

**MINUTES OF JOINT WORK SESSION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
CITY OF VERSAILLES AND CITY OF MIDWAY, KENTUCKY**

ROLL CALL – CITY OF VERSAILLES

Mayor Brian Traugott and City Council members Mary Bradley, Mike Coleman, Carl Ellis, Ann Miller and Owen Roberts were present.

ROLL CALL – CITY OF MIDWAY

Mayor Tom Bozarth and City Council members Aaron Hamilton, Sara Hicks, Dan Roller, Bruce Southworth, Sharon Turner and Grayson Vandegrift were present. Also present were City Attorney Phil Maloney and Reporter John McDaniel.

Mayor Traugott opened the joint work session noting that the agenda would be for discussion of intergovernmental cooperation issues. Mayor Traugott opened with the recent issues surrounding the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management services stating that the per capita calculation used in the budget process, as well as the fact that State funding received by the agency is only offset for the County's portion of funding. Mayor Traugott introduced J.D. Chaney and Attorney Chris Johnson, both representing the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). Mayor Traugott turned the discussion over to Chris Johnson, who has reviewed the current Interlocal Agreement between the County, City of Versailles and City of Midway for Emergency Management Services. Mr. Johnson says the current language of "per capita basis" of the agreement is clear, however, calculation is not done according to the language when using census information. Mr. Johnson noted that the agreement (Section 4) states that Woodford County Fiscal Court is the acting agency to administer the services of Emergency Management, however, agreement does not grant County authority to use State funding to offset County's contribution. There was also brief discussion that should the Interlocal Agreement be terminated by the County, the agreement reads that the County would retain all property of Emergency Management services. Council members for both cities discussed their concerns with the issue of all property being retained by the County in the event of termination.

Midway Council member Dan Roller expressed he concern that once the issue of the County offsetting their contribution with State funding was brought to the table and the fact that Emergency Management was never showing that funding in the actual budgeting process, the County and Emergency Services Director then state that "other costs" such as rent/utilities/maintenance/cleaning/insurance/copies/postage and administrative costs were not included in the original budget request either, however, are absorbed by the County. There was discussion as to the validity of the "true budget" of Emergency Management when it was originally submitted. Mr. Johnson also notes that the current Interlocal Agreement lacks language regarding "better" oversight of the budget planning and accountability processes.

Also discussed was whether or not both cities could receive State funding if they formed their own Emergency Management Services should the County terminate the current agreement. Mayor Traugott said that there was not state statute that precludes either City from receiving State funding. Mr. Johnson said he was unsure and would have to research that issue further. However, Mr. Johnson does state the KRS 39 states each City "shall" create an Emergency Management Services.

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J.D. Chaney addressed the issue by stating that the current Interlocal Agreement could use some “more refined language” changes, whereby the per capita calculation is more clearly defined by outlining the tool to be used for the calculation, who the appointing authority of the Director would be (currently agreement reads that the County Judge is appointing authority), which should include both Mayors, language to address reporting and accountability and addressing the issue of State funding and that it should be shared equally among all agencies who fund the service. Mr. Chaney and Mr. Johnson expressed their willingness to work with both City Attorney’s to draft a proposed new Interlocal Agreement if the County was willing to negotiate, rather than terminate the current agreement.

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY BRADLEY TO REQUEST THE WOODFORD COUNTY FISCAL COURT TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE CITY OF VERSAILLES AND CITY OF MIDWAY TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Ellis, Miller and Roberts voting aye.

MOTION BY TURNER, SECONDED BY HAMILTON TO REQUEST THE WOODFORD COUNTY FISCAL COURT TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE CITY OF VERSAILLES AND CITY OF MIDWAY TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

The vote was as follows: Hamilton, Hicks, Roller, Southworth, Turner and Vandegrift voting aye.

Council member Miller and Ellis expressed their desire to have the City Attorney’s for both Versailles and Midway to draft a new Interlocal Agreement to present at the joint work session with the County, should they agree to participate. Mayor Bozarth noted that he would like to schedule the joint work session for the second Court meeting in October.

MOTION BY ELLIS, SECONDED BY ROBERTS THAT THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES AND CITY OF MIDWAY ADJOURN.

The vote was as follows: Bradley, Coleman, Ellis, Miller and Roberts voting aye.

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**MOTION BY TURNER, SECONDED BY ELLIS THAT THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE
CITY OF VERSAILLES AND CITY OF MIDWAY ADJOURN.**

The vote was as follows: Hamilton, Hicks, Roller, Southworth, Turner and Vandegrift voting aye.

APPROVED:

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**TOM BOZARTH, MAYOR
CITY OF MIDWAY, KENTUCKY**

**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR
CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY**

ATTEST:

**ALLISON B. WHITE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY**