

Minutes
Centralina Council of Governments
Board of Delegates
Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Jurisdiction

Albemarle
Anson County
Badin
Bessemer City
Cabarrus County
Charlotte
Cherryville
Concord
Cornelius
Davidson
East Spencer
Gaston County
Gastonia
Harrisburg
Indian Trail
Iredell County
Landis
Lincoln County
Lowell
Marshville
Matthews
Mecklenburg County
Mineral Springs
Mint Hill
Monroe
 Mooresville
Morven
New London
Norwood
Peachland
Richfield
Spencer
Stallings
Stanly County
Union County
Wesley Chapel

Represented By

Martha Sue Hall
Jarvis Woodburn
Deloris Chambers
Kay McCathen
Coy Privette
Patrick McCrory
Bob Austell
Al Brown, Jr.
Eddie McNeeley
Randy Kincaid
Deloris High
Joe Carpenter
Dale Burkett
Jack Roden
Shirley Howe
Ken Robertson
James Furr
Marie Moore
Judy Horne
Frank Deese
Suzanne Gulley
Dumont Clarke
Woody Faulk
Lloyd Austin
Dottie Nash
Mitch Abraham
Stanley Stovall
Bill Peak
Harold Thompson
Steve Garris
Steve Morgan
Nick Bishop
Wyatt Dunn
Gene McIntyre
Hughie Sexton
Brad Horvath

Jurisdictions Not Represented

Belmont
China Grove
Cleveland
Cramerton
Dallas
Fairview
Faith
Granite Quarry
Harmony
Hemby Bridge
High Shoals
Huntersville
Kannapolis
Lake Park
Lincolnton
Locust
Marvin
McAdenville
Midland
Misenheimer
Mount Holly
Mount Pleasant
Oakboro
Pineville
Ranlo
Rockwell
Rowan County
Salisbury
Spencer Mountain
Stanfield
Stanley
Statesville
Troutman
Unionville
Waxhaw
Weddington
Wingate

1. Call to Order

Chairman Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Bill McNair, Centralina's Attorney, verified a quorum was present.

2. Installation of 2006 Officers

The following officials were installed as officers for the calendar year 2006:

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Dumont Clarke (Mecklenburg County)</i>
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	<i>Joe Carpenter (Gaston County)</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Bob Austell (Cherryville)</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Marie Moore (Lincoln County)</i>

3. Featured Speaker - Governor James G. Martin

Governor Martin, former Governor for the State of North Carolina and Chairman of Centralina Council of Governments, reflected on the changes within the State and Councils of Governments over the last 30 plus years.

4. Presentation of Region of Excellence Awards

Centralina's First Annual Region of Excellence Awards were presented. The awards were given to recognize innovative public service and our local government's commitment and dedication to excellence.

The awards were presented to:

Award Category: Excellence in Local Government Efficiency & Effectiveness
Jurisdiction: Union County
Dept./Program: Union County Public Library/Hispanic Services Program

Award Category: Excellence in Planning and Community Investment
Jurisdiction: Cabarrus County
Dept./Program: Commerce and Planning Departments/ "Designing Cabarrus"

Award Category: Excellence in Economic Development
Jurisdiction: Town of Huntersville (and its partners--Cornelius, Davidson, Lake Norman Regional Economic Development Corporation)
Dept./Program: North Mecklenburg Industrial Park

Award Category: Excellence in Environmental Planning and Conservation
Jurisdiction: Mecklenburg County
Dept./Program: Park & Recreation and LUESA Departments/Liz Hair Nature Walk on the Little Sugar Creek Greenway Project

5. **2005 Annual Report**

Centralina's 2005 annual report, "*REGIONALISM...A Collaborative Process*" was highlighted. Copies of the report will be mailed No action was required.

6. **Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

7. **Report of Service Agreements**

The agenda contained a list of agreements entered into with member governments since December 15, 2005. Under these agreements, staff will provide contract assistance to the member government. This was information only. No action was required.

8. **Approval of Minutes**

Coy Privette made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2005 meeting. Jack Roden seconded the motion. Passed.

9. **Report on White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA)**

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) closed December 14, 2005, with delegates sharing recommendations to be sent to the President and Congress on the pressing aging issues of today and the future. The purpose of the conference is to make recommendations to the President and Congress to help guide national aging policies for the next ten years and beyond. The conference focused on the aging of today and tomorrow, including 78 million baby boomers that will begin to turn 60 in January 2006.

Delegates in attendance selected the top 50 resolutions to present and participated in working groups to develop strategies for implementing the resolutions. The top 10 resolutions as voted by the delegates are:

- Reauthorize the Older Americans Act Within the First Six Months Following the 2005 White House Conference on Aging
- Develop a Coordinated, Comprehensive Long-Term Care Strategy by Supporting Public and Private Sector Initiatives that Address Financing, Choice, Quality, Service Delivery, and the Paid and Unpaid Workforce
- Ensure that Older Americans Have Transportation Options to Retain Their Mobility and Independence
- Strengthen and Improve the Medicaid Program for Seniors
- Strengthen and Improve the Medicare Program
- Support Geriatric Education and Training for All Healthcare Professionals, Paraprofessionals, Health Profession Students, and Direct Care Workers
- Promote Innovative Models of Non-Institutional Long-Term Care

- Improve Recognition, Assessment, and Treatment of Mental Illness and Depression Among Older Americans
- Attain Adequate Numbers of Healthcare Personnel in All Professions Who are Skilled, Culturally Competent, and Specialized Geriatrics
- Improve State and Local Based Integrated Delivery Systems to Meet 21st Century Needs of Seniors

Not only do these issues impact older Americans across the country but also many of these top ten resolutions have significant impact on older adults living in our region. The priority resolutions for Region F are:

- Reauthorize the Older Americans Act
- Transportation
- Strengthen and Improve Medicare Program
- Develop a Coordinate, Comprehensive Long-Term Care Strategy

This was information only. No action was required.

10. Appointments to the Centralina Economic Development Commission (CEDC)

Item postponed.

11. Comments by the Executive Director

Mr. Sharp briefed the Board on caucusing for the Executive Committee.

12. Requested Caucuses For Appointment To Executive Committee

The municipal delegates from Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union Counties were asked to caucus after the meeting to choose one to represent them on the Executive Committee during 2006 See attached listing of the 2006 Executive Committee.

13. Adjournment

2006 Executive Committee

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Anson County	County Municipalities	Jarvis T. Woodburn Steven Garris
Cabarrus County	County Municipalities	Coy Privette Jack Roden
Gaston County	County Municipalities	Joe Carpenter Bob Austell
Iredell County	County Municipalities	Ken Robertson Mitch Abraham
Lincoln County	County Municipalities	Marie Moore Carroll Heavner
Mecklenburg County	County Municipalities Charlotte	Dumont Clarke Lloyd Austin Patrick McCrory
Rowan County	County Municipalities	Chad Mitchell Nick Bishop
Stanly County	County Municipalities	Gene McIntyre Steven Morgan
Union County	County Municipalities	Hughie Sexton Woody Faulk