

**Minutes**  
**Consortium of Cities**  
August 1, 2007

**Members Present:** Doug Brown, City of Longmont; Carolyn Cutler, City of Lafayette; Bette Erickson, City and County of Broomfield; Ben Pearlman, Boulder County; Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior; and Staff Dickey Lee Hullinghorst and Sheree Stroud

**1. Introductions and Brief Reports from Cities and Towns**

**Lisa Skumatz**, Town of Superior, reported there will not be a bond issue for a recreation center. They have hired a new Town Manager, Scott Randall, and he is working out well.

**Bette Erickson**, City and County of Broomfield, said that the council has been on a two-week recess. They are considering two ballot issues – franchise agreements with Xcel and United Power. Otherwise, it has been quiet.

**Doug Brown**, City of Longmont, reported that there will be an extension of the open space tax on their ballot. They also intend to put the pillow tax back on the ballot. They passed the Greenspoint Building Code. There have been two annexations in Weld County. Councilman Brown is concerned about the impacts of developments just east of County Line Road.

**Ben Pearlman**, Boulder County, told members that Boulder County will have two tax extensions on the ballot. One is an extension of the 2001 transportation tax for seven years. 15% goes to trails and 85% goes to roads to improve safety and traffic flow. The US Department of Transportation gave the county an award for adding shoulders that made the roads safer for bicyclists and motorists. The county hopes to continue these projects along with buy-up of transit routes and intersection improvements. The other ballot issue will be an extension of the open space tax. There are still opportunities and gaps to fill so the county needs to finish the job of open space acquisitions. Commissioner Pearlman hopes that having open space ballot issues in both the county and Longmont won't affect each other. He said there is usually a high level of support for open space.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

There was no quorum to approve the minutes.

**3. Presentation on Countywide Emergency Preparedness Coordination Opportunities**

Jerry Tate, Boulder County's Director of Emergency Management, explained that the Office of Emergency Management is a joint county and city office with 50/50 funding. The director answers to a board consisting of the Sheriff, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. The

office does not respond to emergencies in the field and has no command authority. Their role is to coordinate between state, cities, and the various fire and police departments. They are currently working on a Hazmat Plan that covers the entire county. They also facilitate various groups. For example, they will meet with industry members, monitor corporations' use of hazardous materials, and then develop response plans.

The office also identifies gaps in emergency planning. For instance, Boulder has done a good job in outreach to schools, government, and others for a flash flood emergency, but there needed to be more outreach to citizens in residences. So, the OEM has developed a plan to reach vulnerable populations.

They hold a multi-agency coordination meeting on the first Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Clerk & Records Office. They go over emergency preparedness scenarios and each jurisdiction's response role.

Mr. Tate told the Consortium that Hazard Mitigation Plans are very important. These plans need to be in place in order for a jurisdiction to qualify for federal money and grants in a state of emergency. The OEM has received a \$40,000 grant and is in the process of developing a county-wide plan.

Commissioner Pearlman said that this is a great topic for the Consortium to discuss. Although most emergencies are localized, the process includes lots of jurisdictions. Response may include busses, housing, food, and other services from neighbors. This can all be dealt with much better with a coordinated plan. It also helps to leverage funding in case of disaster. Commissioner Pearlman would like to see the level of support for participation in such a plan. Jerry Tate will send a letter to the city/town managers and Consortium members to get an indication of the level of support.

#### **4. Energy Strategy Task Force Membership**

The Governor's Office of Energy Management has contacted the Consortium and nominated Mona Newton, Front Range Regional Manager, to serve as a liaison to the ESTF. The group supported this nomination by acclamation.

At the June meeting, the Consortium directed staff to solicit environmental groups and see if they are interested in representation on the ESTF to fill the two vacant environmental slots. Information was sent to various environmental groups and nominations from two groups were received. Since many people were out of town and there was a light turnout at the Consortium meeting, staff was directed to give environmental groups longer to respond and then send out the nominations to the Consortium membership for an e-mail vote on new representatives

## **5. Update on Revenue Stability Working Group**

Commissioner Pearlman reported that several members of the working group have been addressing councils and boards to get support for BBC Consultants to conduct a study and explore various revenue stability scenarios. The financial commitment for the study is \$7,000 per jurisdiction. Boulder, Louisville, Superior and Lafayette have approved funding the study. The group will do presentations in early August to Longmont and Erie. If funding is obtained, work will begin immediately.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 3.