

TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HYBRID
October 22, 2026
6:30 pm

VOTING DELEGATES:

Chad Hoover, Max Spencer, Matt Castiglia, Scott Howard, Juanita Giles, Barbara Grabowski, Lucky Price, , Louise Beswick, Raymond Rall, Joe Hartzell, Mark Petri, Ben Love, Angelo Baiocchi, Mark Wells, Renee Haynes-Johnson, Linda Atkins.

STAFF:

Amanda Settelaar, Natalie Merola, Molly Valentine

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32

Motion to approve minutes from September 2026

- Motion by Joe Hartzell seconded by Renee Haynes-Johnson to approve the April 2026 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report from May, September 2026

- Motion by Joe Hartzell seconded by Angelo Baiocchi to approve Treasurer's report from September 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Allegheny Forward Update, Nicolas Binfield – Allegheny Forward is working on a comprehensive plan for Allegheny County. He provided links to access reports by topic and a link to provide feedback. The next Municipal Working Group meeting will be held on November 4th at 2PM. Topics discussed during this presentation included:

- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Infrastructure & Resilience
- Jobs & Economic Development
- Transportation & Mobility
- Trails & Connectivity
- Parks & Recreation

Old Business:

- TCVCOG By-Laws Revisions – Associate Member Discussion – Chad Hoover & Matt Castiglia explained the benefits of including Associate Members to the COG. These would be non-voting members with access to some COG services. Both Chad & Matt addressed questions posed by the Board members.
- Amanda provided reminder that legislative action is needed by some member communities to ratify TCVCOG By-Laws revisions by end of 2026

New Business:

- Molly provided update on fall grant bid openings and reminders on grant application deadlines.
- **Motion to implement a 3-year vesting requirement on employee Retirement Benefits:** Motion by Scott Howard seconded by Max Spencer to approve 3-year vesting requirement. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion to approve 2027 Code Enforcement Budget - \$20k RAD Subsidy:** Motion by Joe Hartzell seconded by Matt Castiglia to approve the 2027 Code Enforcement Budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion to reject all bids for Rock Salt:** Motion by Renee Haynes-Johnson seconded by Max Spencer to reject all rock salt bids. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion to approve the 2027 Vactor Budget:** Motion by Mark Wells seconded by Joe Hartzell to approve the 2027 Vactor budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion to approve 2027 Meeting Calendar:** Motion by Renee Haynes-Johnson seconded by Scott Howard to approve the 2027 meeting calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Board Secretary nominations to Amanda by November 23, 2026.

Directors Report:

Amanda provided a brief overview of the Director's report and encouraged Board members to review. Some items discussed were:

- Please hold 2/19/27 – TCVCOG Annual Dinner, Edgewood Country Club
- Amanda stressed using the COG for LSA and other grant applications. Use of this shared service by our member communities is the only way to sustain the grant program.
- Amanda also provided reminders about our utility billing service and scheduling for Vactor
- Rock salt bid opening took place on Monday, September 28th at 1pm at the COG office. Only one of five submissions included a bid while others were 'no bid' submissions. Amanda recommended that we reject all bids.
- Active shooter training sessions were held in October. 14 officers received basic training and 8 went through the advanced class.

Open Forum:

- Angelo Baiocchi asked if members were satisfied with responsiveness(yes), reporting(no). All are concerned with non-working hydrants/low pressure. The COG had facilitated meeting with the WPJWA & managers. Amanda suggested that we, as the COG, could serve as a mechanism to facilitate further conversations with WPJWA to address these concerns.

Motion to adjourn by Juanita Giles seconded by Joe Hartzell. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.