



## COALITION of LARGE OHIO URBAN TOWNSHIPS Executive Committee Meeting

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

**10:30 a.m.**

### **MINUTES**

- I. Welcome - Chair Earhart called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance included: Vicky Earhart (Southwest Region), Jeff Ferrell (Northwest Region), Andy Glenn (Northwest Region), Tracy Hatmaker (Central Region), Christine Maticic (Southwest Region); Karl Schultz (Southwest Region) Barry Tiffany (Southwest Region). Participating by phone were John Crandall (Northwest Region), Helen Humphrys (East Region), and Tom Costello (East Region). Also, in attendance were OTA staff members Matt DeTemple and Heidi M. Fought.
  
- II. Old Business
  - A. Approval of August 28, 2017 Minutes - **Schultz moved, seconded by Tiffany, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**
  - B. Review of Proposed Omnibus Bill - Fought reviewed the preliminary list of items that are to be included in the township omnibus legislation being drafted by the legislative Service Commission at the request of Rep. Rick Carfagna, a former township trustee. The draft legislation, at the present time, includes such things as a community event fee, increase in obligation threshold, naming of a township road, vacating a township road, and filing of zoning changes, among other things. The bill is set to be introduced later this year or early next year.
  - C. Review of Amicus Curia Briefs Filed - DeTemple reviewed several briefs that have been filed on behalf of CLOUT. In *Hurt vs. Liberty Township*, whether an investigator's private notes are actually considered a public record was the question at hand. The Court of Appeals ruled that the notes were public record and on October 9 the Court of Claims issued a stay order. The second case, *Joanne Moore vs. City of Cleveland*, deals with immunity for an employee of a political subdivision who engages in wanton or reckless conduct in connection with a governmental or proprietary function. The 8<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals affirmed part and reversed in part the decision by the lower court. The OTA and CLOUT filed an amicus brief asking the Ohio Supreme Court to hear the case and a decision is still pending. The last case is *Pelletier v. Campbell*, a woman ran a stop sign, which she claims she did not see, and is suing the City of Campbell due to foliage covering the stop sign. DeTemple stated that the OTA

and CLOUT were asked to submit an amicus brief in support of the City of Campbell due to governmental immunity requesting the Supreme Court hear the case. **Matacic moved, seconded by Tiffany, to support CLOUT filing the amicus brief at a cost of up to \$1,250. Motion carried.**

- D. Expenditure of CLOUT Funds - In a continuation of the discussion from the previous two meetings and via email exchanges, the Committee discussed three options for utilizing CLOUT membership dues to benefit members.
1. Refreshment Break Options - **Hatmaker moved, seconded by Tiffany, to spend up to \$15,000 on two refreshment breaks at the OTA 2018 Conference for all attendees with the final choice of food and beverage, as long as there are healthy options, left to the discretion of the OTA staff. Motion carried.**
  2. Information Table
    - CLOUT Legislative Priorities Booklets - **Glenn moved, seconded by Ferrell, to have CLOUT Legislative Priorities booklets printed at a cost of up to \$3000 with the cover design to be determined by OTA staff with approval by the CLOUT Executive Committee Chair. Motion carried.**
    - Banner - **Glenn moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the purchase of a table cloth banner for CLOUT at a cost not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.**
  3. Cox Report Update - **Tiffany moved, seconded by Glenn, that CLOUT commit up to \$15,000 in funds to have a updated report on the efficiencies and effectiveness of township government prepared by Wendell Cox. Motion carried.** Next, **Tiffany moved, seconded by Hatmaker, to approve Cox's proposal dated 10/23/17 for the study. Motion carried.** CLOUT members then asked that the OTA, on any promotional documents, provide a notation that the update was provided for in partnership with the Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships.

### III. New Business

- A. 2018 Membership Drive - Earhart stated that the 2018 membership letter and sample invoice will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- B. 2018 CLOUT Annual Meeting
  1. Thursday, February 1 @ 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
  2. Agenda Items
    - Legislative Review
    - Presentation on Reference Based Health Insurance
    - 2018-2019 Elections

### IV. Items for the Good of the Organization

- V. Adjournment (12:30 p.m.) - **Hatmaker moved, seconded by Glenn, to adjourn at 12:39 p.m.. Motion carried.**