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**Minutes**  
**Monthly Member Meeting \* January 18, 2018**

Mayor Bill Dieruf, President, opened the meeting at 7:00PM, City of Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd., Middletown, Ky. He welcomed everyone and opened the floor for introductions. He thanked State Rep. Jason Nemes, members of the Metro Council, Jefferson County School Board and representatives of corporate and community organizations for their attendance and support of JCLC.

He called on Ellen Call, Charter Communications, for a special announcement. She thanked the JCLC Board and City officials for their partnership with Charter Communications and their input on the renewal of city agreements with Charter. She said that Charter has supported the JCLC programs and annual dinner and is pleased to announce a \$10,000.00 2018 contribution to JCLC. She also announced a \$5,000.00 contribution to the City of Jeffersontown's Angel Program. Mayor Dieruf thanked Charter and Ellen for these significant contributions.

He referred attendees to the October 19, 2017 Monthly Member Meeting minutes at their seats. The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Mayor Dieruf introduced Andrew Klump, Councilor, City of Audubon Park, for a presentation. Andrew presented a resolution adopted by the City of Audubon Park Council on December 18, 2017 which supports and reinforces Metro Louisville's resolution showing a desire for an NBA franchise in Louisville. He ask each City in Jefferson County to stand together in demonstrating solidarity and existing support among our citizens for bringing the NBA to Louisville. He distributed a copy of the resolution and supportive documents. He engaged the attendees in a question and answer period.

Mayor Dieruf gave a report on the HB 246/109 Board lawsuit. He reported on the Circuit Court's decision. It was supportive of the addition of two community representatives, one from JCLC, to the 109 Board. However, the court ruled against giving the cities the authority to create their own equal or expansive 109 Board five year environmental plan. The JCLC Board will join in appeal of this ruling if the other entities in the suit move forward in appeal. He reported that the 109 Board will have a special meeting on January 31, 2018, 6:30PM, South Central Library to release their 5 year plan to the public. JCLC will monitor this plan and report to cities.

Mayor Dieruf gave a brief report on the status of legislation pertaining to cities currently before the 2018 Ky. Legislative Session. He followed this report with the introduction of the meeting program speaker, J. D. Chaney, Ky. League of Cities Deputy Executive Director J. D. thanked JCLC for the opportunity to report to them on the current 2018 Kentucky Legislative Session. He also thanked Mayor Dieruf and Mayor Bonnie Jung for their

leadership within KLC through Board membership and the cities in Jefferson County for their support of KLC.

**J. D. reported on the following issues:**

- ◆ **SB 91, Sen. Mike Wilson, KLC support, cities under 2000 will have an every other year audit requirement and clarifies publication rules. He thanked Mayor Glenn Sea for initiating this legislation.**
- ◆ **Pension Reform: the county employee pension system is in severe crisis. CERS: 78% assets in the Ky. Retirement System. 63% of employees include teachers. The current financial status could have a \$39m affect on Metro Louisville budget, \$4m in Owensboro and a \$1m affect for cities like Jeffersontown and Shively. KLC supports pulling CERS out of KRS. However, separation is not going to pass this legislative session. A Pension Oversight Board will develop a separation plan. The problem with the CERS is KRS mismanagement of the state system. It is at 60% funding even though the cities have been paying their 100% contribution.**
- ◆ **Budget: City governments don't rely on state budget as much as counties. Cities are independent corporations. The Governor's proposed budget has proposed eliminating 70 programs currently in it. Also, the issue on how school boards spend funds and the state control over a system. The Road Fund appropriation is difficult to change. This affects the state dollars to counties for roads. Issues in the variance of weighting of fund distribution toward counties and cities. 57%+ of population live in cities, however, a majority of funds go to rural counties. Counties get 82% of gasoline tax and cities get 18%. He reviewed a proposal by Mayor Dieruf within KLC where there would be no change in current funding allocation, hold harmless, create a new plan for change to a fairer formula for new money through gas tax and receipts. The Ky. Infrastructure Coalition is advocating raising the gas tax. KLC is against this proposal unless the Dieruf plan is incorporated into it.**
- ◆ **SB 88: Unfunded Mandates: prevents legislature from passing any mandate affecting cities that are is not funded by the state. Criminal Justice Reform: this is a big issue; recommends banning the box in employment forms for criminal history. This is now done by the government. This potentially deters individuals with records from being interviewed for employment. Mayor Dieruf and J. D. engaged in questions and answers with attendees on a variety of issues. J. D. was thanked for his attendance.**

Mayor Dieruf called on Mayor Bonnie Jung and Jack Will for a report on the newly proposed strategic planning pilot program for cities. Materials were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor David Brown, Secretary

