennell regarding free energy

efficiency assessments that could lead to significant water production savings for the region's utilities. The Council reviewed and approved the update and increased the budget of one drinking water project. The next Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 3rd, 2021 via zoom. Virtual invites will be sent by email to all involved and interested parties. Please direct any questions to BARDD staff Mr. Jacob Barker.

Transportation Council

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper to present the Regional Transportation Council report. The Committee held its most recent meeting on December 2, 2020 at 11:00 am. The committee approved the minutes from the October 7, 2020 meeting. Mr. Nate Heisler discussed dates for upcoming county SHIFT meetings and introduced the new Regional Crash Analysis map. Mr. Heisler discussed updates for the Kentucky Highway Freight review, national highway system for intermodal connectors and truck parking inventory. Mr. Joe Plunk with the KYTC District 3 discussed pavement rehabilitation for interstate I-65, Simpson County bridge project on highway 621, Natcher Parkway exit 7 new interchange, Metcalfe County Cumberland Parkway slide repair, Scottsville Road widening and I-65 new interchange study. Mr. Kevin Young with KYTC District 3, discussed Hart County bypass update. Mr. Doug Taylor with Rural Roads discussed discretionary funds and motor fuel tax. The next committee meeting will be held March 17,2020.

Aging Council

Chairman Thurmond called on Ms. Michelle Hines, Ms. Hines reported on behalf of the Aging Council, the Council last met on November 18, 2020 via Zoom and Conference Call. Mr. Chance Groves from the Division of Blind Services gave a presentation on services and programs available through their agency. The Barren River Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is holding a Blanket Drive for long term care residents. Community Action of Southern Kentucky is continuing to provide meals to seniors. They need volunteers for their programs, so please spread the word. The State Mental Health and Aging Coalition is working on a statewide project for mental health resiliency with seniors. Please contact Alecia Johnson at BRADD if you know of someone who may want to be featured on this film project. Ms. Hines informed the next council meeting will take place on January 20, 2021 at 10:00 am CST via Zoom.

Special Advisors Report:

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman James Comer's Representative, was unable to attend but submitted a report. Chairman Thurmond reported on her behalf, negotiations are still ongoing by the House and Senate for another round of funds to help the economy. Congressman Comer would like to see the economy

safely reopened and see children back in school. If anyone needs help with a federal issue, please contact Mrs. Simpson in Congressman Comer's Office. Congressman Comer supported the National Defense Authorization Act which will authorize a three percent pay raise for troops and protect against malicious Chinese interference. This legislation will also provide support for military construction and modernization projects. Congressman Comer congratulates Terry Carmack and Robbin Taylor as they assume new roles in Senator McConnell's Office.

Mr. Elton Thomas, Office of the Governor Representative, provided an update on the CARES funding in that it is continuing to be distributed. Governor Beshear announced 70 million in funds to be distributed to communities while 31 million has already been given to businesses across the commonwealth. Mr. Thomas spoke about the eviction relief fund and encouraged any governments needing assistance with completing applications to contact the ADD or DLG.

Mr. Doug Taylor, of Rural Roads, referenced a PDF guidebook located on the KY Transportations webpage containing a flow chart with depictions of how motor fuel tax is collected and distributed. Mr. Taylor encouraged members to review the resource to better understand how this tax can affect the transportation needs.

Mr. Tony Wilder, Executive Director of KY Association of ADDs, informed ADDs are closely monitoring legislation related to ADD funding, specifically, the Joint Funding Agreement (JFA). Mr. Wilder spoke about the importance of House Bill 528 and the transportation funding issues. Additionally, Mr. Wilder informed the annual Legislative Breakfast will be held February 11, 2021 however it may be held virtually, more information will come.

