



MINUTES
Spartanburg County
Legislative Delegation
Monday, August 4, 2008
5:00 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building. Representative Doug Smith presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Glenn Reese – Absent
Senator John Hawkins – Present
Senator Jim Ritchie – Absent
Senator Harvey Peeler – Absent
Representative Harold Mitchell – Present
Representative Doug Smith – Present
Representative Lanny Littlejohn – Present
Representative Scott Talley – Absent
Representative Keith Kelly – Present
Representative Joe Mahaffey – Present
Representative Ralph Davenport – Absent
Representative Bob Walker – Present
Representative Mike Anthony – Present

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

Invocation was rendered and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Lanny Littlejohn.

1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MAY 5, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

Representative Bob Walker moved to approve the May 5, 2008 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. MS. TRACEY L. JACKSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PIEDMONT CARE – HIV AND AIDS: A SPARTANBURG COUNTY PERSPECTIVE

Ms. Tracey Jackson distributed a 2008 edition of “HIV and AIDS: A Spartanburg County Perspective”. Ms. Jackson is the executive director of Piedmont Care which is the non-profit organization for HIV and AIDS care prevention advocacy. Tracey is presenting on behalf of the HIV AIDS committee which is part of Spartanburg County Community and Economic Development. The 2008 edition details ground breaking economic impact information, facts, critical issues, community resources, recommendations etc., not only for Spartanburg County and the State of South Carolina, but also the national perspective. The booklet is posted on the Spartanburg County and Piedmont Care websites.

3. MR. JULIAN HANKINSON, PRESIDENT TYGER RIVER FOUNDATION – FUNDING REQUEST FROM DNR WATER RECREATION FUNDS

Daniel Wybenga, Tyger River Foundation board member, presented a PowerPoint presentation. The Tyger River Foundation is proposing to improve river action at Anderson Mill. The foundation motto is to promote, protect, and restore the natural and historic resources of the Tyger River Basin. The Tyger River Foundation is a non-profit public charity incorporated in South Carolina in the fall of 2007. The Foundation consists of a volunteer board of directors, an advisory council, and project committees. The Foundation also supports other organizations in Spartanburg County.

The Anderson Mill is a very historical site in Spartanburg County. It is the site of the first court in Spartanburg, the beginning of Spartanburg County on June 14, 1785. It is also considered one of the five most attractive shoals in the county and included on the Carolina First Bank building fountain. It is the oldest grist mill in South Carolina still standing on its original structure. The site hasn't always been a court house; it is also the site of an early frontier fort. It is adjacent to Old Georgia Road and a covered bridge did exist in the mid 20th century. The site is also a water source for Spartanburg County citizens.

The current location looks rough; the river is there with shoals on both sides. The site needs to be improved to keep the historical site. There are new residential developments in the area with a large population nearby.

The long term plan is to protect the greater than 230 year old site for future generations; provide recreational opportunities of the river and shoals that is accessible to residents and

visitors with the development and implementation of river access points for paddling and riverside greenways. River modifications will need to be completed. The Foundation foresees youth involvement and education.

The project will take dedication, money, and time to complete. With the continued help of the citizen volunteer work force, the funds granted will be effectively used.

The improvements already completed have made a significant improvement.

The restoration/enhancement plan includes the purchase of the adjacent property, parking accommodations, river access to include put-ins and take outs, river hazard clean-up, stabilization of the banks, fishing dock, picnic location, trails with educational tree signage, mill restoration and property signage. The Foundation is estimating \$400,000 in private donations; \$200,000 of in-kind funding; and is requesting Spartanburg County Water Recreational funding at \$200,000.

This project is not for just a short term, but will benefit the county for generations to come.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT TALLEY, COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report

5. REPRESENTATIVE LANNY LITTLEJOHN, SPARTANBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber is continuing to work with the public education system with the primary goal of raising the median income.

6. REPRESENTATIVE KEITH KELLY, SPARTANBURG CHILDREN'S SHELTER

No report

7. SENATOR JOHN HAWKINS, SPATS

No report

8. REPRESENTATIVE JOE MAHAFFEY, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

a. Request from Tyger River Foundation

Representative Lanny Littlejohn made a motion to approve \$150,000 for the first phase of the project and carry the remaining amount over until a later date. Representative Mahaffey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD MITCHELL, PARD

No report

Paperwork has been prepared for Charles L. Talbert to represent the 4th Congressional district on the State Commission on Higher Education. Endorsements from Greenville Delegation members will be forthcoming.

