



TO: Executive Committee

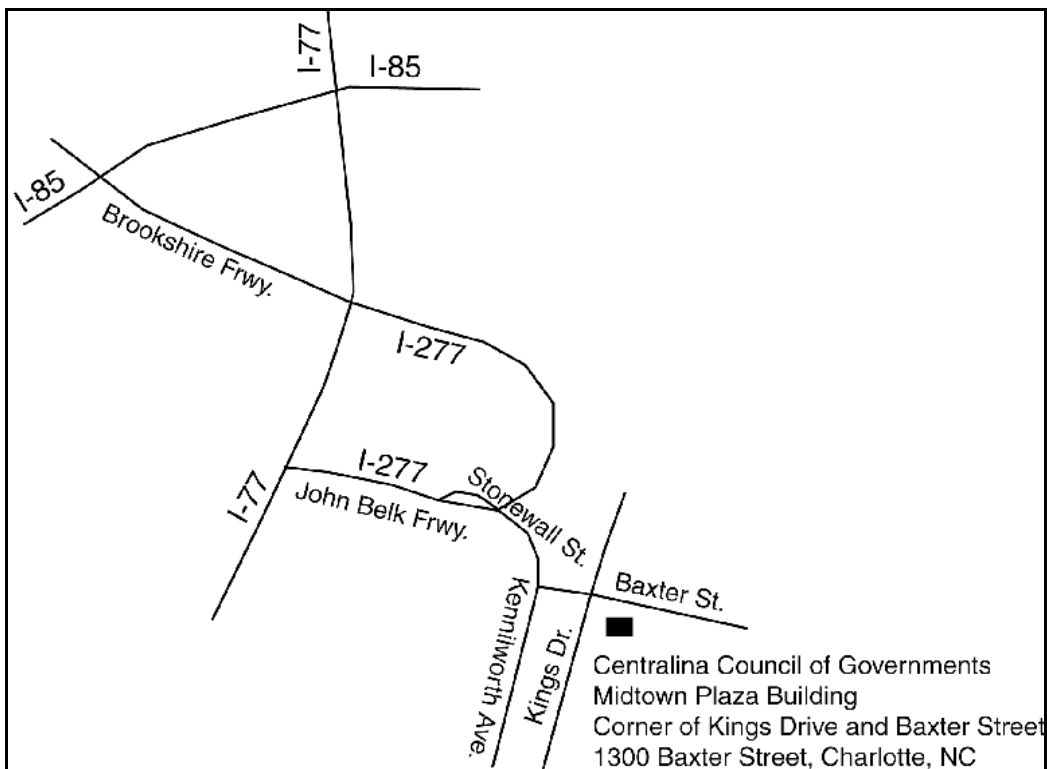
FROM: A. R. Sharp, Jr., Executive Director *AR*

DATE: June 2, 2006

RE: Executive Committee Meeting

Chairman Clarke has called the meeting of the Centralina Executive Committee for **Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 7 p.m.** The meeting will be held in Centralina's Conference Center, 1300 Baxter Street, Suite 400, Charlotte (see map below). This will be the last meeting before the end of the fiscal year. Please respond your attendance by **June 12** by:

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***Executive Committee Agenda
June 14, 2006***

1. **Amendments to the Agenda**

2. **Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of the March 8, 2006 Meeting**

The minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting have been mailed. They should be approved if correct.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve the March 8, 2006 Executive Committee minutes.

3. **Report of Service Agreements (Information Only)**

This is a list of agreements entered into with member governments since June 1, 2006. Under these agreements, staff will provide contract assistance to the member government. No action required.

<u>Member Government</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Albemarle Drug/Alcohol Testing Program	\$ 4,212*<
Bessemer City On-Call CD Services (increase)	812*
Fairview Ongoing Planning (increase)	2,376
Davidson Drug/Alcohol Testing Program	2,181*<
Gaston County LNRPO Matching Funds	583*
Gaston County National Gypsum CDBG-ED	5,135*<
Gastonia Compensation Study (increase)	4,165
Gastonia Division Chiefs & Captains Assessment Centers	11,607*
Indian Trail Town Manager Search – Phase I	2,745*
Iredell County LNRPO Matching Funds	5,727*
Lincolnton - Lincoln County 2006 Solid Waste Plan Update	0*
Waxhaw Personnel Policy Revision	1,785*
<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>\$41,328</u>
Cleveland County Planning Board Meeting Facilitation	625
Kings Mountain LNRPO Matching Funds	1,122
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$43,075</u>

*Membership hours are provided on this project in accordance with Centralina policy.

