

Hurt, Norton & Associates, May legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	7,750.00
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, HSTP Administrative Assistant Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	831.25 2,555.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to Chief Elected and Administrative Officials lunch meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Iowa and Illinois Association of Regional Council meetings; Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Northwest Municipal Association Golf Tournament (cost reimbursed by participants); one staff attending the Illinois Recycling & Waste Management Conference & Trade Show; one staff attending the Mobility Management Conference; office supplies	3,528.08
East Central Intergovernmental Association, Jumpstart program	15,418.39
Joseph F. Fackel, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	1,260.00
Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, registration for 4 staff attending the 2011 Midwest Community Development Institute	1,500.00
City of Moline, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	3,949.31
RK Dixon, maintenance service on network and monthly copier charges	1,421.18
City of Rock Island, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	119,097.13
Rock Island County, Highway Department and United Township High School District, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	9,445.80

Mr. Bohnsack moved approval of the bills totaling \$176,566.16 as presented above. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2011 Program Budget as of May 31, 2011.

Mr. Bohnsack explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 91.7% through the fiscal year with 84.2% expended and within budget.

c. Consideration of Recommended FY 2012 Commission Planning Budget.

Mr. Bohnsack motioned to approve the recommended FY 2012 Commission Planning Budget as presented to the Commission at the May 25, 2011 meeting. Mayor Thodos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Contracts/Grants. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following contracts over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:

- Contract with Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

- Contract with Emergency Telephone System Board for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Contract with Rock Island County Waste Management Agency for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Contract with Scott County Kids for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Contract with Scott County Housing Council for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Contract with Iowa Association of Regional Councils for Iowa Department of Economic Development for planning assistance to local governments. The contract is for \$10,294 and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Contract with EDA for a planning grant. The contract is for \$184,884 with a \$184,884 match and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.
- Contract with Rock Island Arsenal Development Group for Payroll Processing. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Contract with Workforce Development Board of Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer Counties for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Mr. Bohnsack motioned to approve the contracts/grants as presented, and Mayor O'Brien seconded. Mr. Schloemer abstained from voting on the Scott County Housing Council contract.

5. Consideration of Adoption of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough presented the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan* to Commissioners. The update process examined changes in our transportation system. Quad Cities travel needs, traffic safety, and congestion were evaluated. Officials and residents identified improvements to roads and bus routes, trails and sidewalks, motor and water freight in 2040. Quad Citians want mobility, access and choices. Shorter trips are facilitated using public transit, bicycle routes, and sidewalks from our neighborhood to shops and offices. Over 75% of the estimated future revenues will go to maintaining over 2,200 miles of roadway, multiple transit routes, and over 180 miles of trails and bicycle routes in our metropolitan area.

In the last 10 years, over \$800 million has been programmed toward transportation projects in the Quad Cities, using federal, state, and local resources. Between maintenance and expansion projects, over \$3.6 billion is estimated to be spent on the Quad Cities' transportation system for the next 30 years. In addition, replacing the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor requires another \$1 billion to reconstruct a functionally obsolete river crossing to improve safety and traffic flow in the heart of the metro area. The metro area anticipates a 2040 population of 383,000 people and 185,490 employees. Long term sustainability of the transportation network will support transportation choices and access to housing opportunities, enhance economic competitiveness, support existing communities, coordinate policies, leverage investments, and recognize local neighborhoods, open spaces, and resources.

Mayor O'Brien motioned to adopt the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*, and Mayor Thodos seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Mr. Hunt presented information on the 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Bi-State Region. He noted that the program implementation portion of the document included the previously provided listing of planned projects and identification of the most likely projects to be awarded Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds. The East Moline Triumph Foods Infrastructure project remains a top priority for EDA funding. Ridgewood Sustainable Business Park in Rock Island and Bettendorf's Iowa 80 Gateway Center are both strong candidates for infrastructure assistance. Other possible projects include but are not limited to:
- Those in support of the growing wind energy industry expanding in the Region, especially in Henry and Mercer counties where numerous windmills are proposed for construction
 - Projects that retain and expand existing employers, such as the possible expansion of Nestle Purina in Davenport
 - Projects that increase the marketability of existing business parks such as the Moline Business Park Redevelopment Project Area adjacent to the QC International Airport
 - Projects that support sustainable economic development

In addressing the CEDS Progress Report, Mr. Hunt reported that local governments and Local Economic Development Organizations (LEDOs) made strong progress toward the 2008 CEDS goals despite the difficult economic conditions. For FY 2011, local governments and LEDOs reported completing 41 projects creating 369 jobs and retaining 554.

The current analysis of the Region's economy showed some tempered signs of growth in labor force and unemployment. Housing Starts were strong in Davenport, but down slightly for the Region overall. Retail sales and hotel and motel receipts both declined. Mr. Hunt noted that from March 2010 to March 2011, there has been an upward trend in total labor force size.

According to data from Ruhl and Ruhl Realtors, Davenport new housing starts went up in calendar year 2010 by 40% compared to 2009. Retail Sales for the Region were down 3.7% from FY 2009 to FY 2010. Hotel and motel tax receipts showed a 19% decline.

Mr. Bohnsack motioned to approve the CEDS, and Mayor Thodos seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.

8. Other Business. There was no other business.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pauley
Secretary