Minutes

Western Piedmont Council of Governments Bimonthly Policy Board Meeting Tuesday, July 26, 2022 Maiden Recreation Center

Members Present: Local Government/Agency:

George Holleman, Treasurer Taylorsville Larry Chapman, Secretary Hudson

Bob Floyd, Past Chair Town of Cedar Rock

Wayne Abele, At-Large

Kitty Barnes, At-Large

Marla Thompson, At-Large

Johnnie Carswell, Alternate

Ronnie Setzer

Burke County

Long View

Burke County

Cajah's Mountain

Dale Sherrill Claremont Conover Joie Fulbright Jim Green, Alternate Conover Dr. Caryl Burns **Granite Falls** Tracy Townsend, Alternate **Granite Falls** Phyllis Pennington, Alternate Long View Danny Hipps Maiden Beverly Danner, Alternate Newton

Allen Spencer Rhodhiss
Kendra Edwards, Alternate Rhodhiss
Amparo R. Alfaro Appointed
Helen Chestnut Appointed
Randy Burns Appointed
Tommy Luckadoo Appointed
Malla Vue Appointed

Members Absent:

Jill Patton, ChairHickoryJoseph L. Gibbons, Vice-ChairLenoir

Larry Yoder, At-Large Alexander County

Kelvin Gregory Brookford

Mike Labrose Caldwell County

Donald Robinson Catawba

Ramona Duncan Connelly Springs

Dennis Anthony Drexel
Barbara Pennell Gamewell
Sheila Perkins Glen Alpine
Ben Honeycutt Hildebran
Chris Jernigan Morganton
Jerry Hodge Newton

Wayne Annas Rutherford College

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Keith Warren Sawmills
Charlie Watts Valdese
Erisha Lipford Appointed
Jeanna Price Appointed

Guests/Others Present:

Randy Feirerabend Cajah's Mountain

Jason Brown Claremont

Tamara Brooks Connelly Springs

Tom Hart Conover

Jerry Church Granite Falls

Scott Hildebran Lenoir

Max Bumgarner Maiden

WPCOG Staff Present:

Anthony Starr, Executive Director

Sherry Long, Assistant Executive Director

Ashley Bolick, Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources

Andrea Roper, Director of Finance

Ben Willis, Director of Community and Economic Development

Alison Adams, Director of Community and Regional Planning

Stephanie Hanvey, Director of Regional Housing Authority

Charity Patterson Hamber, Director of Workforce Development

Donna Gilbert, Program Manager of Workforce Development

Jason Toney, Communications Specialist

Elizabeth Hilliard, Executive Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Welcome

A regular meeting of the WPCOG Policy Board was called to order at 6:45 pm by Mr. Larry Chapman, Board Secretary. Mr. Chapman thanked the Town of Maiden for hosting. Mayor Max Bumgarner, Town of Maiden, welcomed the Policy Board to Maiden.

Appointment of Presiding Officer

Mr. Larry Chapman stated the Policy Board Chair and Vice-Chair were unable to attend the meeting. The WPCOG Charter and Bylaws are silent on who should preside over a meeting when the Chair and Vice-Chair are both absent. Robert's Rules of Order indicate the Board should appoint a presiding officer in such case, Robert's Rules of Order also state that the Board Secretary should call the meeting to order and facilitate the election of a presiding officer.

Cedar Rock Mayor Bob Floyd, Jr. is the immediate past board chair and is willing to serve as the presiding officer for this meeting.

Staff requested that the board appoint a presiding officer to lead the July 26, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Kitty Barnes made a motion that the Policy Board appoint Mayor Bob Floyd, Jr. as the presiding officer for this meeting and Mr. Tommy Luckadoo offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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Introductions

Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were considered. Mr. Joie Fulbright made a motion that the Policy Board approve the minutes from the May 24, 2022 meeting and Mr. Larry Chapman offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business/Reports

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Alexander, Burke and Caldwell County Urgent Repair Program Policy Updates

Mr. Ben Willis, Director of Community and Economic Development, stated Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) has been awarded \$253,500 by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency ("NCHFA") under the 2022 cycle of the Urgent Repair Program ("URP22"). This program will be used to provide urgent repair funds to twenty (20) homes scattered throughout all towns, cities and municipalities in Alexander, Burke and Caldwell County in the 2022/2023 fiscal year. This program provides funds to assist very-low and low- income households with special needs in addressing housing conditions which pose imminent threats to their life and/or safety or to provide accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent displacement of very- low and low- income homeowners with special needs such as frail elderly and persons with disabilities and veterans. Project will begin August 1, 2022 and will be closed out by February 15, 2024.

The assistance is in the form of a forgivable loan up to \$12,000 per home. The NCHFA requires certain procedures and policies for the grant and these policies require adoption by the Policy Board.

The Assistance Policy explains what the program requirements are and how the program will operate during the cycle of funding. The Procurement & Disbursement Policy provides procurement and disbursement guidelines.

Staff requested that the board review and approve the 2022 Alexander, Burke and Caldwell County URP 2022 Assistance Policy and the Procurement and Disbursement Policy.

Mr. Larry Chapman made a motion that the Policy Board approve the Alexander, Burke and Caldwell County URP '22 Assistance Policy, and the Procurement and Disbursement Policy as proposed and Mr. George Holleman offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Alexander and Catawba County Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Policy Updates
Mr. Ben Willis, Director of Community and Economic Development, stated WPCOG has been awarded
from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) under the 2022 cycle, two (2) separate
Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP22) grants for three (3) houses in Alexander
County for \$162,000 and three (3) houses in Catawba County for \$162,000.

The home must be owned and occupied by very low- or low-income and the applicants' income must be below 80% of the area median income level for Alexander/Catawba County. Homeowners may qualify

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when one or more fulltime household members are elderly and/or disabled or with a child under the age of six whose health is threatened by the presence of lead- based paint hazards and or Veteran fulltime household member. Eligible applicants will be served on a first-come, first to qualify, first-served basis without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status and disability.

ESFRLP assists eligible households by facilitating aging in place, meeting minimum housing code requirements, promoting long—term affordability, lowering operating costs and stabilizing pre-1978 homes that include children aged under 6 or under whose health is threatened by the presence of lead hazards.

Assistance for construction-related costs (hard costs) will be provided as no-interest, no-payment loans, which are forgiven at the rate of \$8,000 per year. Non-construction-related costs (soft costs including lead/asbestos inspections/clearances, radon testing and environmental reviews will be provided in the form of a grant). The maximum amount of Program assistance (hard costs) to any housing unit cannot exceed \$40,000. The minimum amount of ESFRLP Program funds that can be spent on rehabilitation for any assisted dwelling unit is \$5,000.

Applications will be available to the public as soon as funds are available until all program funds have been obligated. The WPCOG has until December 31, 2024, to reserve funds. No funds may be considered after December 31, 2024, and all units must be completed and closed out by May 31, 2025.

It is necessary to adopt the 2022 Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Assistance Policy and Procurement & Disbursement Policy. This Assistance Policy explains what the program requirements are and how the program will operate during the cycle of funding. The Procurement & Disbursement Policy is for procurement and disbursement guidelines. The funding agency for this program is the NC Housing Finance Agency.

Staff requested that the board review and approve the 2022 Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Assistance Policy and Procurement & Disbursement Policy for Alexander and Catawba County.

Mr. Wayne Abele made a motion that the Policy Board approve the ESFRLP'22 Assistance Policy and the Procurement and Disbursement Policy for Alexander and Catawba County as proposed and a second was offered by Ms. Kitty Barnes. The motion passed unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Act Required Policies

Ms. Sherry Long, Assistant Executive Director, stated the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Governments (NCARCOG) received \$10 million of the State's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide assistance to local governments with their American Rescue Plan funds.

NCARCOG entered into contracts will all of the regional councils allocating \$593,750 each to provide technical assistance to its members from February 2022 thru October 1, 2026. In order receive the funds the WPCOG needs to be in compliance with the Federal regulations and requirements of the program, including the adoption of the attached plans.

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The **Records Retention Policy** requires the WPCOG to retain all financial and programmatic records for a period of five (5) years after all of the funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.

The **Nondiscrimination Policy** requires the WPCOG to ensure that each activity, facility, or program that is funded in whole or in part with ARPA funds will be in compliance with federal statutes and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination.

The **Conflict of Interest Policy** establishes conflict of interest standards that apply when the WPCOG enters into a contract or subcontract funded in part or in whole with Federal Funds.

The **Eligibility Determination Policy** defines the permissible and prohibited uses of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Staff requested that the Policy Board approve the Records Retention Policy, the Nondiscrimination Policy and the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Mr. Danny Hipps made a motion that the Policy Board approve the Records Retention Policy, the Nondiscrimination Policy, the Conflict of Interest Policy, and the Eligibility Policy as it pertains to the American Rescue Plan and a second was offered by Mr. Larry Chapman. The motion passed unanimously.

Moving to Work Demonstration Program

Ms. Stephanie Hanvey, Director of Regional Housing Authority, stated the eligible public housing agencies (PHAs) have been given the opportunity to apply for admission to the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program. MTW allows PHAs to design and test innovative, locally designed housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low income families by permitting PHAs to use assistance received more flexibly and by allowing certain exemptions from existing public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program rules, as approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Our PHA would be applying for cohort #4: Asset Building Initiatives.

By participating in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program: Cohort #4, the PHA will have the opportunity to implement new policies that align with our local needs. If selected for the cohort, we will have the "full power" of the MTW Program, meaning we could utilize all the flexibilities that MTW agencies are allowed

All policies must follow the statutory goals of the program: improve housing choice, increase cost effectiveness, increase self-sufficiency.

While MTW agencies have considerable flexibility, they must still abide by all other federal rules and regulations, including the Fair Housing Act, the Civil Rights Act, labor standards, environmental rules, procurement guidelines, demolition and disposition procedures and relocation regulations.

Examples of other MTW implemented programs.

Simplifying Housing Quality Standard inspections

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- Streamlining administrative tasks
- Redesigning HUD forms
- Standardized rent amounts
- Establishing payment standards that accurately reflect an area's rental market
- Helping families move to areas of opportunity (developing low income housing or increasing project based vouchers)
- Encouraging owners to participate in the voucher (owner incentives)
- Create incentive to put participants back to work
- Disconnecting a family's income to rent they pay, which resulted in a disincentive to increase income
- Targeting special populations, i.e. temporary bridge programs for the chronically homeless
- Providing services that help families become more self-sufficient
- Give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working or seeking work or participating in work training development program
- HCV rent assistance time limits

Staff requested that the board endorse the application for the Moving to Work Demonstration Program: cohort #4. The application must be submitted to HUD by July 28, 2022. HUD requires the board to adopt a resolution approving the application.

Ms. Kitty Barnes made a motion that the Policy Board approve the application and attached resolution for the Moving to Work Program and a second was offered by Mr. Randy Burns. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Amendment of FY 2022-2023 Budget

Ms. Andrea Roper, Director of Finance, stated the 1st Amendment of the FY2022-23 budget reflects a total budget of \$23,350,555 and an operating budget of \$8,244,910 which represents an increase of the total budget from the May 24, 2022 budget adoption of \$893,980.

The 1st Amendment of the 2022-2023 Budget includes:

- An increase in Transportation to reflect actual amounts for ADA planning contracts.
- Environmental Protection increased \$50,000 due to additional contracts for trail planning.
- A decrease in Community & Regional Planning to reflect contract amendments for several planning contracts.
- Chargeable salaries decreased \$72,827 due to an increase in compensated absences and personnel changes in Community and Regional Planning, Environmental Protection & Workforce Development.
- Contractual increased due to the additional contracts in Environmental Protection.
- An increase in contingency due to new project work and a reduction in salary expenses in Community and Regional Planning and Environmental Protection.
- A decrease in compensated absence liability and OPEB trust allocation due to the decrease in fringe funds generated by chargeable salaries.
- Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund decreased due to the decrease in indirect funds generated by chargeable salaries.