<Membership hours from FY 2006-07.

4. **FY2006 Workforce Development – Incumbent Workforce Development Program Grant**

The Centralina Workforce Development Board (WDB) has submitted grant applications on behalf of five local business seeking approval from the NC Department of Commerce for Incumbent Workforce Development Program grant funding. Centralina will serve as the fiscal agent for the approved grants. The grants will provide retraining and employment services to current employees at the companies. It is anticipated that the training will result in a more highly skilled workforce, increased efficiency and reduce production costs for the companies.

The Department of Commerce has indicated that they will make a decision on which grants will be approved for funding by early June. The Centralina WDB Director will present a list of approved businesses at the June Executive Committee meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve the receipt of the WIA Fund 2050 – 10% Statewide Activities funds for the Incumbent Workforce Development Program funds, authorize Centralina to act as fiscal agent for the grants, authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contracts, and amend Centralina's grant project budget and operating budget for the grant.

5. **Additional Home & Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds**

In past years, the NC Division of Aging and Adult services has reallocated unspent HCCBG funds from other regions in the state to Region F. While there is no indication that funds will be reallocated, action could come as late as June 29, 2006. Region F has an excellent history of utilizing funds received at the end of the fiscal year. When these funds have been received in the past, our practice is to identify those programs that have the greatest need, the match available, and the capacity to accept additional funds.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move that the Area Agency on Aging be authorized to receive any reallocated funds to distribute to counties and the budget ordinance be revised to accommodate up to an additional \$100,000 in revenues and expenditures should funds be reallocated from the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services.

6. **FY 2007 Medicare Outlook Program**

The NC Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) operates a statewide program called “Medicare Lookout Program” to educate consumers about Medicare and “lookout” for situations of abuse. SHIIP has applied to US Administration on Aging for a grant and is looking for area agency on aging “partners” to help administer this program. Approximately \$7,000 would be provided to Centralina Area Agency on Aging (AAA) with a 40% match from the agency’s workshop fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move that the AAA be authorized to apply and to receive these funds into the region if the project is funded by the NC Department of Insurance and to authorize revenue and expenditure changes in the budget ordinances to accommodate these actions if funding is received.

7. **FY’2006-2007 Fan Heat Relief Program**

NC Division of Aging and Adults Services provides funds from Duke Energy and Progress Energy to the AAA for fans to be given to older adults who need relief from the heat. Centralina AAA distributes these funds to the counties. The funds available for this summer will be allocated as outlined below:

Anson	\$138.00
Cabarrus	\$2,162.91
Gaston	\$2,519.38
Iredell	\$1,973.13
Lincoln	\$896.03
Mecklenburg	\$19,830.54
Rowan	\$3,067.33
Stanly	\$463.48
Union	\$1,275.92

ACTION REQUESTED: I move that the Area Agency on Aging be authorized to receive these funds into the region, allocate to the counties as outlined above and to authorize changes in budget ordinances to accommodate these actions.

8. **Appointments to the Centralina Economic Development Commission**

Last year the Board appointed the initial Commissioners to the Centralina Economic Development Commission (CEDC). The CEDC was formed to maintain regional eligibility for grants from EDA and to implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that was adopted in the region last year.

The Commission has met regularly and undertaken new regional projects to stimulate jobs and investment in our regional economy. CEDC has sponsored activities that are broad in scope, strengthen regional competitive advantage, develop nascent regional clusters and preserve our manufacturing heritage.

To accommodate the changes, we expect to expand Board membership by increasing the size of the Commission Board from 19 to 27 with new representatives coming from the private sector. Each county was asked to recommend new members to the Commission, to fill vacancies and expiring terms. The following are recommended to the CEDC Board:

- *R.B. Sloan, Iredell County, EnergyUnited – 2-year term – March 2006 to February 2008*
- *Joel Randolph, Mecklenburg County, Randolph and Sons Builders – fulfilling 1 year of a 2-year term – March 2006 to February 2007*

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to appoint R. B. Sloan and Joel Randolph to the CEDC Board.

9. **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Update**

Attachment #1 is the Authorization of Catawba-Wataree Hydroelectric Project Relicensing (FERC No. 2232) Agreement-in-Principle Resolution adopted by the Board of Delegates at their meeting on April 12. Since the Board of Delegates meeting, the Final Agreement Conversion Committee met to draft the Final Agreement (FA), distributed the draft FA for comments and updated the FA. The next sequence of events will be: June 1 – signature copy of the FA will be distributed; June 22 – FA Review Team will meet; July 11 – issue the technically corrected signature copy of the FA; July 26 – all teams signing ceremony; and August 1 – last signing date. Centralina's Executive Director serves on the Final Agreement Committee representing the region and local governments.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve the Chairman or the Executive Director to sign the Final Agreement by August 1, 2006.

10. **NC RPO Funding Update (information only – no action required)**

The North Carolina Association of Rural Planning Organizations (NCARPO) is planning to meet in the near future with NC State Representative Lucy Allen, who serves on the transportation subcommittee, to discuss future funding for the RPOs in North Carolina. Funding for the RPOs was initially provided for five years, and would expire this year. The consensus within the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Governor's Office is that RPO funding is secure through the terms of the current DOT secretary and governor, which would carry through FY 2008-2009. At that point the funding is uncertain. The NCARPO intends to present the case of the RPOs, and the service they provide, to Representative Allen in hopes of advancing this issue within the legislature.

A long-term, and national, solution to the funding issue would be to lobby the federal government to include rural planning organizations in the next federal surface transportation bill, currently scheduled for reauthorization in 2009. The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is planning to address this issue in their comments for any initial draft of a surface transportation bill, which likely won't start in earnest until late 2007.

Both RPOs have already passed resolutions in support of this issue, so we voted in support of this NCARPO motion and will again vote the LNRPO position.

11. Truck Stop Electrification Contracts

Centralina in 2004 applied for and received an EPA Smartway Grant to provide \$100,000 for the electrification of Derrick Travel Plaza in Rowan County. In late 2004, we applied for and have now been awarded an additional \$400,000 in CMAQ funds to complete the electrification of 50 parking spaces for heavy-duty diesel trucks. This allows truckers to turn off their engines and NOT emit volatile organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen (both ozone precursors), fine particle matter, carbon monoxide, etc. while on their mandated rest stops. The \$500,000 in grant funds is being matched by the contractor for the installation to complete the project.

Centralina's budget should reflect these grant funds as we are the recipient of the grants. Staff requests that the Executive Committee take the following action:

- Approve contracts with EPA and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the funding amounts (\$100,000 from EPA and \$400,000 from NCDOT)
- Amend the budget to reflect receipt of these funds
- Approve expenditure of these funds through an RFP process to secure a contractor to install, operate, and evaluate the technology.

Because the contract will be let before June 30, 2006, it would be appropriate that these actions include the FY 2005-2006 fiscal year, with authorization to carry over into FY 2006-2007.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contracts and amend Centralina's FY 2005-06 and 2006-07 grant project budgets and operating budgets for the grant.

12. Contract for Regional Visioning

As a part of its mission to foster dialogue about regional growth and development, Centralina has worked with a number of entities including Catawba Regional Council of Governments in promoting a regional wide vision. Funding has been made available through SEQL for the first phase of a visioning process that looks at public policy commonalities in our local governments' and regional partners' existing adopted visions and plans, and from there to begin to craft a regional vision. This Phase I work must be complete by September 30 in order to move the process forward in a timely manner and retain SEQL funding for it.

Staff developed and issued an RFP for qualified consultants for this work in March, and has worked with a team of reviewers to select a firm. We are pleased that both of our finalists have worked on highly regarded visioning projects for metropolitan regions including Cincinnati, Washington DC, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Central Texas, and Charlottesville. In the interest of timing, and on the advice of the review team and the Centralina officers, the Executive Director may have entered into a preliminary contract for Phase I visioning services by the date of the Executive Committee meeting, with the contract amount not to exceed \$70,000. Reference checks are being conducted on the two finalist firms and staff will recommend approval of the contract at the Executive Committee meeting. Funds for this purpose are included in Centralina's current SEQL budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve the staff recommendation of the visioning consultant, award the contract for phase I in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contracts; and amend Centralina's operating budget.

13. Budget Re-appropriation from Carolina’s Urban Coalition Funds

The Carolina’s Urban Coalition has not been active since 1999-2000. The jurisdictions of Bessemer City, Charlotte, Concord, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas, Davidson, Gastonia, Huntersville, Kannapolis, Matthews, Mint Hill, Mooresville, Monroe, Pineville, Rock Hill and York made financial contributions to the Coalition. The Executive Director has talked with a number of managers about these pooled funds. The Coalition funds, \$26,085, have remained in an inactive account since 2000. Centralina is in the process of securing funds for the Regional Visioning Project and it is recommended these funds be used to support the enhancement and rollout of Visioning Project. This activity would be consistent with the intent of the Carolina’s Urban Coalition.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve re-appropriating the Carolina’s Urban Coalition funds to support the Regional Visioning Plan and amend the FY 2005-06 operating budget.

14. Operating Budget Amendment for FY 2005-06

This is the last meeting and the last opportunity to amend the operating budget for FY 2005-06. Management recommends the following amendment be made to the annual operating budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006:

To amend the operating budget, the revenues are to be changed as follows:

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Federal Grants		\$ 2,825
State Grants		\$ 56,199
Technical Assistance Projects	\$132,683	
Contracts		\$ 6,305
General Program Revenue	\$ 56,040	
Interest and Fees Revenue	\$ 45,000	
	Net Increase	
	<u>\$168,394</u>	

Revenues are adjusted to more closely reflect anticipated reimbursements for grants and contracts administered during this fiscal year. State grants were reduced to reflect grants that were awarded late or not at all this year, but will be administered in the next fiscal year. The significant increase in technical assistance projects is due a few major projects and greater emphasis on technical assistance. The equity contributions to the Centralina Economic Development Commission are shown as an increase to the general program revenue.

To amend the operating budget, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Board and Executive Committee	\$ 10,359	
Executive Mgmt./Administration		\$27,618
Finance	\$ 22,847	
Information Technology		\$39,255
Regional Initiatives		\$42,436
Economic Programs	\$ 54,763	
Planning	\$ 44,407	
Area Agency on Aging		\$25,411
Workforce Development	\$ 14,058	
Indirect Costs Recovery	\$156,680	
	Net Increase	
	<u>\$168,394</u>	

The increase in the Board, Executive Committee and the Finance division expenditures is purposed to assist with the preparation and payment for the audit. The increase in Economic Program Initiatives and Workforce Development divisions is due to membership, supply and printing costs. The decrease in all other divisions is due to reduced salary costs because of extended leave periods (i.e., maternity) and delays in filling vacant positions. ([Attachment #2](#))

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to amend the revenues and expenditures of the FY 2005-06 operating budget prior to the end of the fiscal year by increasing net the operating budget by \$168,394.

15. Grant Project Budget Amendment

Management is proposing an amendment to reflect Aging and Workforce Development grants entered into in fiscal year 2006 Amendment #2 to the grants project ordinance reflects anticipated funding reallocated to Centralina Area Agency on Aging for FY2005-06 ([Attachment #3](#)). Management requests a budget amendment to authorize spending of this funding in Amendment #1 and #2 to the approved grant project budget ordinance.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to amend, clarify and appropriate the FY 2005-06 grant project budget ordinance Amendment #1 for \$9,372,354, Amendment #2 for \$339,103 for an amended budget total of \$9,712,957.

16. Uncollectible Receivables

Centralina currently has \$26,782.50 listed in its accounts receivable balance generated through December 31, 2003. Management has deemed these receivables as uncollectible and would like to write-off the receivables ([Attachment #4](#)).

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to write off \$26,782.50 in uncollectible receivables through June 30, 2004 and adjust the FY 2005-06 budget.

17. Amendment to Bylaws

The Bylaws (Article X-C. Banking) states who are authorized to sign payroll checks, all grant funded program checks, and any other checks of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars or less. In the interest of efficiency, it is requested to increase the amount to \$5,000.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve increasing the amount in Article X-C. Banking from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

18. Office Space Update

Over the past several months, staff has met with various agents for a perspective of what the market has to offer in the Midtown area of Charlotte. The sites toured are rental with space available for occupancy by July 2007. The recommended short-range plan would be to continue renting until the legislature clarifies the ability for COG's to hold a mortgage on real estate. Staff will present a more detailed at the meeting.

19. Support of House Bill #2337

HB #2337, [Attachment #5](#), will appropriate funds to each regional council of governments in the State and have enormous impact on economic development for the region and local governments. These funds have been held constant or reduced over the years. Endorsement of this bill increases Centralina's ability to assist local governments in grant applications, economic and community development, industrial activities, infrastructure and water resource development.

20. *Alternative Fuel Related Bills*
Attachment #6 is a summary of proposed 2005-06 NC legislation for alternative fuel related bills. Staff will be available to present the status of the bills.
21. *Comments from the Executive Director*
22. *Adjournment*

Centralina Council of Governments will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Centralina Council of Governments will make reasonable accommodations in all programs/services to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Centralina Council of Governments' programs will be available in the most integrated setting for each individual. If any accommodations are necessary for participation, please contact the Executive Assistant, 1300 Baxter Street, Suite 450, Charlotte, NC, Phone (704) 372-2416. Please allow 72 hours advance notice for preparation.

**Resolution
Executive Committee
Centralina Council of Governments**

**Authorization of Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
(FERC No. 2232)
Final Agreement by Centralina Council of Governments**

WHEREAS, Duke Power is preparing a license application for its hydroelectric operations on the Catawba River that it will submit to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and has been in negotiations with stakeholder groups within the Catawba River Basin to draft a settlement agreement that it will submit as part of its license application.

WHEREAS, adequate opportunities for public access and recreation, future water supply, and cooperation and communication between Duke Power and local governments with regard to the Catawba River and the lakes are interests that Centralina Council of Governments would like to have addressed in the settlement agreement and new license conditions as issued by the FERC.

WHEREAS, Centralina Council of Governments has served as a member of the Metro Advisory Group Stakeholder Team and has been negotiating significant elements of the Final Agreement on behalf of the region and member governments.

WHEREAS, Centralina Council of Governments believes that the most recently drafted version of the Final Agreement reflects the long-range regional interests as defined by Centralina Council of Governments in areas such as public access and recreation, future water supply, and cooperation and communication between Duke Power and local governments, with some minor exceptions.

WHEREAS, Centralina Council of Governments believes that the region, as represented by its stakeholders in the Catawba-Wateree negotiations, will benefit more if the majority of stakeholders sign and participate in the settlement agreement with Duke Power, than if the majority of regional stakeholders abstain from the agreement and individually lobby the FERC for their interests.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of Centralina Council of Governments shall authorize the Chairman or the Executive Director the authority to sign the Final Agreement; and furthermore, the Committee shall reserve the right of Centralina member governments, that are stakeholders in the Catawba-Wateree negotiations, to choose to sign or abstain from signing the Final Agreement according to their local needs, independent of the action taken by Centralina Council of Governments with regard to the Final Agreement.

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2006

Centralina Council of Governments Executive Committee

Chairman or Executive Director

ATTEST:

Centralina Council of Governments
Budget Adjustment Explanations
06/30/2006

Federal Grants

	<u>Adopted 3/06</u>	<u>Proposed 6/06</u>
SEQL	132,000	180,949
Watershed	55,000	48,994
EDA	180,000	148,473
AAA	1,093,289	1,064,991
WFD	891,221	905,279
	<u>2,351,510</u>	<u>2,348,686</u>

State Grants

	<u>Adopted 3/06</u>	<u>Proposed 6/06</u>
NC Planning	41,801	48,854
RPOs	190,000	202,697
NC Biotech	7,120	-
Clean Cities	50,000	22,271
SEQL	15,000	
205J	27,000	
AAA	27,777	28,677
	<u>358,698</u>	<u>302,499</u>

Technical Assistance

	<u>Adopted 3/06</u>	<u>Proposed 6/06</u>
Exec. Mgmt.	-	7,075
IT	112,290	166,046
Planning	703,054	701,974
Econ. Dev		2,043
RIG	39,148	110,037
	<u>854,492</u>	<u>987,175</u>

Marine Commissions

	<u>Adopted 3/06</u>	<u>Proposed 6/06</u>
	63,251	56,946

General Program Revenue

	<u>Adopted 3/06</u>	<u>Proposed 6/06</u>
EDA Grant Match	172,880	139,565
CEDC Equity		88,488
RPO Member Match	49,000	50,675
SEQL Match	8,100	-
Duke		659
LN Bike Trail		4,931
Plng Workshops	10,200	10,200
Clean Cities Events		1,268
AAA DAAS Grant Match		435
	<u>240,180</u>	<u>296,221</u>

Fiscal Year 2006 Proposed Budget Amendment #2

ANTICIPATED REVENUES	FY2005-2006 Adopted Budget	<u>Amendment</u>	2006 Amended Budget
Program Revenues			
Federal Grants	2,351,510	(2,825)	2,348,685
State Grants	358,698	(56,199)	302,499
Technical Assistance Projects	854,492	132,683	987,175
Contracts	63,251	(6,305)	56,946
General Program Revenue	240,180	56,040	296,220
Total Program Revenue	<u>3,868,131</u>	<u>123,394</u>	<u>3,991,525</u>
Other Revenues			
Member Dues Support	654,655		654,655
Interest and Fees Revenue		45,000	45,000
Sales Revenue	42,000		42,000
Total Other Revenues	<u>696,655</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>741,655</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	<u>4,564,786</u>	<u>168,394</u>	<u>4,733,180</u>
EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS			
Board and Executive Committee	137,700	10,359	148,059
Executive Management and Administration	1,077,285	(27,618)	1,049,667
Finance Division	225,760	22,847	248,607
Information Technology Division	273,730	(39,255)	234,475
Regional Initiatives Group	871,104	(42,436)	828,668
Economic Program Initiative	360,000	54,763	414,763
Planning, Assistance, and Administration	852,691	44,407	897,098
Area Agency on Aging	1,308,290	(25,411)	1,282,879
Workforce Development	891,221	14,058	905,279
Indirect Costs Representation	(1,432,994)	156,680	(1,276,314)
TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS	<u>4,564,786</u>	<u>168,394</u>	<u>4,733,180</u>

**Anticipated Revenues and Expense Appropriations
Amendment to Awarded Grants**

<u>Grant Identification</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Amendment #1</u>	<u>Amendment #2</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Workforce Development				
WIA 4-2050 Incumbent Worker - Admin. PY 2004	47,025		6,710	53,735
WIA 4-3732 Hurricane Recovery Admin. PY 2004	4,000		(4,000)	-
WIA 4-3732 Hurricane Recovery PY 2004	76,000		(63,571)	12,429
WIA 4-2050 Incumbent Worker PY 2004	470,240		67,098	537,338
WIA 10% Admin. Cost Pool PY 2005			573,547	573,547
Adult Services PY 2005			1,751,261	1,751,261
Dislocated Worker PY 2005			1,621,782	1,621,782
Youth Services PY 2005			1,788,881	1,788,881
Incumbent Worker Contract PY 2005			295,124	295,124
WIA Incumbent Worker - Admin. PY 2005			18,506	18,506
	<u>597,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,055,338</u>	<u>6,652,603</u>
Area Agency on Aging				
HCC Block Grant		6,606,595	100,000	6,706,595
USDA Supplement		335,533	98,812	434,345
Title III-B Legal		46,238		46,238
Family Caregiver		532,199	50,000	582,199
State Senior Center Outreach		5,882		5,882
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion		99,425		99,425
State Senior Center General Purpose		103,626		103,626
Title V		848,099		848,099
Heat Fan Relief		15,000	20,000	35,000
Elder Abuse		22,272		22,272
Ombudsman		375,291	24,709	400,000
Title III Planning and Administration		354,418	45,582	400,000
State AAA Administrative Cost		27,776		27,776
NC4A Contract			1,500	1,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,372,354</u>	<u>339,103</u>	<u>9,712,957</u>

Centralina Council of Governments
Accounts Receivable
As of June 30, 2004

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Note</u>
Bessemer City CDBG Services	10/17/2003	291.00	
Charlotte Data Collection/Project	06/30/2004	2,490.00	
Cornelius CALEA Standards	03/05/2004	2,678.00	
Iredell County RPA Assessment	07/01/2004	3,911.00	Not participating in the Regional Planning Alliance.
Landis Ongoing Planning	09/30/2003	9.00	
Landis Ongoing Planning	09/30/2003	291.00	
Lilesville FY04 Member Dues	07/01/2003	750.00	No longer a member.
Lincoln Co Drug/Alcohol Test	11/30/2003	217.50	
Mt Holly Code Enforcement	10/31/2003	696.00	
FY 03 Clean Cities Grant	06/30/2003	11,490.13	New contract for \$30,000 negotiated.
FY03 Clean Cities	06/27/2004	3,861.37	New contract for \$30,000 negotiated.
Statesville Drug/Alcohol Test	10/17/2003	97.00	
Wesley Chapel Planning 03-04	11/14/2003	0.50	

26,782.50

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 2337*

Short Title: Council of Government Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Allen, Frye (Primary Sponsors); and Glazier.