Staff:

Ms. Michelle Hines, Associate Director of Aging

Chairman Thurmond called on Ms. Michelle Hines, who informed the BRADD/AAAIL staff held a food and puzzle drive and assembled 70 bags that will be provided to homebound senior citizens throughout December and January. A Personal Hygiene drive was held in November during National Family Caregiver Month to assist caregivers and seniors with personal care items. Collected items will be offered to clients in need that request assistance and have no means to obtain. Requests for Proposals for Long Term Care Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention Services, State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Legal Assistance Services, as well as Personal Care Attendant Program Services (PCAP) were due to be submitted on December 15th at 2:00 pm. Ms. Hines informed the proposals will be reviewed on January 7, 2021 by the Aging Review Committee. The proposals results will be brought before the Aging Council and BRADD board during at the January meeting. Ms.

Hines further described additional activities and events related to Christmas occurring at Senior centers across the region.

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development

Chairman Thurmond called on Ms. Emily Hathcock, who informed the board their packet contains a Project Impact report detailing BRADDs 46 active projects representing over 22.7 million dollars of investment. There are 18 funding applications awaiting approval representing over 3.2 million dollars of investment, with 28 additional projects in development. Ms. Hathcock informed on December 2nd a meeting was held to re-establish the Economic Development Committee. A recording of the meeting can be found on the BRADD website. The committee's next meeting will be held March 3, 2020. Each BRADD county will be asked to confirm voting members on the committee as well as elect officers. The first item of business will be the review and update of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Additionally, BRADD has been working with each county to establish or convene a county-level steering committee. The plan is to begin meeting in January to review local plans and identify regional trends for Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Lastly, Ms. Hathcock described a Zoom meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to review the KY 911 Services Board Grant Program and gauge interest in submitting applications for public safety answering points within the region. This is an opportunity for Cities and Counties to request funding specifically for converting existing GIS data into formats compatible with next generation 911 (NG911) requirements.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Sexton, who presented a one-year staff anniversary recognition to Ms. Emily Phillips, Aging Assessor. Additionally, Mr. Sexton introduced the agencies new hires Ms. Alexius Holder, PDS Service Advisor, Ms. Jessica Boarman ADRC Coordinator, and Mr. Christian Stanley Case Manager. Mr. Sexton extended congratulations to Ms. Michelle Hines on her promotion as BRADD Deputy Director. Mr. Sexton thanked auditor Mr. Lanny White and staff for their professional and responsive work on the FY 20 audit. Mr. Sexton informed BRADD continues to provide many services to the region, to date 134 thousand meals have been served to seniors in the BRADD region which represents 20 percent of meals served statewide. The Executive Council approved the 2021 Board Meeting schedule, and a copy was provided in the board packet. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday January 27, 2021 with hopes for both virtual and in-person attendance options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. FY 2020 Audit

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Gary Dillard. Mr. Dillard informed the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the BRADD board meeting and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020 audit. Mr. Lanny White of Carr, Riggs and Ingram provided a brief overview earlier in this meeting. Mr. Dillard asked for any questions.

Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Billy Phelps. Motion carried.

2. Clearinghouse Projects

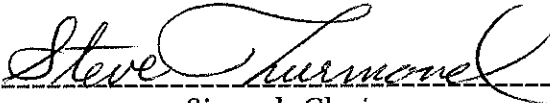
Chairman Thurmond reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board meeting and considered three regional clearinghouse projects. Project descriptions are in the board packet. Upon review of the projects, the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the three regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Dillard. Motion carried. (see attached)

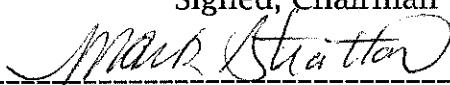
Chairman Thurmond closed the meeting with a special presentation on behalf of BRADD staff to Mr. Eric Sexton awarding him a Kentucky Colonel, the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in recognition of his noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to a community, state or the nation. Chairman Thurmond commended Eric on well-deserved recognition and thanked Eric for his public service to the BRADD region and state of Kentucky. Chairman Thurmond expressed Christmas sentiments to all and closed with inspiration for all to seek peace on earth and goodwill to men.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Wil Cannon and seconded by Mayor Billy Phelps to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary