

Addendum

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Illinois and Iowa Intergov meetings; Finance and Personnel meeting; Chief Elected and Chief Administrative Officials Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participating member governments); Managers and Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participating member governments); 1 staff attending Step It Up Iowa; 1 staff membership to Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals; 1 staff attending the 2016 MidAmerica GIS Symposium; 1 staff attending the Illinois Enterprise Zone Association Spring Conference; office supplies	3,171.07
City of Buffalo, Regional Nutrition project (cost to be reimbursed by Department of Public Health grant)	4,350.00
Disbursement of funds for the following Bi-State Revolving Loan Fund Loan: Moline Promenade, Inc.	305,648.00

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$334,435.79 as presented above. Mr. Gradert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2015-16 Program Budget as of May 31, 2016. Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 92% through the fiscal year with 76.2% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts and grants for consideration.
- Contract with Emergency Telephone System Board for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
 - Contract with Rock Island County Waste Management Agency for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
 - Contract with Scott County Kids for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
 - Contract with Scott County Housing Council for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
 - Contract with Rock Island Arsenal Development Group for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
 - Grant with Iowa Association of Regional Councils for Iowa Department of Economic Development for planning assistance to local governments. The grant is for \$11,764 and will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
 - Contract with Scott County Emergency Management Agency for a Scott County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in the amount of \$30,000 for the period 8/1/16 through 8/19/18.

Ms. Earnhardt moved approval of the contracts and grant amendment as presented above, and Mayor Klipsch seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Schloemer abstaining from voting on the Scott County Housing Council contract.

d. Consideration of Recommended FY2017 Commission Planning Budget. Mr. Austin moved approval of the recommended FY2017 Commission budget plan as presented at the May 25, 2016 meeting. Mayor Raes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Report on Tourism Activities. Mr. Taylor informed Commissioners that hotel revenue hit \$100 million during the April 2015 to May 2016 time period. Much of that revenue is due to the Quad Cities hosting such events as the Missouri Valley Conference Women’s Basketball Tournament. Other large tourism-driving events include the Great Race, the John Deere Classic, the Bix 7 Race, and many more. The Quad Cities will play host to the Iowa Tourism Conference in September 2016 as well as the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative in 2018.

The QCCVB recently helped cross-country hikers using the American Discovery Trail from Delaware to California. Mr. Taylor also said that the QCTrails.org website has attracted several visitors and generated buzz about the trail systems in the region.

On July 21, Geotourism by National Geographic will roll out its national campaign on exploring the Mississippi River with the launch of a website. Also in the works is the Quad Cities Regional Heritage Resources Inventory. Local libraries are gathering information on what historical resources are available in each location. Illinois Tourism is undergoing a branding change with the launch of its new slogan “Are you up for amazing?”

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Chair Thodos said that he received a call from the auditing company, and informed them that he saw no issues with Bi-State’s business practices. He also said that the current Miss Illinois is from East Moline. Mayor Klipsch reminded Commissioners of the upcoming 4th of July celebration, Red, White, and Boom on Sunday, July 3 in the downtown areas of Davenport and Rock Island. Additionally, the Major League Baseball traveling Hall of Fame exhibit is in Davenport at Modern Woodman Park from July 3 to July 10. He also introduced his guest from Togo, Eli Degni. Mayor Raes reported that the Illinois governor’s office has said they are committed to funding the passenger rail project from Chicago to the Quad Cities, but there is no official start date.

6. Other Business. Mr. Tunnickliff said that the Iowa Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MRPC) was formed in 1938 by President Franklin Roosevelt to develop highways and amenities along the Great River Road (GRR) and to promote tourism. The GRR includes 3,500 miles of designated roads along the Mississippi and is the third most popular travel destination in the United States.

The mission of the MRPC is to improve the quality of life along the river and to promote tourism. The MRPC works on a budget of \$40,000 annually and is made up of mostly volunteer members from communities along the 341 miles of Great River Road along the Iowa border. The MRPC is asking for help to promote the Great River Road and educate citizens about the amenities along the Mississippi River. For more information, visit www.iowadot.gov/iowabyways/IAGRR-CMP.html.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary