

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

February 22, 2010

Gibbons Conference Room

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Caroline:** David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.; **Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (Treasurer), Matthew J. Kelly; **King George:** Joseph W. Grzeika; **Spotsylvania:** Jerry I. Logan, Benjamin T. Pitts; **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer (Secretary), Susan Stimpson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert J. Popowicz (2nd Vice Chairman); Dale W. Sisson (1st Vice Chairman).

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Beverly Cameron, Fredericksburg; Douglas Barnes, Spotsylvania; Anthony Romanello, Stafford.

INVITED GUESTS: Janine M. Sewell, Director, and Christen Gallik, Assistant Director, Fredericksburg Department of Social Services.

STAFF: Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Diana Burton Utz, Director, GWRideConnect; Andy Waple, Principal Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Marti Donley, Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner; Danny Reese, Associate Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Due to the absence of the 1st and 2nd Vice Chairmen, Treasurer Greenlaw called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with a quorum present, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA: Mr. Wilson asked that the agenda be amended to include one new action item: 10.c. “Resolution No. 10-22, Endorsement of Stafford County Regional Application for Funding to Enable Multi-Band 700/800/VHF Capabilities with First Responders and Emergency Communication Centers.” Mr. Kelly then made a motion seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2010: Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Wilson directed the Commissioners’ attention to the financial statements contained in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions. None were posed to him.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Wilson stated he had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Briefing on Social Services

Janine Sewell and Christen Gallik of the Fredericksburg Department of Social Services briefed the Commission on mandated financial and medical assistance programs, mandated child and adult service programs, non-mandated programs, funding sources, possibilities for future regional partnerships, and challenges facing social services departments.

Other Old Business

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Chairman

Due to the resignation of former Chairman Henry “Hap” Connors from the Commission in January, Mr. Wilson reminded the members that a new chairman must be elected and, in accordance with the rotation established in the By Laws, he must be from Spotsylvania. Mr. Kelly then nominated Benjamin T. Pitts from Spotsylvania County, and his nomination was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer. Nominations were then closed, the vote was called and Mr. Pitts was unanimously elected chairman for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010. Immediately following the election, Mr. Pitts assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution No. 10-21, Accepting Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia to Implement a Regional Home Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program

Mr. Byrnes informed the members that Mr. Wilson had been notified the previous week that the Commission had been approved for a \$1-million grant to develop and implement a regional home energy-efficiency and conservation program under the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy’s “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.” Mr. Grzeika informed the Commission that the King George County Board of Supervisors had acted to decline participation in the regional program, citing the Board’s objection to accepting federal “stimulus” funding. Mr. Kelly then made a motion to amend the resolution to remove King George as a participating locality and to approve the amended resolution. Mr. Rozell seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and Mr. Kelly’s motion was approved, with Mr. Grzeika abstaining.

Resolution No. 10-22, Endorsement of Stafford County Regional Application for Funding to Enable Multi-Band 700/800/VHF Capabilities with First Responders and Emergency Communication Centers

Mr. Byrnes briefed the Commission on the Stafford County application to support regional interoperability. In response to a question, Mr. Byrnes clarified that other localities could join this application in the future if their communication systems were compatible with Stafford’s. Mr. Rozell asked whether the Regional Communications Interoperability Working Group (RCIWG) had reviewed Stafford’s application, and Mr. Wilson informed him that the RCIWG had not been convened since the Commission acted to establish it in the fall of 2009. Mr. Rozell expressed his disappointment at hearing this, and Mr. Wilson accepted responsibility for not moving more aggressively to convene the group. He then assured Mr. Rozell that he would act in March to schedule a meeting. Mr. Dudenhefer then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve Resolution No. 10-22. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other New Business

No other new business was discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner)