

Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts
Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:00 am EST

VIA ZOOM

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
Mr. Steve Thurmond (BRADD) Treasurer
Judge John Phelps, Jr. (LCADD)
Judge Wil Cannon (BRADD)
Bobby Carpenter (FIVCO)
Mayor Bill Dieruf (KIPDA)
Judge Larry Foxworthy, (BTADD)
Judge Orbrey Gritton (BGADD)
Judge Al Mattingly, (GRADD)
Judge John Phelps (LCADD)

Judge John Riley (KIPDA)
Judge Mark McKenzie (BSADD)
Ms. Kendra Scott (LTADD)
Judge Brad Schneider (GRADD)
Mr. Gayle Smith (FIVCO)
Mr. Harold (Shorty) Tomlinson (NKADD)
Judge Rick Stiltner (GWADD)
Judge Huston Wells (BGADD)
Judge Steve Tribble (PeADD)
Judge Maurice Lucas (LTADD)
Mayor Mark Walter (GWADD)

Staff Present:

Lisa Cooper (NKADD)
Jason Vincent (PeADD)
Eric Sexton (BRADD)
Jeremy Buchanan (PuADD)
Mike Burrell (LCADD)
Jarrett Haley (KIPDA)

Jacob Perkins (FIVCO)
Darryl McGaha (LCADD)
Ben Hale (BSADD)
Joanna Shake (GRADD)
Kelly Ward (FIVCO)

Tony Wilder, KCADD Executive Director
Marilyn Eaton-Thomas, KCADD Executive Assistant
Bill Cooper, Business Development Manager

Guest Speaker: The Honorable David Givens, President Pro Tempore, Kentucky Senate

Call to Order Chair Dan Mosley called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed members, staff and guests, all joining via ZOOM. After a Roll Call conducted by Tony Wilder, the chair declared a quorum with more than 10 ADDs represented.

Approval of November 18, 2020 Minutes Chair Mosley then called for approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting. **Mayor Stapleton offered a motion to approve, with Mayor Dieruf issuing a second. All members voted in favor.**

KCADD Financial Report Chair Mosley recognized Tony Wilder to offer the financial report on behalf of Mayor Rita Dotson, KCADD Treasurer. Director Wilder advised that the Financial Reports were sent electronically to all members of the Council to review prior to the meeting. He referred to the Monthly Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, which shows total expenses as of January 2021 at 48.30%. Mr. Wilder stated that the year's expenditures should fall well within budget. With there being no questions

or comments, Director Wilder 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.**

Nominating Committee Report Chair Mosley then called on Judge Tribble for the Nominating Committee Report. Judge Tribble stated the committee was comprised of himself, Judge Carpenter and Mayor Dieruf, and he offered the following report: The nominees for the 2021 KCADD executive committee were Judge/Executive Casey Ellis, Chairman; Mayor Les Stapleton, 1st Vice Chair; Mr. Steve Thurman, 2nd Vice Chair; Mayor Rita Dotson, Secretary and Judge/Executive John Phelps, Treasurer.

Election of Officers Judge Tribble moved that all current Executive Officers move up and Judge John Phelps of Cumberland Co. be elected to the office of Treasurer by acclamation. Judge Al Mattingly issued a second. All members voted in favor. Outgoing Chair Mosley thanked Judge Tribble and the Committee for their efforts and assistance in establishing the new Executive Committee for 2021 which will include Judge/Executive Dan Mosley as Immediate Past Chair. The new officers were congratulated and thanked for their willingness to serve.

Introduction of Guest Speaker Newly Elected Chair Ellis recognized our guest speaker, the Honorable David Givens who was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 2008 and represents the 9th District comprised of Allen, Barren, Green, Metcalfe, Monroe and Simpson counties. Senator Givens expressed his appreciation for being given the opportunity to address the members. He began by saying he was very familiar with the long-standing good work performed by the ADDs. He noted that the legislature had been busy and came out of the gate prepared. HB1, SB1 and SB2 were prioritized for prompt passage in response to the Governor's response to Covid. In addition, HB4 was sponsored by Speaker Osbourne which would amend the Constitution to remove existing restrictions for adjournment of the General Assembly on certain dates and allows a 10-day extension if approved by 3/5 vote of the Assembly. He explained that the legislature is the voice of the people and they need the ability to come back into session on important specific issues for at least 12 days per year. Last year was the first time in Senator Givens' memory that a 1-year budget was passed. This year they are passing another 1-year budget.

He also mentioned what a significant problem unemployment insurance had been and the efforts of the Senate to improve it by passing SB7 which created new sections of KRS Chapter 341 to allow the administration to forgive overpayment, allocate Coronavirus Aid and Economic Security (CARES) Act money, waive application deadlines and require program integrity provisions. And it will give the Attorney General more authority to investigate fraud in unemployment insurance.

Senator Givens stated he would like to be able to provide for a future funding stream to build infrastructure that also includes fees for electric cars. He wants to see a system that is fair and equitable. His view is that the present version of HB 561 which increases the motor fuels tax, has yet to receive sufficient support to reach the Senate floor for a vote this year. There are some things in the transportation budget that need to be changed. He cited the \$100 million allocated for state police expenses which he believes does not need to be paid from the road fund. He expressed that this and some other options could emerge to assist with increasing road revenues without raising taxes.

After thanking Senator Givens for being here today, Judge Mattingly commented that the unemployment Insurance system is broken and asked how the fund can be built back up again. He commented that some businesses laid-off no one yet they will have to pay into the Insurance Trust Fund. Senator Givens

responded that Judge Mattingly's comments were exactly right and that he and other legislators need the input of local officials on this issue. He further observed it was good to see so many local officials meeting together and discussing issues. He stated that in general, unemployment insurance is misunderstood. The fund is totally paid for by businesses. They pay into the state system and even a small amount into the federal system. The funds in the federal system are used by states to fund state administration of UI. The system needs locals to help educate people on how unemployment insurance is supposed to work.

Judge Ellis reminded Sen. Givens that rural road aid, municipal road aid, and funds for rural secondary roads comes exclusively from the motor fuels tax, not, other ancillary fees. He cited the fact that the 10-cent increase proposed will only impact the average driver to the tune of \$60.00 per year. Senator Givens acknowledged that amount is not a great burden and understands why the counties, the cities and the ADDs have appealed to the legislature and supported a bill to increase the tax. He also acknowledges the cost associated with damaged vehicles from traveling poorly maintained roads. But, he's not sure if the 10 cents per gallon increase is the right funding concept. He cited the timing as not good and indicated the legislature will continue to find workable solutions in this session.

Mayor Stapleton inquired if upgraded technology to administer unemployment insurance has been the subject of Legislative discussions. Senator Givens reiterated that SB7 provided a waiver of overpayment and seeks to build integrity in the new system with better access and eliminate fraud. Senator Givens indicated that it will enable the Attorney General to get the information he needs to proceed with an investigation. Judge Mosley inquired if and when the unemployment offices will reopen. The answer is they will open soon, on an appointment basis.

Senator Givens concluded his remarks, was thanked by the Chair and departed the meeting.

Old Business: Community Health Care Connections Update Former Chair Mosley ceremonially tendered his chair to newly elected Chairman Ellis. Chair Ellis proceeded to Old Business and recognized Bill Cooper for the Community Health Care Connections Update. Mr. Cooper stated that he has taken part in meetings with the Department for Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging and the ADD Directors, via ZOOM. He has also taken part in numerous webinars involving formalizing network and provider partnerships that emphasize person-centered planning.

Mr. Cooper had multiple calls with BGADD to test and implement the IT Client Data System needed for the Community HealthCare Connections Program. He has also tested the system with GRADD. He attended a "Home Meds" staff demonstration for all AAAILs. "Home Meds" is a medication management Title III-D approved program.