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• Section 8 Special Revenue Fund increased to reflect an increase inadministrative costs, Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) costs and additional HAP fees (increased vouchers).

• Capital Reserve Fund decreased due to a reduction in transfers from the general fund.

Staff requested that the Policy Board review and approve the First Amendment of the 2022-2023 Budget.

Mr. George Holleman made a motion that the Policy Board approve the First Amendment of the 2022-2023 Budget as proposed and Ms. Kitty Barnes offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

WIOA Plan Summary, Program Year 2022-2023

Ms. Donna Gilbert, Program Manager of Workforce Development, stated the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each Workforce Development Board (WDB) to develop and submit, in partnership with the local chief elected official, a comprehensive four-year plan. Four-Year Plans were last submitted in June 2020.

Annually, each WDB is to provide updates to the Comprehensive Four-Year Plan (PY 2020-24). The WIOA Program Year (PY) 2022 Plan is to provide current information and be effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 and will include all current local policies. The PY2022 Plan Summary was made available for 30 days for public comment. No comments were submitted by the public, therefore, board staff submitted the final version to the Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS). On June 28, 2022 the board received the formal approval letter for the plan. The plan is located on the workforce website https://www.wpcog.org/mission-strategic-plan.

Staff requested that the Policy Board approve the WIOA Summary Plan for Program Year 2022 – 2023.

Ms. Kitty Barnes made a motion that the Policy Board approve the WIOA Summary Plan for Program Year 2022 – 2023 and a second was offered by Mr. George Holleman. The motion passed unanimously.

Workforce Development Board Appointment

Ms. Donna Gilbert, Program Manager of Workforce Development, asked the Policy Board to appoint Brandy Dunlap, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, in order to meet the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) board membership requirement for Adult Education and Literacy eligible under WIOA Title II.

Staff requested that the Policy Board appoint Brandy Dunlap, to the Workforce Development Board membership for a two-year term.

Mr. Larry Chapman made a motion that the Policy Board appoint Brandy Dunlap to the Workforce Development Board for a staggered two-year term, July 2022 – July 2024 and second was offered by Mr. Joie Fulbright. The motion passed unanimously.

Western Piedmont Workforce Development Boards' 2022 State of the Workforce Report

Ms. Donna Gilbert, Program Manager of Workforce Development, stated the Western Piedmont

Workforce Development Board (WPWDB) began the work of the 2022 State of the Workforce Report in

mid-2021 working with Taylor Dellinger, Senior Data Analyst/GIS Manager; Jason Toney, Communication

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Specialist; and Ashley Kale, Senior Long-Range Planner. The 2022 State of the Workforce Report plus the Industry Growth Analysis will be presented to the WPWDB at the August 25, 2022 meeting and community meetings will follow on August 30, 2022 at 3:00pm and on August 31, 2022 at 9:00am. The presentation includes some details of the State of the Workforce Report including some data points and proposed strategies and metrics to drive the work of the Western Piedmont Workforce Board in Program Year 2022 and beyond.

No action requested at this time.

EDA Care Act Grant-NC Foothills Experience

Ms. Alison Adams, Director of Community and Regional Planning, stated the initial name for this project was "The Storybook Map," but we have re-named it to "The NC Foothills Experience." This name was created because of the notable presence of foothills found throughout the region. We feel that the word "experience" can be applied region-wide. For example, it is our hope that stakeholders will use the word "experience" when marketing themselves (Experience insert - town/city/county/organization).

The purpose of the project is to highlight the opportunities and places within the region that enhance our quality of life. The project will help engage and attract workforce talent, industries and business to the region. The purpose also aligns with the COG's goals in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Successful industries locate in areas where employees want to live, work and play. By locating in these areas, companies save money by avoiding the cyclical pattern of hiring, rehiring and training. The NC Foothills Experience tool will allow businesses/corporations (future and current) to have quick access to information that can be used to attract and retain employees. All of the locations shown in the tool will be further marketed by linking directly to each stakeholder's website. Stakeholders will also display the NC Foothills Logo on their sites along with a link to the tool. This tool quickly and easily provides access to the four main areas of focus discussed below. Drone footage, photos, and written descriptions of each location will enable users to learn more with just a few clicks.

The four main areas of focus across the region are – Outdoor Adventures (parks, trails, boat access and biking), Fun Places (cultural amenities – museums, libraries, festivals, and downtowns), Farm Fresh (local sources of food – farmers markets, u-pick farms/roadside stands and butchers) and Cool Spaces (wineries, breweries, distilleries, bike shops and outfitters). Staff met with almost every stakeholder within the region to obtain feedback and ideas. Stakeholders have and are continuing to provide photos with credits and have suggested additional locations to include.

To create the web-based tool there was over 800 drone flights to obtain videos of downtowns, greenways, historic sites, parks, rivers, lakes, museums, wineries, breweries and more. The tool includes hundreds of regional assets including creative written descriptions, with over hundred immersive drone videos and is 508 complaint making it accessible.

The project's branding/logo and site tool were released on July 13th with snacks provided by Open Hearts Bakery. The full color scheme and logo coordinates with a majority of the logos found within the region and was designed by Sara Wert.

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How to use the tool:

Any of the following domains will take you to the web-based application:

expncfoothills.com	experiencencfoothills.com
expncfoothills.net	experiencencfoothills.net
expncfoothills.org	experiencencfoothills.org



When you open the application you will be emerged in a drone video (4K) that highlights some prominent areas in our region, vicinity map, and explanation of the tool and the focus areas, resources and stakeholders.

Staff requested that the Policy Board provide feedback and guidance. No Policy Board action is requested at this time.

Other Business

Executive Director's and Staff Reports

Mr. Anthony Starr, WPCOG Executive Director, reviewed the Executive Director's Report providing details about current operations of the WPCOG and issues that may be of interest to board members.

Administration

- The adopted budget for the State includes an appropriation to the WPCOG for \$1 million to
 assist with the construction of our office expansion and regional career center. The WPCOG
 requested \$6 million and it is possible to request additional funds in the long session of 2023 for
 the General Assembly.
- To provide better customer service and to provide greater schedule flexibility for staff, the WPCOG office hours will change to 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday through Thursday and 7:30am-11:30am on Friday. The new hours become effective August 1, 2022. Employees may choose to work M-F, 8am-5pm or other alternatives. This provides more convenience for the public to drop by before or after their normal work hours while also improve employee satisfaction and retention.
- Staff continue to work on the potential improvement of Caldwell rail line using the \$4.5 million
 appropriated by the General Assembly. There are some provisions of the lease agreement with
 the rail operator that must be amended prior to beginning the project.
- The WPCOG completed the executive search process for both the Town of Long View deputy
 police chief and the Town of Gamewell part-time town clerk/administrator. Bonnie Caudle has
 been hired as the new Town of Gamewell administrator and begins on August 2, 2022.
- Weather radar appears to be a private sector solution with a goal to reduce false warnings. Climavision's first radar site will be in eastern Lincoln County.

Community and Economic Development (CED)

 WPCOG CED staff assisted the region in obtaining 4 (four) NC Rural Transformation Grants through the NC Department of Commerce totaling \$3.3 million. The localities include: City of Newton - \$900,000 for downtown revitalization, Town of Valdese - \$850,000 for downtown

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revitalization, **Alexander County** - \$650,000 for downtown revitalization, and the **City of Hickory** - \$900,000 for community enhancement.

- Burke County was awarded an additional \$500,000 of ARC funding for the Industrial Park Access
 Road Project with WPCOG assistance. This brings the total amount of the road access project
 grant funding to \$1.9 million.
- CED staff assisted the City of Newton with an NC Commerce Building Reuse Grant on behalf of Pregis PolyMask. The company is expanding its operations and will be creating 10 new, full-time positions. The \$70,000 grant will help Pregis PolyMask offset some of its renovation expenses.
- Community and Economic Development staff are currently administering eighty-eight (88) grants for local governments.
- Urgent Repair Program Update for June Staff currently has 2 (two) under construction with 4 (four) out to bid in Burke County and 1 (one) URP under construction with 9 (nine) out to bid in Caldwell County.
- Urgent Repair & DEQ-ARRPA Funding for Alexander/Catawba Counties 2 (two) under contract.

Transportation

 Averi Ritchie was appointed as the interim transportation planning manager with the resignation of Brian Horton who returned to a new position with the City of Charlotte Transit System.

Workforce Development

- The Western Piedmont Workforce area was notified on July 8th that the Career Centers in Burke, Caldwell and Catawba counties have met the NCWorks Commission's established system criteria for effectiveness, customer satisfaction and physical and programmatic accessibility. All three centers have received NCWorks Career Center Certification as of May 2022 expiring in May 2024. We will be recognized at the NCWorks Commission meeting on August 10th in Raleigh, NC.
- NC Commerce wants fewer Workforce Development Boards (WDBs). There are currently 23
 WDBs which will be reduced to 22. There are 8 WDBs not under Council of Governments. Chet
 Mottershead, Assistant Secretary for Workforce Solutions, suggested WPWDB take on
 McDowell County. Mr. Anthony Starr, Executive Director of WPCOG, has a concern about taking
 on a county that is not part of our local area. Mr. Starr has discussed this with Chair Patton.

Ms. Alison Adams, Director of Community and Regional Planning, shared the following:

- There has been a lot of transition in the department.
- Four staff have left Mr. Todd Justice, Code Enforcement Officer; Mr. Todd Stroupe, GIS; Mr. Brian Horton, Transportation Manager; and Mr. Jack Cline, Stormwater Administration.
- Five new hires Mr. Robert Block, GIS Specialist; Mr. Daniel Odom, Transportation Planner; Ms. Rachel Wooster, Community and Regional Planner; Ms. Haleigh Hopkins, Natural Resources Administrator Stormwater; and Ms. Katrina Pascht, GIS Technician.
- Ms. Caren Shorthouse has been promoted to Natural Resources Administrator.
- Ms. Averi Ritchie is the Interim Transportation Planning Manager as Mr. Brian Horton, previous Transportation Planning Manager, has taken a job in Charlotte, NC.
- Funding has been received to work with Emergency Management in each of the four counties.
- Funding has been received for the Burke Trail for planning. Trail is from Morganton to Hickory.

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• Will begin working on Digital Inclusion planning which encompasses all four counties.

- Regional Housing Toolkit which will be a quick reference guide for promoting housing throughout the region.
- Taylor Dellinger, Senior Data Analyst/GIS Manager, is back at work 2 days per week and has received a clean bill of health.

Ms. Sherry Long, Assistant Executive Director, shared the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has additional funds. She encouraged projects be submitted to Mr. Ben Willis, Director of Community and Economic Development, as he is leading this effort.

Mr. Ben Willis, Director of Community and Economic Development, shared World Transportation – Round 2 starts in September 2022. Let him know of ideas or projects as there might be a round 3 and no round 4. There is no match for these funds.

Ms. Ashley Bolick, Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources, shared the Mayors/Chairs/Managers meeting will be on August 25, 2022 at Mimosa. She is seeking hosts for the upcoming September 27, 2022 and November 22, 2022 Policy Board meetings and would like for them to be in Burke County. Please contact her if interested in hosting.

Ms. Stephanie Hanvey, Director of Regional Housing Authority, shared the regular housing voucher waiting list will close on August 15, 2022. This waiting list was opened July 1, 2022 and over 2,000 applications have been received. The mainstream voucher waiting list for households for ages 18-61 and have at least one family member with a disability, will remain open.

Next Meeting

The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022. Host and location to be announced.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Mayor Bob Floyd, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.