MINUTES OF THE

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
Rock Island County Office Building
1504 Third Avenue, Third Floor County Board Room
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brad Bark –Chair; David Adams; Kippy Breeden; Maria Bribriesco; Kimberly Callaway-Thompson; Jean Dickson; Michael Davis; Jason Gordon; Ashley Harris; Ralph Heninger; Marshall Jones; Kurt Kirchner; Jerry Lack; Michael Limberg; John Maxwell; Marcy Mendenhall; Drue Mielke; Sangeetha Rayapati; Eileen Roethler; Alan Silas; Rich Volkert
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mike Bartels; Danny Chick; Rick Dunn; Reggie Freeman; Robert Gallagher; Gary Moore; Scott Naumann; Jazmin Newton; Dylan Parker; Rick Schloemer; William Stoermer
OTHERS PRESENT:	Don Wrenn, Rock Island Arsenal; Nicole Carkner, Executive Director, Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI); Mark Mathews, Executive Director, NAMI-GMV; Maria Clauss, Moline Mayor for the Day (and her mother Sarah)
STAFF PRESENT:	Lisa Ahern, Denise Bulat, Sarah Grabowski, Jill Henderson, Gena McCullough

Chair Bark called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and asked for introductions.

1. Approval of the May 27, 2026 Minutes. Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2026 meeting as presented. Mayor Gordon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report. Mayor Volkert presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2026, noting an ending total bank book balance of $831,421.08. Mayor Volkert moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Finance and Personnel Committee.

   a. Bills. Mayor Limberg presented the bills totaling $20,817.07, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Euna Solutions, Inc., 7/1/26 to 6/30/27, Ionwave Subscription Renewal			$ 5,910.00
Rock Island County Treasurer			5,485.42
07/2026	Rent	4,841.75	
07/2026	Internet Access	88.00	
05/2026	Postage	555.67	

Addendum

Strategic Government Resources, Executive Recruitment Professional Fee 9,421.65

Mayor Limberg moved approval of the bills totaling $20,817.07 as presented above. Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2025-26 Program Budget as of May 31, 2026. Mayor Limberg explained that on Program Budget Status Report, the Commission is 92% through the fiscal year with 90.3% expended and within budget.

c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts for consideration.

- Contract with Rock Island County Waste Management Agency for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

- Contract with Emergency Telephone System Board of Rock Island County for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

- Contract with Scott County Kids for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

- Contract with Development Association of Rock Island. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the annual contracts as presented, and Ms. Mendenhall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Contract extension with DSI Medical Services for the Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium program. The extension is for one year with an addition of $50 per account random program administrator fee added, and listing of additional pricing/industry-related services if needed included in the addendum to the original agreement. The extension will run until December 31, 2027.

Mr. Maxwell motioned to approve the contract amendment with DSI Medical Services for Drug and Alcohol Testing, and Mayor Gordon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

a. Consideration of Recommended FY2027 Commission Planning Budget. Mayor Limberg reported the Finance and Personnel Committee received no comments on the FY 2027 Commission Planning Budget as presented at the May 27, 2026 meeting, and he recommended it be approved by the Commission.

Mayor Gordon motioned to approve the FY2027 Program Budget as presented, and Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Iowa Region 9 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough explained that the Bi-State Regional Commission delegates authority to the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to oversee the preparation of a long range transportation plan for the area outside the metropolitan planning area in Scott County, and for all of the area in Muscatine County, Iowa. Region 9 TPC is tasked with preparing a long range transportation plan every five years for Region 9. The Commission received a comprehensive overview of the plan at the April 2026 meeting. Bi-State staff worked with the Region 9 Transportation Technical and Policy Committees over the last 12-months to draft an update. Chapters were available for public review since early April, and placed on the Bi-State website: https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/iowa-region-9-area/lrtp-region-9. The plan address travel needs and desires in Region 9, and supports opportunities for funding as projects move from concept to construction. Since April, additional outreach efforts were noted, as well as consultation with resource agencies. Plan improvements addressed public input related to improved bus service, roads/bridges, safer streets, safer connected bicycle network, and the desire for regional passenger rail service to Chicago. The plan was recommended by the Region 9 Transportation Technical and Policy Committees for approval.

   Mr. Maxwell moved approval of the *2050 Long Rang Transportation Plan for Iowa Region 9* as presented. Mayor Gordon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Collaborating to Advance Behavioral Health in the Quad Cities. Ms. Carkner and Mr. Mathews provided a presentation on behavioral health in the Quad Cities. Ms. Carkner stated health involves factors such as social and economic factors, clinical health care, and health behaviors. She noted the Quad City Health Initiative Board was established in 1999 by its founding sponsors MercyOne Genesis and UnityPoint Health-Trinity. Their mission is to create collaborative action on health through community assessments, plans, and partnerships, and their vision is that all Quad Cities organizations recognize and act on their role to improve health. The QCHI has many partner organization including Bi-State Regional Commission, local governments, the health departments and health systems, school districts, not-for-profits, and businesses. They work to make an impact by coordinating and disseminating the comprehensive bi-state Community Health Assessment every three years that facilitates collaborative and individual action on the community's highest priority health needs. They also work with community partners to create innovative approaches to community health issues and convene various community organizations across many sectors to discuss and act on projects that address major health initiatives. She shared a snapshot of the 2024 Community Health Assessment and noted that mental health issues continue to be of concern.

   Mr. Mathews stated that NAMI of the Greater Mississippi Valley supports individuals and families affected by mental health conditions across eastern Iowa and western Illinois and are a local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Through free programs, education, and advocacy, they work to ensure that no one in our community faces these challenges alone. For more than 45 years, they have served individuals and families working to build a more informed, supportive, and compassionate community in Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott Counties in Iowa and Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties in Illinois. He noted they organize the Quad Cities' largest mental health advocacy event and NAMI GMV's biggest annual fundraiser, the NAMI Walk where teams of family, friends and co-workers raise funds and walk together to support mental health. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park in Bettendorf.

Ms. Carkner also reported on the Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition whose mission is to advance the behavioral health of residents in the Quad Cities and work to collaborate across sectors for results-based, person-centered care principles that support client choice. The Behavioral Health Coalition collectively promotes awareness and measures progress, supports innovation, and identifies new resources. The Coalition was formed in 2019 as a cross-sector, bi-state coalition to respond to community health assessment data identifying mental health as priority issue. It is sustained through in-kind staff time contributions of over 200 individual members and has conducted the Zero Suicide Initiative from 2021-2026.

Mr. Mathews also reported on the Quad Cities Area Trauma-Informed (QCTIC) that started as a collaboration between Family Resources, EveryChild, and United Way Quad Cities in 2014. Since then, the QCTIC has engaged and educated the Quad Cities area on trauma-informed care, provided comprehensive trainings, increased sector representation, and created lasting partnerships. He noted that adverse childhood and community experiences can occur in the household, community, or the environment and cause toxic stress. There are many ways to reduce and heal toxic stress through a caring community. First, realize that trauma is common and can impact individuals and systems negatively, then recognize signs and symptoms of trauma, educate the community on how Trauma Informed Care can help, and change practices and policies to become more trauma informed through assessment. The QCTIC provides training, consultation and coaching, monthly meetings with topics related to trauma and trauma informed care, and free resources on their website at www.qctic.org.

Concerns regarding provisions to prevent suicides on bridge crossings was noted, and that meetings with the DOT's and the sponsoring local governments were being organized to discuss the issue.

6. <u>Questions or Comments by Commissioners.</u> There were no questions or comments.
7. <u>Other Business.</u> Mayor Limberg asked the Mayor for the Day to make a motion to adjourn the meeting, which she did.
8. <u>Adjournment.</u> The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Maxwell
Secretary

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