

Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors  
January 26, 2017

Call to Order

Judge Gary Robertson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. central time in the conference room of the ADD offices in Russell Springs, Kentucky, and welcomed everyone present.

Seating of Citizen Members

Judge Robertson advised the Board there were nine (9) citizen members, which have been endorsed by both Judge Executive and Mayor of their respective jurisdictions, to be formally seated on the Board. Those being:

1. Hershell Key, Clinton County, Reappointment-3 Year Term
2. Sharon Payne, Adair County, New Appointment – 3 Year Term
3. Shannon Sexton, Adair County, New Appointment –1 Year to finish a 3 Year Term
4. Vicky Wells, Cumberland County, Reappointment- 3 year Term
5. Phillip Cox, Green County Reappointment- 3 Year Term
6. Teddy Coffey, McCreary County Reappointment- 3 Year Term
7. Elizabeth Richards, Russell County, Reappointment-3 Year Term
8. Virginia Flanagan, Taylor County Reappointment – 3 Year Term
9. Martha Blevins, Wayne County, New Appointment- 1 Year to finish a 3 Year Term

Motion was made by Judge Eddie Rogers to seat the Citizen Members as presented.  
The motion was seconded by Judge Richard Armstrong. Motion carried.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Ms. Jean Wilson and a quorum was established with 19 members present representing all ten counties.

Judge Gary Robertson, Chair, informed the board that Judge Mike Stephens, Adair, was in the Norton Hospital in Louisville

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eddie Wesley, vice-chair, called for questions/comments regarding the minutes of the previous meetings (12/07/16) which were mailed/e-mailed with the meeting notice. There being none a motion was made by Judge Eddie Rogers to approve the minutes as mailed/emailed. The second was made by Mr. Teddy Coffey. Motion carried.

## Nominating Committee Report & Election of Officers

Judge Eddie Rogers, Chair of the Nominating Committee, informed the board that the nominating committee consisted of Judge Randy Dial, Vicky Wells and himself. The nominating committee met on December 7th and voted unanimously to recommend the following slate of officers for Calendar Year 2017:

- Chairman – Mr. Eddie Wesley, Citizen Member, Casey County
- Vice Chair – Mayor Curtis Hardwick, City of Columbia
- Secretary– Judge John Phelps, Jr., Cumberland County
- Treasurer–Judge John Frank, Green County

Judge Eddie Rogers asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, Judge Rogers ask for a motion to accept these nominations. Judge Richard Armstrong made a motion to accept the nominations and Mr. Allan Chapman seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Robertson thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to serve as chairman and thanked the staff for all their help, then turned the meeting over to the new Chair-Elect, Mr. Eddie Wesley. Then the remaining officers took their seat at the head table.

Judge Robertson recognized Executive Director Donna Diaz as she was in attendance for the board meeting.

Mr. Eddie Wesley, Chair, thanked Judge Gary Robertson for his service on the Board.

## Seating of Executive Committee

Along with the Officers of the Board and the Immediate Past Chairman, Judge Gary Robertson, automatically serving on the Executive Committee, Mr. Eddie Wesley, Chair, appointed the following Board Members to the Executive Committee: Mayor Nicky Smith, Clinton County; Mayor Tony Young, Taylor County; Mr. Allan Chapman, McCreary County; Mayor Bill Dick, Pulaski County; Ms. Yvette Haskins, Citizen Member At-Large, Taylor County and Judge Executive Mike Anderson, Wayne County.

## Committee Chair Appointments

Mr. Eddie Wesley, Chair, made the following Committee Chair appointments: Judge Doug Stephens, Chair of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; Judge Randy Dial, Chair of the Water Council; and Judge Eddie Rogers Chair of the Transportation Committee.

## KCADD Appointments

Mr. Eddie Wesley, Chair, appointed Mayor Nicky Smith along with himself to serve on the KCADD Board.

