



December 2, 2011

LOC Board members and alternates:

I am currently out of town due to a death in my family, but I need to respond to the recent series of e-mails calling for a meeting of the LOC. The 11/30 e-communication from the Executive Director to Mayor Iwanski has continued to insist on holding a meeting that several of the Mayors cannot attend.

I do not support having an LOC Board meeting on December 7th while the organization begins transition to a new structure. For those who are not aware, three LOC member jurisdictions have already adopted the new Interlocal Agreement—the City of Oak Ridge, Anderson County and Morgan County. Three others are pending, but have indicated intent to participate. The new Advisory Council will hold an organizational meeting on December 19th to solidify the structure of the new Advisory Council.

The proposed agenda from the Executive Director does not have anything listed that requires formal action; the status of these items could be communicated in a written report. For now, the staff should be preparing records and files for transition, including a list of actions required to wrap up LOC operations. Once Susan has compiled and distributed her written report, we can discuss a meeting date to complete any outstanding business.

I am concerned that any meeting held at this point, without substantive participation by the elected officials, detracts from the current transition and could result in personal liability for the alternates, knowing that change is pending.

Finally, Ellen Smith, Oak Ridge City Councilmember has ably served as my alternate and your Chairman this past year. Her term as my alternate expired with the new mayoral term in June of this year. Now that the transition in our City Clerk's office is complete, appointments will be made at the December 12th City Council meeting. Due to the importance of my involvement with the LOC transition process, I will not be appointing an alternate, but shall fully participate in this transition personally.

We will let everyone know the agenda for the organizational meeting when details are finalized.

Mayor Tom Beehan