The Center for Local Government Board of Directors Meeting

March 1, 2023

1:30pm – 3:00pm

CLG Offices (4015 Executive Park Dr. Suite 226, Cincinnati, OH 45241) or Virtual

In attendance: Jack Cameron, Amanda Zimmerlin, Jim Lukas, Mike Rahall (Board); T.J. White, Cody Smith (Staff)

Absent: V. Earhart

* Call to order
  + The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm
* January 4, 2023 board meeting minutes
  + Motion to approve by J. Lukas, seconded by M. Rahall. Motion passed 4-0.
* Amanda Zimmerlin Introduction
  + The Board and staff welcomed Clayton City Manager Amanda Zimmerlin.
* Small Government Grant Assistance / Training
  + T. White briefed the board on the upcoming small government grant training session. He formed a panel of grant administrators from Hamilton County to discuss best practices. There is also a panel of MPA program directors who can discuss how their institutions can assist small governments with project proposals and grant applications.
  + J. Cameron recommended also including a traffic engineer to discuss OPWC and related grants.
* CLG Electricity Consortium
  + T. White stated that he was expecting energy prices in the $.06 to $.07 / kwh range for the next electricity consortium bid. J. Cameron stated that Silverton recently received a $.05905 price, and M. Rahall stated that Whitewater Twp. received a $.064 price.
  + T. White stated that participating governments were passing their authorizing ordinances / resolutions, and that the bid itself would be conducted toward the end of March.
* Student Outreach Initiative
  + T. White stated that he met with Bridget Doherty from Hamilton County, and that she was willing to help develop communications strategies for the student outreach consortium.
* Hamilton County Shared Services Summit
  + T. White stated that CLG would be presenting at the Hamilton County Shared Services summit, scheduled for April. He stated that the idea to conduct a new summit came from one of the County Commissioners, and that he had been providing insights to the County on how to make for an effective program.

* Newly Elected Officials Training
  + C. Smith stated that only 6 people had signed up for the Newly Elected Officials training, but that registrations were still opened. The Board recommended a reminder with a warning that the training could be cancelled if too few people sign up.
    - (Editor’s note: 16 people signed up for the trainings and they were held)
* Membership Renewal / Prospective Members
  + T. White stated that 41 governments had renewed membership in the Center by March 1st, which is slight ahead of trend. This includes Miami Township (Montgomery County) which is CLG’s newest member. CLG now has 62 member governments.
  + T. White stated that he still hopes to have Vandalia join CLG at some point soon.
  + T. White stated that the Centerville-Washington Park District was considering CLG Benefits Pool membership. This would make them CLG’s 63rd member if they join the pool. Fire Districts and Park Districts are eligible Center members.
* New Strategic Plan
  + C. Smith stated that work would proceed on the CLG Strategic Plan in 2023.

* Adjourn