

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** David Brown, Chairman

2. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

ACTION 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** Robin Cooley,
Manager, Community & Economic Development

5. **INVOCATION**

ACTION 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes of the June 24, 2006 Meeting (*Enc. 1*)
- B. Financial Statement (*Enc. 2*)

7. **BRIEFING ON CAREGIVER ADVOCATE PROGRAM** Sharon Seago, AAA Director
Joe Ritchey, Family Caregiver Advocate

Earlier this month, the CMCOG Caregiver Assistance Program won a national award from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging at their annual convention in Chicago. In the last fiscal year, the Caregiver Program assisted 291 people in the Central Midlands Region who provide around-the-clock care to elderly or disabled loved ones. Joe Ritchey, our Caregiver Advocate, will present an overview of the program.

8. **RECENT DEVELOPMENT TRENDS** Andy Simmons,
Manager, Information Services

2005 was a record year for building permit activity in the Central Midlands Region, with 9,680 permits issued with a combined value of more than \$1.5 billion. 2006 is showing signs of being another strong year for development based on permits issued in the first half of the year. The board will receive a brief presentation on current building permit activity and trends within the Central Midlands Region.

ACTION 9. **COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs)** Robin Cooley,
(*Enc. 3*) Manager, Community & Economic Development

The Regional Planning & Development Committee recommends adoption of the 2006 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy update. The CEDs documents a planning process required by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA).

10. Community Development Block Grant Briefing Robin Cooley,
Manager, Community & Economic Development

Staff will provide an update on the status of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, including the most recent grant awards and applications for the Fall 2006 CDBG funding cycle.

11. FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS John Huffman,
(Enc. 4) Planner and Grants Administrator

Mr. Huffman was CMCOG's project manager for the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2005. This year, FEMA has notified a number of member governments that, as a result of their adoption of the plan, they are eligible to apply for hazard mitigation grants.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

13. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Next meeting - September 28
- ◆ SCARC Conference — November 19-21 in Myrtle Beach

14. ADJOURN

Enclosed as Info: **Economic Base Analysis of the Central Midlands Region** (John Huffman)