

**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 17, 2016
9:30 a.m.
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval/Modification of Agenda**
3. **Submitted Public Comments**

No written public comments were received since the last HRPDC meeting. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

4. **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

5. **Executive Director's Report – Bob Crum (Attachment 5)**
6. **Consent Agenda (Attachment 6)**

- a. **Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting**
- b. **Transcribed Public Comment – February 18, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting**
- c. **Treasurer's Report of January 2016**
- d. **Janitorial Contract:**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Janitorial Services was released in December 2015, as the current contract expired after being renewed four times (covering a five year period). This RFP was published in The New Journal and Guide, both HRPDC and HRTPO websites, and several local firms were contacted directly to notify them about the opportunity. Only one vendor attended the mandatory pre-proposal meeting, and submitted a proposal by the due date of February 29, 2016. The only vendor who submitted a proposal is the vendor currently contracted, and staff has been more than pleased with their performance.

Upon approval, An Intent to Award will be posted for ten days on both the HRPDC and HRTPO websites, as well as in the front lobby of the Regional Building. A contract will be signed once this ten-day period has ended.

Staff recommends a one-year contract in the amount of \$27,600 be awarded to Janitorial Consultants, Inc., renewable for up to four, one-year periods at an increase of 3% each year, beginning July 1, 2016.

e. Prioritize regional non-entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project types and activities.

The Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funding to eligible units of local government to address critical community development needs, including housing, infrastructure, and economic development. This Program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) since 1982. CDBG funds are made available to DHCD by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Each year, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development requests Planning District Commissions to rank regional priorities for the Virginia CDBG Program and provide a list of anticipated CDBG project proposals from non-entitlement localities.

The attached CDBG priorities and project list was coordinated with the planning staffs of the cities of Franklin, Poquoson and Williamsburg and the counties of Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton and York.

The HRPDC Staff recommends approval of the 2016 Virginia CDBG Regional Priorities list for transmittal to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Action Requested: The Commission should take action to approve the March 17, 2016 Consent Agenda

7. Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Update – Robb Braidwood, Chair of the HRPDC All Hazards Advisory Committee; Stacie Neal, Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Manager; and John Sadler, HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator

The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) is a federal grant delivered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to address the unique risk driven and capabilities-based planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas. The program provides funding to assist high-risk urban areas in building and sustaining the capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Funds are allocated based on a risk formula established by DHS.

Hampton Roads is not eligible to receive UASI funding for (federal) FY 2016. Stakeholders from the HRPDC, All Hazards Advisory Committee and the State will provide a briefing on the scoring process DHS uses to determine eligibility, the region's response to our scoring, impacts these cuts have in Hampton Roads, and a plan moving forward.

Attached is a copy of a letter that was sent to Secretary Brian Moran and Secretary John Harvey from Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) Chairman, Mayor Clyde Haulman, and Mayor McKinley Price, Chairman of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) regarding the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Grant Initiative.

8. General Assembly Session Debrief – Bryan Pennington, City of Norfolk, Director of Intergovernmental Relations; Robert Matthias, City of Virginia Beach, Assistant to the City Manager

Mr. Pennington and Mr. Matthias will join the HRPDC Executive Director to provide a debrief on the 2016 General Assembly session, addressing those items included in the HRPDC Regional Legislative Agenda. A recommended strategy/process to work with the Hampton Roads Caucus in preparing the HRPDC Legislative Agenda for the 2017 General Assembly session will also be presented.

The Commission is encouraged to discuss and provide feedback on the information presented.

9. Three Month Tentative Schedule

April 2016

Annual Retreat

May 2016

Ship Builders Association

Budget

June 2016

Benchmarking

10. Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 10)

A summary of HRPDC Advisory Committee meetings that were held since the last HRPDC Meeting are attached for review.

11. Old/New Business

12. Adjournment



*Clyde A. Haulman, Chairman
Ella P. Ward, Vice-Chair*



*Linda T. Johnson, Chair
George E. Wallace, Vice-Chair*

TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report

A brief summary of ongoing work activities is presented below for review by HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

The attached article stressing the importance of increased state funding for public education co-signed by HRPDC Chair Clyde Haulman and the CEOs of the Hampton Roads and Peninsula Chambers of Commerce was published in the January/February 2016 Edition of the Virginia Town and City Magazine.

HRPDC staff prepared a comparative analysis of the proposed House and Senate Budgets and their proposals for K-12 public education funding.

HRPDC/HRTPO staff continues to provide data and information to Hampton Roads Caucus members and the Region's legislative liaisons to support the Region's legislative efforts.

HRTPO staff is collaborating with HRT on a regional transit planning effort. This effort developed from discussions with the HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee during the preparation of the HRTPO's legislative agenda when committee members asked staff to work with HRT to determine a vision for transit in the community, and what level of state funding would be needed to advance this vision. The HRTPO's Rail and Public Transportation Task Force met on February 24th to initiate work on this effort.

HRTPO staff continues to complete preparatory work for the HRTPO's Quadrennial Review which is scheduled for March 29th – March 31st.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Lefcoe Leadership Development Program on February 17th providing background on the work of the HRPDC/HRTPO.

HRTPO staff has held a series of meetings with Virginia Port Authority staff to discuss available funding through the FAST Act to support freight movement.

HRTPO staff is serving on a review committee for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Conversion Study being developed by the VDOT consultant team for the 64 Southside.

The HRPDC staff continues to work on Envision Hampton Roads which would represent the HRPDC's first strategic plan for the Hampton Roads Region. A report on this planning effort will be provided at the April HRPDC Retreat.

HRTPO/HRPDC staff is working with VDOT representatives to develop the Agency's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. A strategic plan for this effort was submitted to VDOT representatives for approval on February 26th.

HRTPO staff attended a meeting of the Hampton Roads Crossing Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) on February 29th at the VDOT's Hampton Roads District Office. This meeting was also attended by several representatives from the Region's jurisdictions. HRTPO staff has scheduled a briefing of this study to be provided by VDOT staff at the HRTPO's March 17th meeting.

HRTPO/HRPDC staff held an internal coordination meeting to discuss the ongoing Signature Paths project.

The Executive Director continues to participate on a working committee to provide input into the GO Virginia legislative process.

The Regional CAO Committee held its regular monthly meeting on March 2nd. Attendance at these meetings continues to be excellent. Agenda items included continued discussions on approaches to improve the HRPDC regional consensus building process, a review of the HRPDC Help to Others (H2O) Program and a discussion of regional interest items.

The Executive Director has participated in meetings with representatives of Reinvent Hampton Roads and Tidewater Community College to discuss opportunities for a regional broadband initiative.

HRTPO staff continues to collaborate on a daily basis with the HRTAC Executive Director on advancement of the Region's priority transportation projects. In addition, staff continues to provide financial management, human resources, and web site staff support on an as needed basis.

The HRPDC/HRTPO staff is advancing a number of administrative items related to the following:

- Office Janitorial Services Contract
- Agency IT Management Request for Proposals (RFP) process
- Legal Services RFP process
- Agency Health Insurance
- 2017 Agency Budget

The HRPDC Executive Director meets on a monthly basis with a Regional Roundtable including representatives of the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, Hampton Roads Chamber, Peninsula Chamber, the Region's Workforce Investment Boards, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, Reinvent Hampton Roads, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, and the Virginia Shipbuilders Association. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage information sharing and collaboration between these regional organizations.

The chairs of the HRPDC and HRMFFA co-signed correspondence on March 8th to the Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the Honorable John Harvey, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, requesting the Commonwealth's assistance to ensure the Hampton Roads Region receives proper consideration and adequate funding under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The UASI program provides financial assistance to high-threat, high density urban areas to prevent, mitigate and respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.

Hampton Roads leaders make plea for state funding for schools



In an open letter published in several regional newspapers, leaders in Williamsburg and Hampton Roads shared their concerns about the inadequacy of state funding for K-12 education in Virginia. Below is the full text of the letter.

ON DECEMBER 11, 2015, more than 150 local government, school division, and business leaders from Virginia's Urban Crescent – the area from Northern Virginia to Richmond to Hampton Roads comprising 24 percent of the Commonwealth's land area and home to over 70 percent of its school-aged children – met to discuss concerns regarding the state's share of funding for public education.

Their concern was animated by the fact that since 2008-09, the Commonwealth has reduced its share of spending on public education by more than \$1 billion. This has meant that state funding on a per pupil inflation adjusted

basis has decreased from \$4,275 at that time to \$3,655 today – for the Williamsburg-James City County school system this has meant an annual loss of over \$6 million. Further, while Virginia stands in the top ten in both per capita and median household income, it remains in the bottom ten for public education funding.

At first glance, it may not appear that localities across an area that contains many of Virginia's largest cities and counties as well as some of its smallest have a lot in common. However, like all communities within the Commonwealth they have a number of common interests – one of the most important being the provision of quality public education to prepare all our children for a successful future.

Without adequate State funding for public education, our communities have struggled to provide the public education our citizens expect and deserve and that has implications for our communities, regardless of size, in a variety of ways.

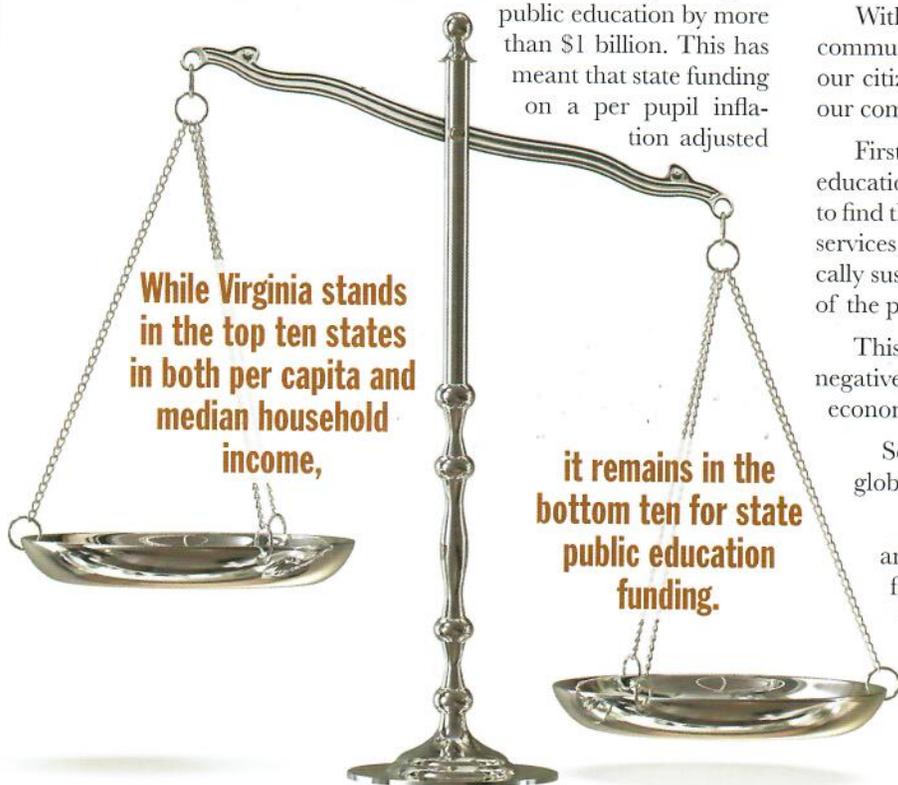
First, as additional local funds have been devoted to K-12 education, localities have struggled, and continue to struggle, to find the resources to support public safety and other essential services for our residents. Local governments cannot realistically sustain the extraordinary funding demands for education of the past several years.

This has also increased pressure on property taxes with negative impacts on efforts to attract new businesses and on economic development.

Second, for Virginia to compete in the national and global economy, quality K-12 education is a necessity.

Businesses and individuals make location choices with an eye toward the local education system both for their families as well as for the educated workforce they need today as well as in the future.

STEM education and career technical training that are such a critical part of preparing young people for the workforce are among the most expensive.



Funding for schools

Third, under financial constraints, program enrichments fall by the wayside, and the educational demands of special

Stay tuned

... to see whether the state begins to restore some of cuts that have been made in public education. The House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee released their versions of the state budget on February 21. The final budget is scheduled to be adopted by March 12. Please contact your legislators to advocate for increased state support of our local schools.

needs children and those with limited English, and the particular educational requirements of children in poverty place increased costs on systems already struggling to meet our community's needs.

Finally, adequate state funding is critical to ensuring that young people from jurisdictions with disparate resources have equitable access to a basic education that comes with across-the-board state funding.

The education system today is very different from that of even the recent past and as it continues to change, local resources cannot meet the future needs of our children and our

economy without the Commonwealth stepping up to meet its responsibility to fund a fair share of public K-12 education.

Thus it is incumbent upon the state to make K-12 education a primary funding priority. The local governments, school divisions and business partners of the Virginia Urban Crescent call upon the 2016 Virginia General Assembly and Governor to recognize the consequences of the Commonwealth's failure to adequately fund K-12 education and to increase meaningfully the Commonwealth's proportional and required share of funding for a high quality public education system.

Bryan K. Stephens

President & CEO
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce

Mike Kuntz

President & CEO
Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Clyde Haulman

Mayor, City of Williamsburg
Chair, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Summary Minutes of February 18, 2016

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Clyde Haulman, Chairman (WM)
Dr. Ella P. Ward, Vice Chair (CH)
James Baker (CH)
Barry Cheatham (FR)
Randy Martin (FR)
Brent Fedors (GL)
George Wallace (HA)
Rex Alphin (IW)
Sanford B. Wanner (IW)
Bryan J. Hill (JC)
Michael Hipple (JC)
Saundra Cherry (NN)
McKinley Price (NN)

Mamie B. Johnson (NO)*
Marcus Jones (NO)
Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)
Kenneth Wright (PO)*
Traci Dale Crawford (PQ)*
Michael Johnson (SH)
Patrick Roberts (SU)
Tyrone Franklin (SY)
Dave Hansen (VB)
Barbara Henley (VB)
Louis R. Jones (VB)
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

*Late arrival or early departure.

Others Recorded Attending:

Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Jeff Raliski, (NO); Brita Ayers, Bryan Stilley, (NN); Ron Williams (NO); Bob Baldwin (PO); Jeff Wassmer (YK); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Cathy Davidson (Albemarle Commission); Frank Papcin (CTAC); Ted Henifin (HRSD); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Dave Mayfield (Virginian Pilot); Peter Huber (Willcox and Savage); Citizens: John Gergely; Staff: Randy Keaton, Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Rebekah Eastep, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Brian Miller, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Chris Vaigneur.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Haulman requested the Executive Director Evaluation item be added to the agenda

Commissioner Sanford B. Wanner Moved to approve the agenda, as amended; seconded by Vice Chair Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Haulman indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach citizen, questioned the filtration process Dominion Power uses in regards to water discharge from their facilities.

Mr. Ellis James, Norfolk citizen, recognized the high water quality of the region and commented on the failed plastic bag legislation.

Commissioners Mamie B. Johnson and Traci Dale Crawford arrive.

Executive Directors Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, recognized the environmental education department's efforts for the award-winning cigarette litter prevention campaign which was nationally recognized by Keep America Beautiful. Additionally, he noted the success of the Regional Day on January 28, 2016 at the General Assembly, and noted the positive feedback he received from the region's General Assembly members. Mr. Crum displayed a video, developed by the HRPDC with Fairfax County and endorsed by the Urban Crescent, in regards to the need for increased state funding for public education.

Executive Director Evaluation

Chair Haulman stated the joint HRPDC and HRTPO Personnel and Budget Committee distributed the Executive Director Evaluation form to all Commission members and has compiled the results. He explained the recommendation from the Joint Personnel and Budget Committee was to conclude the probationary period and action should be taken at the March 17, 2016 meeting.

Approval of Consent Items

- A. Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2016 Quarterly Commission Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of December 2015
- C. Audit Contract for Financial Services

Commissioner Louis Jones Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Vice Chair Ward. The Motion Carried.

Attachment 6

Commissioner Kenneth Wright arrives.

Aquifer Replenishment Study

Mr. Ted Henifin, Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) General Manager, briefed the Commission on the Aquifer Replenishment Study. He identified various current and future water challenges of the region and reviewed the current state of wastewater in Hampton Roads. He indicated the wastewater permits have five year life cycles and the cost of meeting new regulatory benchmarks are increasing, due to their classifications as unfunded mandates.

He explained the current water discharge treatment level is set to meet local waterway permit requirements. The proposed Sustainable Water Recycling Plan would treat the water at drinking water level, a higher threshold, which would allow the water to be used for aquifer replenishment purposes. This proposal would have the following benefits:

- Reduce nutrient discharges to the bay
- Reduce the rate of land subsidence
- Protect the groundwater from saltwater contamination
- Provide a sustainable supply of groundwater

Mr. Henifin displayed a chart detailing the potential offset stormwater reductions and noted the impending re-permitting cycle is going to include substantial investments to meet stormwater reductions.

He highlighted the region's unsustainable aquifer withdrawal levels and stated 50% of land subsidence in Hampton Roads can be attributed to aquifer compaction. Additionally, he noted advanced treatment is used throughout the globe and is implemented in many locations throughout the State.

Mr. Henifin reviewed the projected cost would be one billion dollars and the cost savings can only be achieved if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would allow the project to be incorporated into the Wet Weather Plan. He outlined the timeline with the estimated completion of the project in 2030.

Commission members asked questions and discussed the information presented by Mr. Henifin.

Economic Forecast

Chair Haulman deferred this item in the interest of time.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Haulman reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda, and noted the Retreat will be held in April.

Advisory Committee Summaries

Chair Haulman discussed the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Haulman highlighted the Correspondence of Interest Section of the agenda.

For Your Information

Mr. Crum indicated HRPDC/HRTPO Journey to Work maps detailing the Regions' travel patterns were located at the Commissioner's seats, and a presentation on these items is included on the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) agenda.

Old/New Business

Chair Haulman indicated there was no Old/New Business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Clyde A. Haulman
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director

Two people addressed the HRPDC on February 18, 2016:

Frank Papcin

Thank you for having me here. I normally don't come to these meetings, but I do follow you online, and the reason I'm here is because I do follow you online, and I know they're talking about wastewater treatment or the pumping of it underground and the reality is the reason I came here was very simple one. I've discussed this with other people, and my question is simply, the water that Dominion Virginia Power is going to dump into the lake or the rivers, which some people actually are going to use it for agriculture, it's going to wind up in some of our foods, some belly, it's going to wind up in milk, and we don't know where it's going to go, but it's clean enough to pump it into the river, and I'm wondering why they don't take the same water and pump it underground just like the sanitation department is doing with theirs. I was told that the standard that they dump the water into the river is not as stringent as the water that they pump underground that's going to mingle with our aquifer filters with the water that they don't drink because they don't really filter the water when it comes out of the wells, and my question is why don't Dominion pump this stuff deeper underground underneath that so it will have that much more soil to filter it out so that this water can be used to get rid of all these contaminants that were out of the ground in the first place and you're putting it back down under there, and that's the reason I came here is to get an education, and I hope somebody would address it and I hope you put it online somewhere that the people could turn around and get an answer to the questions because like I said, I get the questions, I ask the questions, and we come here for your answers. Thank you for my time.

Ellis James

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, my name is Ellis W. James. I reside at 2021 Kenlake Place in the City of Norfolk. You may some of you may remember that I expressed concern about a year and a half ago about the big coins, be sure you check your news tonight. Big coins are back in the flow of the new cycle, and it's a very serious matter. I'd like to address the question of water recycling, which is your major report this morning. It's an excellent report and review of all of the issues, and I would assume provides all of the answers to the question of whether or not water can be pumped deeper underground into the aquifer. I hope that you all will take the time to read it and get a feel for it. I don't think I need to remind everybody in this room about what the people in Flint, Michigan, are going through. We, fortunately, here in Hampton Roads are blessed with quality water, City of Norfolk helps to provide that, for Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth in drought times, it's a very, very serious matter when you look at the report, you'll see that the aquifer percentage is down to about 20 percent now. My major concern this morning is why many people residents, taxpayers, are angry at our government in general, local, statewide, and federal. Let me give you a quick example, and I'll sit down. Plastic bag legislation, which is of concern to all of the communities and the counties, and the, city people, and the farmers and the Eastern Shore water men and so on, was on track to be passed to put a reasonable control on the question of usage of plastic bags. The committee heard the issue and then delayed it for another week, and it turns out that the vote was six to six evenly divide between the parties at the General Assembly building, and lo and behold, the people, the very people who

