

**Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting via ZOOM**  
**Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 11:00 am**  
**KCADD Office Building**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky**

**Board Members Present:**

Judge Dan Mosley (CVADD) Chair  
Judge Casey Ellis (NKADD) 1st Vice-Chair  
Mayor Les Stapleton (BSADD) 2nd Vice-Chair  
Mayor Rita Dotson (PuADD) Treasurer  
Craig A. Stanfield (BTADD) Immed. Past Chair  
Judge Wil Cannon (BRADD)  
Judge Bobby Carpenter (FIVCO)  
Judge Chuck Caudill (KRADD)  
Mayor Bill Dieruf (KIPDA)

Judge Orbrey Gritton (BGADD)  
Judge John A. Phelps Jr. (LCADD)  
Judge John Riley (KIPDA)  
Judge Brad Schneider (GRADD)  
Kendra Scott (LTADD)  
Judge Harold "Shorty" Tomlinson (NKADD)  
Judge Steve Tribble (PeADD)  
Judge Tommy Turner (LTADD)

**Staff Present:**

Lisa Cooper (NKADD)  
Jason Vincent (PeADD)  
Eric Sexton (BRADD)  
Amy Kennedy (BTADD)  
Michelle Allen (KRADD)  
Mike Burrell (LTADD)

Bob Casher (BGADD)  
Josh Farrow (GADD)  
Ben Hale (BSADD)  
Jarrett Haley (KIPDA)  
Sherry McDavid (FIVCO)  
Joanna Shake (GRADD)

Tony Wilder, KCADD Executive Director  
Wanda Laslie, KCADD Executive Assistant  
Bill Cooper, Business Development Manager

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Bobbie Jo Lewis, Commissioner, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid

**Call to Order** Chair Dan Mosley called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and welcomed members, staff and guests, all joining via ZOOM. Chair Mosley asked Mrs. Laslie to verify the members present with a voice roll call.

**Introduction of Guest Speaker** Chair Mosley recognized the guest speaker, Ms. Bobby Jo Lewis, Commissioner for the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.

Commissioner Lewis expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to address the Counsel and for the great privilege to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth and the Transportation Cabinet. She stated that since the pandemic most all employees are working from home, including herself. She did not feel that this has been an impediment for customer service for their department. She added that Secretary Gray sends his best wishes to all.

She informed the members that she has received clearance to process the county and municipal road aid. On Friday, 50% of the July projected allotment was issued out. They will next start processing the emergency funding and then the 80/20 revenue sharing flex funding for bridge projects.

Commissioner Lewis explained that in April they were told by the State Budget Director that the anticipated funds subject to revenue sharing would be about \$631 million, but then by the end of July the anticipated amount had increased to \$670 million. The money disbursed was based on the July projection.

She said that she is always cautiously optimistic. She asked for patience as all the requests are processed. As of Friday, there were around 205 outstanding requests to be considered and processed.

She also promoted a couple of other federal programs that might be beneficial to communities. These programs are the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and the CMAC Air Quality Projects. She stressed that members contact her if they are interested in either of the programs.

Commissioner Lewis proceeded with opening the floor for questions. Judge Gritton asked about emergency requests on bridges. The Commissioner stated that anything submitted as “emergency” would have priority and that co-op payments would be completed by the end of the week.

Judge Turner asked about the 80/20 Bridge Program and the prior practice of being able to accumulate funds for future projects. Judge Turner also added that in the last few years counties had lost the money that they had been saving for a needed future project. Commissioner Lewis stated that she has not been told of any changes to prior practices, but would check into it. The consensus of the Judges present was to have the option of accumulating the funds from year to year, which would allow counties to save for a more costly project.

Judge Turner concluded by stating that the state’s 80/20 Bridge Program was much more cost effective than pursuing the federal 80/20 Bridge Program, due to the added burden of federal requirements.

Commissioner Lewis concluded by providing her contact information to all members. Her cell phone number is 502 892-9022 and her email address is bobbijolewis@ky.gov.

Since Chair Mosley lost internet connection and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Ellis was driving, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Stapleton agreed to act as temporary chair.

**Approval of June 17, 2020 Minutes** Acting Chair Stapleton then called for approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting. **Judge Riley offered a motion to approve, with Judge Gritton issuing a second. All members voted in favor.**

**KCADD Financial Report** Acting Chair Stapleton recognized Mayor Rita Dotson, KCADD Treasurer, to offer the financial report. Treasurer Dotson advised that the total fiscal year-to-date income as of July 31 was \$202,261.67, with an annual budget of \$259,500.00. Total expenses as of July 31 was \$22,043.20, with an annual budget of \$285,010.00. With there being no questions or comments, Treasurer Dotson submitted the financial reports for approval. **Judge Tomlinson offered the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented and Judge Carpenter issued a second. All members voted in favor.**

**Old Business: a. Community Health Care Connections Update** Acting Chair Stapleton proceeded to Old Business and recognized Bill Cooper for the Community Health Care Connections Update. Mr. Cooper stated that he has taken part in the monthly meetings with the Department for Aging, the Area Agency on Aging and the ADD Directors, via ZOOM. He has also taken part in multiple webinars with both state and national partners. He added that, in “Other Activities”, he has sent out planning language to all area

agencies and that he is still working with the KADD policies for programs. He also reported that he is working with the Department of Justice for potential grants for AAA's. He added that he has worked with the National Council on Aging on SNAP grants, has reviewed additional training materials for Person Centered Planning and reported that that he has submitted the annual update to N4A's Business Institute for the grant that was received last year.

Mr. Cooper continued by updating the members regarding the contract with PCHP, which is the Anthem plan. He said that they have provided many opportunities for virtual training. He added that, since June, this contract has produced 106 referrals across the State and completed 21 full assessments.

Mr. Cooper continued by announcing that a contract has been received by Aetna/CVS. He said that daily negotiations have been in progress on the contract in the past 60 days. He said that there is still hope that it will soon be finalized and move along soon.

He said that Humana has had new staff assignments and most everyone has been working from home, making it a challenge to progress in a timely fashion. They did ask for a full proposal and he sent it to them. He added that Wellcare staff, too, are still working from home.

The final health plan that Mr. Cooper identified as pursuing is United Healthcare. He has sent information to them to be reviewed by their leadership team soon.

**Old Business: b. Legislative Priorities 2021 Session** Chair Mosley rejoined the meeting and proceeded to the next item under Old Business. He introduced Judge Tommy Turner and Director Tony Wilder to give a legislative report.

Judge Turner presented priority issues that are, and will continue to be, of great importance to ADDs and all local governments. They consist of: retirement, ADD contracts and JFA, and gas tax. Chair Turner stressed the fact that without an increase in the motor fuels tax, local government will receive no additional funding.

In conclusion, Chair Turner announced that he will be retiring at the end of the month and thanked everyone present for their continued dedication to local government. Mr. Wilder expressed appreciation to Chair Turner, on behalf of the ADDs and all local officials, for his many years of public service. He cited passion for local government and for the Lincoln Trail ADD.

Mr. Wilder continued to address the topic of the 2021 Session. He stated that the budget will be a key issue, since only a one-year budget was passed last session. The KCADD will continue to work on encouraging JFA funding, matching ARC funds, local taxing options, and advocating for our aging programs.

Mr. Wilder concluded the Legislative Report and opened the floor for comments/questions.

Judge Riley stated that COVID related virtual meetings have been a positive experience and that he would like to see it continue. He also spoke about the possibility of open record requests being extended from 3 days to 10 days. There was brief discussion on both topics and there was consensus support for both suggestions.

Director McDavid asked Mr. Wilder to address the CARES Act Grants. Mr. Wilder stressed that this money is not a windfall and that the \$6 million EDA Grants are for a specific purpose, that they are reimbursable and that they do not replace JFA funds.

Mayor Dieruf added that all local governments need to spend their CARES moneys quickly, as KLC and KACO will be assisting local governments in pursuing the additional funding up to the 45% that they are entitled to. He also added that many open records requests are coming from out-of-state and he is pursuing to try to eliminate these frivolous out-of-state requests but recognizing that some have validity.

**New Business: a. Approval of 2019-2020 Audit Report** Chair Mosley proceeded to New Business, calling upon Director Wilder to present the 2019/20 Audit Report. Director Wilder added that all board members have received an electronic copy of the report. He proceeded to explain an item of interest on the Statements of Activities, Functional Expenses and Changes in Net Assets. He stated that the Bond Program Revenue received an additional \$8,190 in FY19-20 after the audit was complete; therefore, the revenue will not be applied until FY20-21. Chair Mosley commented that all members had had an opportunity to review the Audit Report prior to the meeting, since they had received it electronically. Chair Mosley opened the floor for additional questions. With no questions or comments, Chair Mosley called for a motion. **Judge Phelps made the motion to approve the 19-20 Audit Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Caudill. All members voted in favor.**

**New Business: b. Workforce/Unemployment Update** Chair Mosley called upon Amy Kennedy, Chair of the ADD Director's Workforce Group, to provide a Workforce/Unemployment Update. She stated that there has been a substantial transition in the Unemployment Insurance Program, as it was moved from the Workforce & Education Cabinet to the Labor Cabinet on August 16. Secretary Larry Roberts has appointed Buddy Hoskinson to head the program. She added that career staff will also move to the Labor Cabinet. Ms. Kennedy reported that the ADD staff have assisted Unemployment Insurance Program representatives in June and July as they traveled the state to continue to resolve issues. She concluded by announcing that Secretary Roberts met with the Workforce Directors in anticipation of the transition and will meet with them again this Friday.

**Executive Director's Report** Chair Mosley deferred to Director Wilder for the Executive Director's Report. Director Wilder reported that he has attended a number of meetings, via ZOOM, but travel has been minimal. He gave a brief summary on the completed updates to the KCADD website and added that additional improvements will be forthcoming.

In conclusion, Director Wilder informed the members that he will be presenting tomorrow at an in-person meeting in Ashland for Leadership Kentucky.

**Adjournment** Judge Carpenter offered the motion to adjourn and Judge Riley issued a second. **All members voted in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.