

Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
October 26, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

×	Jeff Adkisson	×	Jim Fulgenzi, Jr.
	Mike Aiello	×	Bob Gray
×	Daniel Cadigan		Karen Hasara
	Mike Chamness	×	Marilyn Kushak
	Patrick Coburn		Frank McNeil
×	Josh Collins	×	Mike Murphy
×	Jerry Crabtree	×	Robert Plunk
×	Gary Crompton	×	Kent Redfield
×	James Donelan	×	J. D. Sudeth
	Kevin Dorsey		Kenley Wade, Sr.
×	Cliff Erwin	×	Joan Walters
×	Lee Fields, Jr.		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC

Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC

Amy Uden- SSCRPC

Bob Dalton- Curran-Gardner Water District

Amy Ihnen- Chatham Area Public Library

Sheila Stocks-Smith- community

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Mike Murphy called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed commissioners. He introduced a new commissioner in attendance, Rev. Lee E Fields, Jr.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Chairperson Murphy asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Cliff Erwin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gary Crompton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. REPORTS ON VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS

Mr. Cliff Erwin welcomed guest speaker Mr. Bob Dalton for a presentation on the various water districts in the county. Mr. Dalton is the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Curran-Gardner Water District. He provided information and documents on the water districts that exist in the county, including maps, diagrams, and statutes related to the water districts. He explained the role and limitations of water districts, their funding sources, and how water districts are established. Mr. Dalton also discussed the possibilities and limitations for connections among water districts. He presented technical information on water sources, towers, pumps, and treatment. Mr.



Dalton responded to several questions from commissioners regarding water use regulations, expanding water systems, and water districts' capacities.

Mr. Jeff Adkisson then provided a report on the library districts in the county. He welcomed Ms. Amy Ihnen, director of the Chatham Area Public Library, for assistance in this presentation. Mr. Adkisson detailed the expanding variety of materials and programming offered by libraries. He indicated that personnel-related expenses make up the bulk of the library budget, and discussed revenue and growth patterns for the libraries. Ms. Ihnen explained inter-library cooperation, such as inter-library loan systems and cooperative use of library cards. Commissioners asked questions regarding library districts' collaborative efforts, informal interactions, promotional activities, purchasing, and sharing of expertise. Discussion also occurred regarding library district geographical coverage and library card access.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chairperson Murphy reminded Commissioners of upcoming Public Meetings, which will take place on November 2nd and November 7th.

Mr. Norm Sims also provided updates for the Commission concerning possible new Open Meetings Act training requirements.

Mr. Sims then informed Commissioners of a potential opportunity to receive input from a meeting of the Mayors' Caucus. Some discussion ensued regarding the potential objectives of such a meeting, and whether or not this would be beneficial to the Commission. Following this discussion, a commissioner requested that this opportunity be pursued. SSCRPC staff agreed to follow up with the mayors in order to facilitate an opportunity for providing their input in the CEC's work, suggesting November 9th as a likely date for this occurrence.

V. REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mr. Adkisson then provided a report on the public town hall meeting of October 25, 2011. He thanked the commissioners who were able to attend the public meeting, and summarized the comments given by each of four presenters. There were nine commissioners in attendance. These comments related to efficiencies achieved by the County Treasurer's office, EECBG energy savings by the Village of Chatham, shared law enforcement services and GIS-use questions from the Village of Illiopolis, and an example of inter-jurisdictional cooperation in workman's compensation case management from the County Auditor's office.

Mr. Adkisson then noted the overall success of the meeting in furnishing the CEC with a number of beneficial ideas for efficiencies. Some discussion occurred about the process of chairing public meetings and facilitating timely and orderly comments. Commissioners engaged in some discussion of publicity for the upcoming public meetings, and SSCRPC staff agreed to send meeting reminders to the media.

VI. ELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR

Acting Chairperson Murphy opened the floor for nominations of a CEC Vice-Chair. Ms. Joan Walters nominated Mr. Patrick Coburn. Mr. Dan Cadigan seconded the

motion. Following this, some discussion occurred in which Commissioners noted their previous consideration of a vice-chair who lives outside of Springfield City limits, in order to facilitate multi-jurisdictional balance on the Commission. Mr. Josh Collins then nominated Mr. Murphy. Mr. J.D. Sudeth seconded the motion. Mr. Bob Gray then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Erwin. Nominations were closed by a voice vote.

After brief discussion of proper voting methods, Acting Chairperson Murphy asked for a vote by show of hands for the election of Commission Vice-Chair. Mr. Murphy was elected unanimously by acclamation. Mr. Jim Donelan moved that this election be so recorded in CEC minutes, and was seconded by Dr. Kent Redfield.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chairperson Murphy suggested that Commissioners open discussion on the future establishment of sub-committees or task forces. Mr. Sims presented a background document related to basic functions of local government. He recommended Commissioners consider for task forces especially those functions that touch many jurisdictions, may entail high costs, and do not merely represent highly specialized or sporadic expenses. Commissioners discussed preliminary ideas for task force structures.

Several commissioners agreed to create a taskforce, which will meet for the purpose of examining the functions of government document and recommending a sub-committee/taskforce structure for the Commission at the next regular meeting. This taskforce will include Commissioners Walters, Erwin, Collins, Redfield, and Donelan.

Next meeting date—November 9, 2011 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairperson Murphy extended the opportunity for the Commission to hear public comment. Ms. Sheila Stocks-Smith asked two questions of the Commission, the first of which pertained to public access of CEC minutes and agendas. Commission reiterated that these documents can be accessed through SSCRPC staff, and will be on the SSCRPC website in the near future. Ms. Stocks-Smith's second question concerned identity of the two CEC appointees from the school districts, Mr. Frank McNeil and Mr. Mike Chamness.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sudeth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary