

C. Program Committee - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Janice Mortimer, Council Vice-Chair and Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. She stated that the Program Committee met on March 23, 2023 to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. She stated that this document is used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. Commissioner Mortimer stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Program Design as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Commissioner Fletcher Hope, Council Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, gave the Finance Committee Report. He stated that the Finance Committee met virtually via communications media technology on May 17, 2023 to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. He stated, the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,629,100 which is (\$76,100) less than the current year budget. Commissioner Hope also stated, almost all funds to be expended by the Council are received through contracts for services and grants. He stated there is one exception: Member local governments pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$0.30 per capita for the 42nd year, and will produce approximately \$171,700.

Commissioner Hope noted that the most significant policy decision that must be made with respect to the budget is related to personnel. There is provision for a total of seven full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which is one less full-time staff position than budgeted for the current year. The budget includes a recurring increase across the board for all employees, including the Executive Director, equal to two percent of the salary for each employee and one percent of the salary budget for merit increases for all employees, except the Executive Director.

ACTION: Commissioner Hope made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2023-24 Election of Officers

Commissioner Thomas Demps, Council Immediate Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair, gave the Nominating Committee report. He stated that the Nominating Committee met virtually via communications media technology on May 16, 2023 to prepare, for the Council's consideration, recommendations concerning officers for Program Year 2023-24.

He stated that the Nominating Committee recommendations for officers are, as follows:

Chair - Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Vice-Chair - Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Treasurer - Robert Brown, Hamilton County
Secretary - John Meeks, Levy County
Immediate Past Chair - Anthony Adams, Lafayette County