Referred Appropriations.

to:

May 23, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce the sum of one million nine hundred four thousand dollars (\$1,904,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to the regional councils of government in the State. Each regional council of government shall be allocated up to one hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$112,000), which shall be used to assist local governments in grant applications, economic development, community development, support of local industrial development activities, infrastructure and water resource development, and other activities deemed appropriate by the member governments. Of the funds allocated, each regional council of government may use up to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to assist local governments in planning for multijurisdictional water resource projects that protect water quality, conserve water, and provide infrastructure for economic development purposes.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.

**Summary of Proposed 2005-2006 NC Legislation
Alternative Fuel Related Bills**

NC SB1150 / NC HB 1296- Renewable Fuels Motor Fuels Tax Exemption

Senate Sponsors: Senators Jenkins and Albertson. Referred to: Finance

House Sponsor: Representative Joe Hackney. Referred to: Finance

***Eliminates state motor fuels tax on biodiesel and ethanol.** Currently this would mean a \$0.299 per gallon reduction for B100 & E100. Per gallon tax reduction benefit is in proportion to the amount of renewable fuel used, providing a \$0.05 tax reduction for a B20 biodiesel blend, \$0.03 for E10, and a \$0.21 tax reduction for E85 ethanol.

****Proposed committee substitute will provide a 'renewable fuel tax credit' to fuel distributors rather than eliminating motor fuel tax. Per gallon tax credit for 100% biodiesel and ethanol would be equivalent to the 'per gallon' motor fuels tax and adjusted bi-annually at the same time the fuel tax is adjusted. For biodiesel and ethanol blended with petroleum, value of tax credit is in proportion to the amount of alternative fuel utilized in the blend.***

Benefits:

- ✓ Direct benefit to the public by encouraging more access to cleaner burning, renewable fuels at service stations
- ✓ Reduces transportation emissions, supports development of in-state fuels production by increasing demand
- ✓ Diversifies fuel supply, making NC economy more strong and secure
- ✓ A monthly tax credit would go directly to the distributor of the fuel allowing for subsequent lower costs to be passed on to everyone
- ✓ A tax credit for fuel distributors would encourage the use of biodiesel and ethanol by all fuel users since schools, municipalities and state government do not pay the state motor fuels tax and therefore would not benefit from eliminating this tax

Fiscal impact: Approximately 1.5 million gallons of biodiesel was used in 2005, most of it by government entities and 5 million gallon of ethanol was used, mostly sold at service station as an E10 blend. If tax credit was in place (at current usage) this represents a fiscal impact of \$1.9 million annually.

NC SB 1038/HB 1595- Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program

Sponsors: Senators Clark Jenkins and Charlie Albertson.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

House Sponsors: Representatives Martha Alexander and Joe Tolson. Referred to: Finance

***Establishes variable motor vehicle registration fees based on vehicle's pollution and fuel economy score to generate funds for public and private sector use of alternative fuel and advanced transportation technologies.** Funds would be distributed through the State Energy Office for transportation projects that support clean air renewable energy objectives.

****Proposed committee substitute will set vehicle surcharge from \$2-\$14 annually.***

Benefits:

- ✓ Funds raised in direct proportion to the effect on the environment - the “polluter pays principle”
- ✓ Source of revenue to support public and private projects that address transportation emissions
- ✓ Supports development of clean technology industries in NC and improves air quality

NC SB 1015/ HB1766 -Alternative Fuel Vehicle Tax Credit

Senate Sponsors: Senators Clark Jenkins and Charlie Albertson. Referred to: Finance

House Sponsors: Representatives Grier Martin and Pricey Harrison. Referred to: Finance

A \$2,000 tax credit for alternative fuel and hybrid electric vehicles

Benefits:

- ✓ Will reduce harmful emissions, helping North Carolina improve air quality
- ✓ Compliments Federal incentives which will decrease as number of hybrids manufactured increases
- ✓ Provides direct incentive to public to encourage purchase of clean burning fuel efficient vehicle purchases

These bills have been endorsed by:

Carolina BioFuels, LLC Randy Edwards [redwards@coastalnet.com]

Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition: www.4cleanfuels.com

Holmes Oil Company: Edward Holmes, President [Eholmes@HolmesOil.com]

NC Energy Policy Council; <http://www.energync.net/epc/members.html>

NC Soybean Producers Association: <http://www.ncsoy.org/>

NC Sustainable Energy Association: <http://www.ncsustainableenergy.org/>

Piedmont Biofuels : <http://www.biofuels.coop/>

Sustainable Sandhills : <http://www.sustainablesandhills.org/>

Thomas Petroleum Company : <http://www.thomaspetroleum.com/about.htm>

Triangle Clean Cities Coalition: www.trianglecleancities.org

For more information please contact Sarah Niess at (704) 348-2719 or Jason Wager at (704) 348-2707.



Agenda Amendment
Executive Committee
June 14, 2006

Amendment #1

Change – action requested for Item #11 – **Truck Stop Electrification Contracts**

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contracts and amend Centralina’s FY 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 grant project budgets and operating funds for the grant; and to enter into agreement with a qualified vendor selected through the RFP process and approved by grantor agencies (NCDOT and US EPA), upon receipt of notice to proceed with such a contract from the grantor agencies.

Amendment #2

Add – **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Centralina has made application for Section 319 Non Point Source Pollution Control Grant through the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality. The grant is to create and implement an educational program on Low Impact Development aimed specifically toward the real estate industry, building professionals, developers and designers. The course will provide continuing education credits under the NC Real Estate Commission and the NC Board of Landscape Architects. If Centralina receives the grant, a “Conflict of Interest Policy” for staff members and Board members is required. The current policy in Centralina’s Personnel Manual is insufficient and does not include Board members. See attached “Conflict of Interest Policy.”

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to adopt the “Conflict of Interest Policy”.

Amendment #3

Add – **Contract to Audit Accounts**

Dixon Hughes PLLC has submitted a contract to audit Centralina Council of Governments accounts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The contract for the audit is \$27,000 and \$6,500 for preparation of financial statements and \$160 per hour for additional assistance. This is for Centralina’s audit only. In prior years, Centralina has included the audits for Lake Wylie and Mountain Island Lake Marine Commissions in the contract. We have informed the Marine Commissions their audit expense will no longer be fully covered by their indirect rate paid to Centralina.

ACTION REQUESTED: I move to approve Dixon Hughes PLLC Contract to Audit Accounts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

Amendment #4

Add – 2006 Clean Water Bond Resolution

At the April Board of Delegates meeting, Bill McNeil, NC Rural Center, presented the Rural Center's plan for support of the 2006 Clean Water Bond to the General Assembly. The Board of Delegates did not adopt a Resolution at the meeting. Centralina has received 24 adopted Resolutions from member jurisdictions supporting this bond. The attached Resolution is recommended if it is the desire of the Executive Committee.

Other Legislative Information

House Bill 2337 – will appropriate non-recurring funds (\$10,000 for each) to each regional council of governments in the State. No further action has been taken on this item.

Bill Draft 2005-LB-394 {v.1} (05/17) – authorizing councils of government to finance real property improvements. Has not been introduced.

ACTION REQUESTED: I endorse the Bill Draft 2005-LB-394 {v.1} (05/17), notify our delegation and thank Senator Snow for providing leadership.

NO QUORUM
Notes
Meeting of the Executive Committee
June 11, 2006
Centralina's Conference Center
Charlotte, NC

Officers Present

Joe Carpenter, Vice Chairman
Bob Austell, Secretary
Marie Moore, Treasurer

Delegates Present

Jarvis Woodburn
Jack Roden
Mike Spath
Lloyd Austin
Naline Melta

Centralina Staff

Al Sharp
Hilda Keeney
Tonya Frye
Venecia Rock
Rebecca Yarbrough
David Hollars
Gayla Woody
Barbie Biggerstaff
Laura Mundell

Others Present

Bill McNair

Agenda items were:

- Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of the March 8, 2006 Meeting
- Report of Service Agreements (Information Only)
- FY2006 Workforce Development – Incumbent Workforce Development Program Grant
- Additional Home & Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds
- FY 2007 Medicare Outlook Program
- FY'2006-2007 Fan Heat Relief Program
- Appointments to the Centralina Economic Development Commission
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Update
- NC RPO Funding Update (information only – no action required)
- Truck Stop Electrification Contracts
- Contract for Regional Visioning
- Budget Re-appropriation from Carolina's Urban Coalition Funds
- Operating Budget Amendment for FY 2005-06
- Grant Project Budget Amendment
- Uncollectible Receivables
- Amendment to Bylaws

Being no quorum present, Legal Counsel recommended sending the Executive Committee members a notice – “Consent of Executive Committee to Action Without Meeting”. This would allow Centralina to conduct necessary business before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2006.