Old Business: Administration for Community Living (ACL) Grant Mr. Cooper continued by updating the members regarding receipt of a \$125,000 grant as a chosen "Network Lead Entity", and one of five in the nation. KCADD's responsibilities include monthly meetings and the development of work plans. The five entities form a Think Tank for the purpose of strengthening and mentoring similar networks across the nation. Executive Director Wilder advised the ACL grant and similar programs are funded by the Older Americans Act with the intent of keeping people out of the nursing home. KCADD, along with the ADDs as partners, will utilize the funds to strengthen the network by upgrading our IT capacity thereby enhancing the ability to gain contractual relationships with medical providers to offer community-based services and also comply with HIPAA. Wilder advises that the money is already in the KCADD account. Exec. Dir. Wilder expects multiple medical provider contracts. The Administration for Community Living

(ACL) is promoting this concept, as is the National Association of Agencies on Aging. One of the reasons the Exec. Dir. and Mr. Cooper are working on new Policies and Procedures for KCADD is to meet standards for medical provider contracts. The Policies and Procedures will be ready for KCADD consideration at the June meeting.

New Business: Legislative Update Chair Ellis proceeded to New Business and requested Executive Director Wilder to offer the update. Mr. Wilder stated the budgeted ADD JFA funding is currently under consideration by the Conference Committee. The \$1.984 million for the ADDs is still in the budget and he is of the opinion that it looks good for inclusion in the final budget. He stressed the importance of supporting **HB561** and encouraged everyone to do their part in lobbying this measure. He cited the resolution to be considered latter in the agenda as a demonstration of that commitment. He then turned to Senator Higdon's bill – **SB276** which provides for the formation of a Workforce Collaboration. The 19-member group will allow all 10 Workforce areas to have a representative, but in response to feedback received from the members he has talked to Senator Higdon about adding an ADD representative. Exec. Dir. Wilder indicated he will be monitoring this matter which remains in the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. **HB367** introduced by Rep. Sharp will require local Career Centers to activate operations if the unemployment rate in the area exceeds 5%. It was pointed out that the state does not have trained staff to head these offices.

Exec. Dir. Wilder then discussed the following notable bills and resolutions to watch: **HCR55** which would create a task force to review Home and Community Services Waiver Redesign. The ADDs hope to secure a seat on this task force. **HB38** would move the funds the Governor proposed for Broadband development through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to the Department of Agriculture's Office of Innovation. It has been recommitted to the Appropriations and Revenue Committee. **HB566**, if approved, will provide an extra year for Fiscal Courts to reapportion their political districts. This addresses the issue created by the US Census Bureau's advisement that census data will not be available until September of 2021. Senator Santoro offered **HB451** to create a transportation improvement committee. **HB253** is a bill in the State and Local Government Committee that would create casino gambling. Wilder pledged to update the members regarding any further developments.

New Business: Resolution Re: Transportation Funding Chair Ellis then directed the members to the aforementioned Transportation Resolution 2021-1. Said resolution endorses HB 561 and strongly encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to act as soon as possible in the 2021 session to address all of Kentucky's transportation funding needs. **Judge Phelps moved to pass the resolution and Judge Wells seconded. All members voted in favor.**

Executive Director's Report Chair Ellis called upon Director Wilder to offer his Report. Director Wilder reported that he has attended numerous legislative committee meetings and affiliate virtual conferences. He also advised that he participated in all the DLG/ADD Budget Workshops and had the pleasure of presenting a history of the ADDs in Kentucky. He further advised that the abbreviated February 25th legislative breakfast was a success and indicated there was a larger attendance than expected.

Adjournment Chair Ellis thanked Judge Mosley for his leadership during 2020 and noted that he left big shoes to fill. He welcomed the new board members Judge Al Mattingly of Daviess County, Judge Huston Wells of Franklin County and Mayor Harold Sloan of Louisa. There being no further business to entertain, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. **Judge Tribble offered the motion to adjourn and Mayor Stapleton issued a second. All members voted in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.