



General Government & Social Services Committee

September 15, 2020
Summary and Motions

Committee chair, Susan Lamb, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Committee members Steve Kay, Richard Moloney, Chuck Ellinger, James Brown, Bill Farmer, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Fred Brown, Jennifer Reynolds, and Kathy Plomin were present. Amanda Bledsoe was in attendance as a non-voting member.

Lamb read the following statement: “Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and State of Emergency, this meeting is being held via live video teleconference pursuant to 2020 Senate Bill 150, and in accordance with KRS 61.826, because it is not feasible to offer a primary physical location for the meeting.”

I. Approval of August 11, 2020, Committee Summary

A motion was made by Kay to approve the August 11, 2020, General Government & Social Services Committee summary; seconded by Ellinger. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Bluegrass Area Development District

Lamb clarified the “RFP” reference on the broadband slide (page 22) should be “RFI”. Bob Casher, Interim Executive Director of BGADD, first reviewed the counties in the district, describing ADDs as conveners. He listed their regional projects such as opioid substance abuse, broadband, Medicaid waiver program, and the rate book, etc. He mentioned the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which is updated every five years and is required as the EDA’s designated economic development district.

Under BGADD’s Workforce, Casher commended his team’s response to the pandemic, providing examples of their outreach. He reviewed the workforce funds utilized in Fayette County between July 2017 and August 2020. He highlighted newer initiatives including youth outreach in Fayette County in employment services, life and professional skills training offered at the Fayette County Detention Center, the transition to transformation project (a specialized employment placement program), and a partnership with Toyota. He showed a list of employers being served in Fayette County. Casher talked about their work to enhance broadband and the need for greater coverage; efforts that LFUCG’s chief information officer has been very active in. He highlighted barriers for federal funding for broadband and encouraged advocacy for improved federal regulations to be able to reach the areas that most need it. He mentioned broadband feasibility studies and explained there will be several solutions to get everyone connected.

Under BGADD’s Aging and Independent Living, Casher first recognized the work of the Lexington Senior Center, then he highlighted BGADD’s workshops and resources, involvement with age-friendly and dementia-friendly Lexington efforts, and the numbers of people they reach through a variety of programs. Under Community Planning, Casher said BGADD mostly focuses on transportation relative to Lexington, they coordinate with MPO and Lextran. Examples include recent transit options for the elderly and disabled and support for the Hamburg/I-75 connectivity study. He reviewed weekly mayors and judges meetings they are hosting in response to COVID-19 as well as the hundreds of zoom meetings they are hosting for counties in addition to regular BGADD meetings. Lastly, he mentioned their geographic information systems.

Plomin asked about their opioid substance abuse initiatives. Casher explained BGADD is focused on the social aspects, trying to prevent reoccurrences by getting folks employed to live productive lifestyles. Their Human Services Committee is starting to look at the social services side of the issue. Plomin asked about regional data relative to overdoses or increased usage, which Casher said he would follow-up with. He talked about access to Narcan and how this is a big issue in all communities.

F. Brown confirmed their fiscal year ends June 30. Casher said the organization's audits can be found on their website, as well as their checks and annual reports. F. Brown talked about community planning, particularly with Lexington's surrounding counties, and asked for additional information about their projects. Casher explained that transportation is the main area they coordinate with Lexington on, adding that they did some GIS work for Lexington in the past (storm sewer work and a tree study).

Lamb mentioned receiving an annual update from BGADD and spoke about the importance of the funds the city receives that supports the senior center. Casher will share the Bluegrass Workforce Innovation Board's year-end review following the meeting. He pointed out the economic outlook section and mentioned their labor market database, JobsEQ; a resource they would be happy to share with Lexington.

A motion was made by Moloney to remove the item of *BGADD, Update and Contractual Options for Workforce Program* from committee but keep the annual update in committee; seconded by Farmer. The motion passed without dissent.

Discussion on the motion included the following: J. Brown questioned if the annual update would be more appropriate in the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee. Moloney said he would like this to stay in this committee, particularly since the commissioner of social services represents the city on BGADD, at least through the pandemic.

III. Council Rules & Robert's Rules Review Subcommittee, Report Out

Lamb said the reason for this review was to correct the terminology in our council rules to better align them with the universally accepted Robert's Rules. She recognized subcommittee members Ellinger, Farmer, and Plomin, as well as the staff and Joseph Coleman, who works for Kentucky League of Cities. She said the subcommittee met twice in August, which led to the proposed resolution included in the packet.

Evan Thompson reviewed the draft resolution that amends Appendix A – Rules and Procedures of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council. Section 4.401 outlines motions that don't need a seconder; it also changes the procedures for withdrawing motions, particularly that a majority vote is required to withdraw a motion if the chair has stated the motion. Section 4.402 recognizes incidental motions, which are made after main motions; it also rearranges the precedential order of the motions in this section. Section 4.405 requires a two-thirds vote to bring any item from committee to the floor if no previous notice is given or it's not on the agenda. Section 4.406 adds a few motions that aren't debatable and fixes the motion *to postpone indefinitely (table)*; *postpone indefinitely* and *table* are two separate actions in Robert's Rules. Section 4.407 adds *to amend something previously adopted* to the council rules and clarifies that motions *to rescind* cancel the matter previously decided. Thompson explained Robert's Rules limit motions *to reconsider* to the same day the vote was taken versus the council rules that allow the motion to also be made at the next meeting. Lastly, the subcommittee

added language to Section 4.505 clarifying votes may be changed during a meeting the vote was cast if it doesn't change the outcome. Lamb added that a vote can be changed without the above restriction before the chair states the vote.

J. Brown asked to hear the subcommittee's thoughts about motions *to reconsider*. Lamb explained it is a big change to limit this action to only take place on the day the vote was taken so the subcommittee wanted the whole committee to decide this. J. Brown talked about the many variables between the time you make a decision and the next meeting. He said attendance would add another layer of complexity.

Kay spoke about the benefit to allow motions *to reconsider* at the next meeting and questioned why we should close this option off. Farmer commended the clarification for when a vote may be changed. In regards to the motion *to reconsider*, he talked about the possibility of a member's consideration changing between the two meetings and that the current rules provide a leeway. Lamb pointed out the motions cheat sheet that Stacey Maynard, Council Administrator, created, which she thinks will be especially helpful for the chairs of their meetings.

J. Brown explained his original concern that motions *to reconsider* could be used to block items from moving forward but ultimately he supports the rules maintaining their current flexibility. Ellinger spoke about the subcommittee's consideration for both *reconsider* options and value for the whole committee to discuss it.

A motion was made by Plomin to approve all of the changes as brought forward in the draft resolution, (pages 31-34 of packet) keeping Section 4.407 (2)(a) relative to reconsider the same; seconded by Ellinger. The motion passed without dissent.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

A motion was made by Farmer to remove the *Council Rules and Robert's Rules Review Subcommittee* from committee; seconded by Plomin. The motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Ellinger to adjourn (at 2:13 p.m.); seconded by Farmer. The motion passed without dissent.

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