

RESOLUTION NO. 614 - 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL RELATED TO THE BLUEGRASS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE MAYOR NOT SIGN THE PROPOSED AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO HAVE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY AREA DECLARED A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Whereas, on March 4, 2014, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts released findings of a recent examination of the Bluegrass Area Development District which identified serious deficiencies in the oversight of the operations of the Bluegrass Area Development District, including a lack of policies and procedures to govern the District, excessive and/or unnecessary expenditures by the District, potential non-compliance with state and federal requirements by the District, a failure by the District to report possible criminal acts to law enforcement, and the lack of proper oversight of the District; and

Whereas, the findings of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts revealed several existing and potential conflicts of interests with the current structured relationship between the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board and the Bluegrass Area Development District; and

Whereas, by Resolution Number 213-2014, passed by the Urban County Council on April 24, 2014, this Council requested that the Chief Elected Official of the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Area identify and retain a fiscal and administrative agent for the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board other than the Bluegrass Area Development District; and

Whereas, there seems to be a reluctance on the part of the chief elected official to remove the Bluegrass Area Development District as the fiscal agent; and

Whereas, there continues to be a dysfunction and disconnect between the chief elected official, the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board and the Bluegrass Area Development District; and

Whereas, the proposed Amended Interlocal Cooperative Agreement does not resolve the issues related to operation of the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board; and

Whereas, Commerce Lexington/Business & Education Network has been engaged to conduct a workforce analysis for Lexington-Fayette County; and

Whereas, we, the elected representatives of the people of Lexington-Fayette County, continue to be dissatisfied with the relationships among the parties involved and the services provided to Lexington-Fayette County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council hereby recommends that the Mayor not sign the proposed Amended Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

Section 2 – That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council hereby recommends that the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government take the steps necessary to have Lexington-Fayette County area declared a workforce investment area.

Section 3 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: October 23, 2014

MAYOR 

ATTEST:


CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
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