## Guest Speaker

Chairman Wesley introduced our guest speaker, Judge Terry Martin, Hart County. Judge Martin thanked the ADD for allowing him to come and speak about a new industry in the state of Kentucky. A year and half ago the legislature approved a bill that allowed filming in Kentucky at a 30% tax incentive rate. When this happened a film producer called a retired deputy in Hart County and the producer told him that Hollywood was coming to Kentucky, because Kentucky has the best tax rate incentive in the United States. Hart County and Barren County have had a movie filmed in their counties. Judge Martin was told by the producer that they had spent \$500,000.00 in six (6) weeks in Barren and Hart Counties. During the filming of “An Uncommon Grace” there were 1300 room nights in Barren County and 300 in Hart County during the six weeks. The film will be on Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Channel, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm. There are three (3) more films scheduled to be made this spring.

Judge Martin informed the board that Hart County had applied for ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) Grants to form the Southern Kentucky Film Commission.

Sandra Wilson, Executive Director of Hart County Tourist Commission, informed the LCADD Board about the Southern Kentucky Film Commission. The commission has Hart County, Munfordville, Cave City, Glasgow/Barren County, Edmonson County, and Warren County as members. The commission helps to market each county to the film industry. The one-time membership fee is \$5,000. They will be going to California to a conference and will market Southern Kentucky to film producers that are looking for locations across the country to film. The website is: [southernkentuckyfilmcommission.com](http://southernkentuckyfilmcommission.com). Judge Martin thanked the ADD for the time to present the Southern Kentucky Film Commission.

## Other

Chairman Wesley ask Mr. Tim Thomas, Senator Mitch McConnell’s Field Rep., if he had anything to report about legislature. Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. Wesley for having him. Mr. Thomas said Senator McConnell did not have a pre-established relationship with President Trump, but had two (2) sit down meetings with him since he had been elected. Mr. Thomas said Senator McConnell is impressed with President Trumps Cabinet. Senator McConnell is very pleased with Ms. Elaine Chao being chosen as Secretary of Transportation, she held the office of Secretary of Labor during President Bush’s term. Mr. Thomas thanked the ADD for the time to speak.

Chairman Wesley ask Ms. Tiffany Kessler, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer, if she had anything to share. She said Congressman Comer had hit the ground running and she should have more to report at the next meeting.

Chairman Wesley ask Mr. Mark Givens, USDA Rural Development, if he had anything to say. Mr. Givens said it was a pleasure to be here and if anyone had need of help with Housing Community Facility Water and Waste needs to contact RD and they will try to be of assistance.

Ms. Judy Keltner, informed the board of Grant applications, Land and Water and Recreational Trails Programs. If you need assistance please contact us and we will be glad to help. The Land and Water application is due by the end of April, and the Recreational Trail Program is due the end of March. Community Development Block Grants will be available in April and they will be glad to assist in compiling this grant application.

Chairman Eddie Wesley then recognized Executive Director Donna Diaz. In a very emotional moment Director Diaz made the announcement of her retirement. She thanked Darryl McGaha and Nick Hazel for stepping in to keep things going while she has been off. Director Diaz also thanked Judge Gary Robertson for stepping up as Director and Chair. Director Diaz informed the board that she had a birthday while she has been on leave and felt it was time to announce her retirement. Judge Gary Robertson ask Director Diaz if she was going to keep working with the Lake Area Foundation. Director Diaz made the statement that the LCADD Executive Director would be the Executive Director for the foundation, which is stated in the LAF By-laws. Chairman Eddie Wesley, Chair, informed Director Diaz that she would be greatly missed.

Mr. Eddie Wesley advised that the Executive Director position would be posted in-house for two weeks, starting Friday, January 27, 2017, per the LCADD by-laws.

Judge Eddie Rogers brought up the abolishment of Unemployment Insurance positions in several counties. Judge Rogers said he had spoken with Senator Max Wise and the Senator said he would meet with Congressman Jamie Comer and see what can be done. Judge Rogers wondered if the LCADD would want to pursue this. Mr. Darryl McGaha informed the board that the offices would not be closed. There are options that are being discussed. No decisions have been made.

Mr. Nick Hazel, informed the board of two (2) retirements since the last meeting. Ms. Elizabeth Foster, Aging Case Manager and Ms. Carrie Frost, Aging Case Manager Coordinator.

### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. central time with a motion from Judge John Phelps and a second from Mayor Curtis Hardwick.