had worked with Senator Linwood Lewis on his bill and had promised that they would support the legislation which now had stripped out the fee aspect, they showed up and they showed up in force with the retail alliance group. And they suddenly decided that they would vote against it, and they attacked the bill, they attacked the legislation, and so the legislation died on the 6 to 6 vote. Now, it's a shame that that simple thing could not be handled fairly and honestly by those involved, and I'm hoping that each one of the communities represented in this room will take a close look at what happened and why and what can be done to bring it back. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

FISCAL YEAR 2016
1/31/16
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
58% OF FISCAL YEAR COMPLETE

| REVENUES | Annual Budget | Previous YTD | Current Month | YTD | % Received /Expended |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Grant and Contract Revenue | \$ 3,517,680 | \$ 846,520 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 848,020 | 24% |
| VDHCD State Allocation | 151,943 | 90,821 | 37,986 | 128,807 | 85% |
| Interest Income | 10,000 | 7,620 | 3,760 | 11,380 | 114% |
| Local Contributions | 2,871,869 | 1,890,324 | 453,811 | 2,344,135 | 82% |
| Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue | 25,250 | 15,583 | 2,154 | 17,737 | 70% |
| Special Contracts/Pass thru/Deferred | 2,629,602 | 46,061 | - | 46,061 | 2% |
| Total Revenue | 9,206,344 | 2,896,929 | 499,210 | 3,396,140 | 37% |
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| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Personnel | \$ 4,570,037 | \$ 2,134,749 | \$ 371,669 | \$ 2,506,418 | 55% |
| Standard Contracts | 230,855 | 104,859 | 14,741 | 119,600 | 52% |
| Special Contracts / Pass-Through | 3,957,724 | 948,914 | 259,149 | 1,208,063 | 31% |
| Office Services | 447,728 | 196,020 | 38,639 | 234,659 | 52% |
| Total Expenses | 9,206,344 | 3,384,541 | 684,198 | 4,068,739 | 44% |
| | | | | | |
| Agency Balance | \$ - | \$ (487,612) | \$ (184,988) | \$ (672,600) | |

**2016 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program
Regional Priorities**

List of Project Types / Activity Categories and Ranking Worksheet

Project Types / Activity Categories

Please reference the 2016 CDBG Program Design for additional information on the Competitive Grant project types and activity categories. The following nine items must be ranked in one of the three priority groups below. **Please check no more than 3 per priority group:**

Ranking Worksheet

Planning District Commission: _____

Priority (1 is highest, 3 is lowest)

- | #1 | #2 | #3 | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comprehensive Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Job Creation and Retention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Site Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Development Readiness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Business District Revitalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Rehabilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Production Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Service Facility |

Expected 2016 CDBG Proposals:



March 8, 2016

The Honorable Brian Moran
Secretary
Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security
PO Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable John Harvey
Secretary
Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs
PO Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Secretary Moran and Secretary Harvey:

We write to formally request the Commonwealth's assistance in ensuring that the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News MSA (Hampton Roads) receives proper consideration and adequate funding under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Urban Area Security Grant Initiative (UASI).

As you are aware, the UASI program provides assistance to high-threat, high-density urban areas in order to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. With a population of approximately 1.82 million, Hampton Roads is home to the largest naval base in the world, over 125,600 active duty and civilian defense personnel performing \$8.7 billion in DoD contracts, five of our 10 carrier strike groups, the third largest commercial port in the country (based on tonnage), and significant industrial base capabilities including the only private U.S. shipyard capable of building aircraft carriers and the only public shipyard on the east coast capable of repairing aircraft carriers. These assets call for the highest levels of vigilance and protection, and are greatly deserving of UASI funding.

We respectfully request your specific assistance in addressing this issue on our region's behalf with the following:

First, we request an opportunity to provide you with the latest information on critical infrastructure assets concentrated in Hampton Roads. We want to ensure the Commonwealth has the most up-to-date information to accurately convey this information to DHS.

Second, we request that the Commonwealth seek a classified briefing from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis at DHS regarding its threat analysis for Hampton Roads. We ask that appropriate representatives with the required security clearances from the region be permitted to attend this briefing. Based upon our initial review, it appears that DHS is underestimating the real threat potential for our region.

The Honorable Brian Moran
The Honorable John Harvey
March 8, 2016
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Third, we request that the Commonwealth formally weigh-in with Congress on the Obama Administration's proposed \$270 million reduction in funding for the UASI program in fiscal year 2017 and ask that the program be fully funded at \$600 million, exclusive of the non-profit UASI program.

Finally, we respectfully ask the Commonwealth to formally weigh-in with Congress regarding current report language included in the 2016 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, which limits UASI funding allocations "*to urban areas representing up to 85 percent of such risk...*" This change in language led to the exclusion of UASI funding for Hampton Roads this year. Accordingly, we are asking the Commonwealth to urge Congress to modify this language in the fiscal year 2017 Homeland Security Appropriations Act to include urban areas representing 90% of the cumulative national terrorism risk in order to include Hampton Roads.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer in helping to resolve our UASI ineligibility.

Respectfully,



Clyde A. Haulman
Chair, Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission



McKinley L. Price, DDS
Chair, Hampton Roads Military and
Federal Facilities Alliance

MEETING SUMMARY
COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on January 29, 2016. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Ted Henifin, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, briefed the Committee on HRSD's Aquifer Replenishment Study.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, provided an overview on the Committee's proposed structure and mission.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the HRPDC's work program on sea level rise and coastal resiliency.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on state and federal efforts related to coastal resiliency, including discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding multi-jurisdictional plans and studies.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on March 2, 2016. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, briefed the Committee on the draft USGS report for the development of a land subsidence monitoring plan. Ms. Katchmark reviewed the report's recommendations and clarified technical points, including the advantages and disadvantages of different monitoring techniques and accuracy considerations for the region. The HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee will consider the report's recommendations on March 25, 2016.
- The Committee held a roundtable discussion. With respect to the Sustainable Water Recycling initiative, Mr. John Dano, HRSD Chief of Planning and Analysis, reviewed the project time line and shared items of interest from HRSD's visit to Orange County's Groundwater Replenishment System in California. The HRPDC staff reviewed the dates of the March meetings of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) Workgroups; meeting agendas are pending. The group discussed the status of SB 118 and HB 919. The HRPDC staff reviewed the FY16 Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds program and loan opportunities for source water protection measures.
- Staff reports included the following items:
 - askHRgreen.org Update: The HRPDC staff provided an update on public education and outreach programs, including upcoming TV and radio campaigns, the partnership with Coastal Virginia Magazine, Drinking Water Week activities, fundraising for the Help 2 Others Program, and enhancements to the online Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) certification program website.
 - Customer Affordability: The HRPDC staff shared preliminary research on bond covenants and statutes for rate setting.
 - Regional Source Water Protection Plan: The HRPDC staff reviewed the contents of the draft data package created to complement the forthcoming draft regional source water protection plan.
 - Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reporting System (SSORS): A SSORS user group meeting will be held on April 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the HRPDC board room.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on March 3, 2016. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Chip Neikirk, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, briefed the Committee on the recently adopted Group 1 General Permit for living shorelines and provided a status report on the Group 2 General Permit.
- Mr. Chris Swanson, Virginia Department of Transportation, gave a presentation to the Committee on VDOT's draft Chesapeake Bay Action Plan.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, gave a presentation to the Committee on the regional Cigarette Litter Prevention Program, which recently won a national program award from Keep America Beautiful.
- Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of regional GIS proposal.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.