

**MINUTES OF THE  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, August 24, 2005, 3:30 P.M.  
Scott County Administration Building  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
428 Western Avenue  
Davenport, Iowa

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Schwiebert – Chair, Adams, Adamson, Austin, Becker, Burns, Dean, Heninger, Hillman, Lawrence, Malvik, McDaniel, Minard, O'Brien, Rangel, Sherwin, Spring, Volz, Wilkinson, Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bohnsack, Brooke, Carlson, Freemire, Harris, Howard, McGivern, Oberhaus, Ripperger, Rockwell, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Washburn, Welvaert, Williams

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pam Arndt, Scott County Animal Shelter; Lee Celske, Mayor of Aledo; Chris McGinnis, Muscatine County Animal Shelter; Rick Glessner, Rock Island County Animal Shelter

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bulat, Connors, Hunt, McCullough, Miller, Moritz

Chair Schwiebert called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Chair Schwiebert noted there were some developments with BRAC that would be shared later in the meeting.

1. Approval of the July 27, 2005 Minutes. Mr. Minard moved approval of minutes of the July 27, 2005 meeting. Mayor McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Connors presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2005, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$969,963.90. Ms. Sherwin moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Malvik presented the bills totaling \$201,249.91, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated August 24, 2005:

**Addendum**

Active Thermal Concepts, Inc., asbestos removal for the flood recovery acquisition program	\$61,671.00
American Planning Association, 2005-2006 APA Audio-Conference Series	1,100.00
Bancard, VISA, charge card expenses related to Chief Elected Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); one staff attending the Illinois Association of Regional Councils meeting; one staff attending the National Association of Government Webmasters seminar	637.56
City of Rock Island, fuel charges and American Discovery Trail project costs	91,149.92
McGladrey & Pullen, progress billing for FY 2005 audit services	5,000.00
River Action, Inc., Gary Vallem's memorial plaque (costs provided by donations)	525.00

**Bills List**

AdMospheres, advertising for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program	\$ 7,000.00
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, annual membership dues	1,600.00
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	6,088.17
9/05 Rent	\$4,165.96
9/05 Internet Access	88.00
7/05 Printing	739.74
7/05 Supplies	123.00
7/05 Postage	971.47
Moline Dispatch Publishing Company, L.L.C., advertising for the Transit Planner Position (cost to be reimbursed by Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport and Riverbend Transit)	574.42
Quad City Times, advertising for the Transit Planner position (cost to be reimbursed by Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport and Riverbend Transit)	534.65
Rock Island County Fair Association, use of facilities for the Joint Bi-State Auction (costs to be reimbursed from auction proceeds)	750.00
Rock Island County Fair Association, deposit for the Joint Bi-State Auction	500.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by RICCES)	1,870.00
URS Corporation, IAQC Transit Alternatives Analysis costs	22,249.19

Mr. Malvik moved approval of the bills totaling \$201,249.91, as presented above.  
 Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2006 Program Budget as of July 31, 2005.  
 Mr. Malvik explained the Program Budget Status Report was included in the agenda packet. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 7.1% expended and well within budget.
  
4. Report on Animal Shelters by the Animal Shelter Directors in the Bi-State Region. Mr. Mark Hunt, Planner, Bi-State Regional Commission, reported on Henry and Mercer county's animal control services. Henry County's animal control program is entirely self-funded. It consists of one animal control officer, a vehicle and one shelter. Direct

service is provided to unincorporated portions of the county. Assistance is also provided to the County Sheriff and municipal police departments, as needed. Mercer County also has a program that is self-funded through donations and contracts with municipal governments. The Mercer County control program includes one shelter and one animal control officer. Many dedicated volunteers staff the Mercer County Shelter. Mercer County provides direct animal control response throughout the unincorporated portions of the County and to municipalities that have a contract with the agency.

Rick Glessner, Director of Rock Island County Animal Control Office; Pam Arndt of the Scott County Humane Society and Chris McGinnis of the Muscatine County Humane Society each provided reports on the animal control policies and programs underway in their counties.

The Rock Island County Animal Control Office works to uphold and enforce, as required by state statute, the Illinois Animal Control Act, Humane Care for Animals Act, Animal Welfare Act, and any County or Municipal ordinance pertaining to animals. The office provides services related to dog bites, pet tags, pet nuisance complaints, stray animals and vicious animal complaints. Mr. Glessner reported that Rock Island County is currently building a new animal shelter at the intersection of Highway 150 and Indian Bluff Road, in Moline, near the Quad City Airport. The 1,200 sq. ft. facility will be completed in January 2006. Once complete, the facility will be available around-the-clock to all Quad City police departments. Mr. Glessner also intended to decrease the number of stray and abandoned pets by increasing fines for offenses such as dog running at large. The increased fine revenue will be used by the State of Illinois to provide low cost spay and neuter services to low income families, thus reducing the total number of potentially stray or abandoned animals. HB-315 was signed into law on August 22, 2005.

Ms. Arndt provided the Commission a brief history of the Scott County Humane Society, which began in 1901. In 2002, the Scott County Animal Shelter and Humane Society officer were relocated to 5001 Brady Street, Davenport, at a former car dealership. Annual flooding at their previous location prompted the move. The Brady Street location has undergone the first of a three-phase conversion process. The Society continues to work to raise the capital necessary to complete the conversion. Scott County Humane Society provides services throughout Scott County working with local police departments, the Scott County Sheriff and Scott County Health Department. Among the Society's many public services are pet adoptions, animal cruelty and neglect investigations, a low cost spay and neuter program and public education programs.

Ms. McGinnis noted several areas of increased service and a new building under construction for the Muscatine County Humane Society. Through private donations, the Muscatine County Humane Society is building a dog-training center at the site of their current location in Muscatine, Iowa. The center will be used to help pet owners better understand and train their pets. Ms McGinnis stated that by helping owners properly train their pets they reduce the likelihood of pet abandonment. The new center will also

be utilized for pet agility training. Currently, the Society is considering offering a fee-based pet daycare service. The service is targeted toward pet owners that work long hours and are unable to attend to their pets throughout the day. Other services provided by Muscatine County Humane include: pet adoptions, animal cruelty investigations and public education programs. The Society serves all of Muscatine County.

5. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
  
6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat shared information regarding the BRAC decisions being made and communicated to her just prior to the start of the Commission meeting. At that point the recommendation to close Ft Gillen and transfer the 1<sup>st</sup> Army to the Arsenal had been approved, which would mean the Arsenal would be gaining 277 jobs initially, with 400 at completion of the move. It would also be getting two One Star Generals and one Two Star General. The Arsenal would, however, also be losing IMA and NETCOM, with a loss of 133 positions. There was no word yet on DFAS or TACOM, but the hearings were to continue through the remainder of the day. Chair Schwiebert commented that it did not appear there was much discussion among the BRAC Commissions and that seemed to indicate they felt the Committee did a good job or that the recommendations apparently were thoroughly reviewed. Congress will vote on September 8, 2005 whether to approve the recommendations. This recommendation will then pass to the President for his total approval, as he can not take out individual line items.
  
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Oberhaus  
Secretary