At the annual South Carolina Association of Adult Education Directors conference earlier this year, Representative Bob Walker was recognized as the Legislator of the Year for his outstanding service. Representative Walker was unable to attend but was recognized at the conference. Mr. Danny Burns presented Representative Bob Walker with a plaque as he has always taken time out of his busy schedule to meet with the adult education delegation to discuss funding and other adult education issues. Representative Walker has voiced to increase adult education funding as a reflection of support for the many services that adult education offers throughout the State of South Carolina. As chairman of the education committee, Representative Walker recognizes the impact of adult education in the State of South Carolina. He has always made an effort to keep adult education informed and aware of legislation that will affect funding and services. He has consistently supported adult education through his tenure in office.

APPOINTMENTS

10. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Term of Anne B. Ring. Application received: Cheryl Ann Jeter Jones

Representative Mitchell moved to nominate Cheryl Ann Jeter Jones. The motion was seconded and carried.

11. ARKWRIGHT FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Resignation of E. R. Thomas. Application received: None.

Receiving no applications, this appointment was carried over until the next meeting.

12. VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD

Terms of Dodie Graham, Robert G. Hamilton, and F. Don Watson. Applications received: Robert G. Hamilton, June Bond, Frederick Don Watson, Dorothy T. Moss, and Dottie Broyles.

Senator Hawkins moved to nominate and elect by acclamation Robert G. Hamilton, Frederick Watson and Dottie Broyles. The motion carried.

13. GLENN SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Susan Montgomery and William E. Shirah. Application received: William Marion Finch and William E. Shirah.

Representative Littlejohn moved to nominate William Marion Finch and William E. Shirah. The motion carried by acclamation.

14. CROFT FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Thomas Ed Boyce, Harold (Hal) Hall, Douglas W. Hendrix, and James L. Jackson. Applications received: James L. Jackson, Douglas W. Hendrix, Thomas Edward Boyce, Sr., Harold E. (Hal) Hall, James V. Painter and A. Murray Glenn.

Representative Smith moved to nominate James L. Jackson, Douglas Hendrix, Thomas Boyce Sr., Harold Hall. Representative Smith moved the nominations be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

15. NORTH SPARTANBURG FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Willie E. Browning, Sr., and Paul Wayne Jolly. Applications received: Paul Wayne Jolly, Sean N. Gosnell, Stephen D. Moore, and A. Murray Glenn and Willie E. Browning. Sr.

Representative Smith moved to nominate Paul Wayne Jolly and Willie E. Browning, Sr. There were no other nominations. The motion carried by acclamation.

16. WESTVIEW-FAIRFOREST FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Dwane Broyles, Jerry Lee Walker, and Dr. Charles (Chuck) Bagwell. Applications received: Jerry Lee Walker, Jeff Knight, Todd Gilmore, Stacy Thompson, Rick Simmons, Jay Erick Hammett, and Dr. Charles F. Bagwell.

Senator Hawkins moved to nominate Charles Bagwell and Jerry Lee Walker and suggest holding over the term of Dwane Broyles until the next delegation meeting. There were no other nominations. The motion carried.

17. WHITNEY FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Bill Hobbs, James R. Forbis, and William Claude Thomason. Applications Received: James R. Forbis and Bill Hobbs.

Representative Smith moved to nominate James R. Forbis and Bill Hobbs. The term of William Claude Thomason will be carried over until the next meeting. The motion carried.

18. DRAYTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Randall Blackman and C. Ray Emery. Application received: None

Since there were no applications received, this appointment is carried over until the next scheduled meeting.

19. STARTEX FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of David L. Winchell and Jimmy D. McMillan. Applications received: David L. Winchell I and Jimmy D. McMillan.

Representative Mahaffey moved to nominate David L. Winchell and Jimmy D. McMillan. The motion carried by acclamation.

20. HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE-RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Resignation of Matthew Henderson. Applications received: Robert L. Holleman, Jr. and Ronald L. Blackwell.

Representative Mahaffey moved to nominate Robert L. Holleman. Representative Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

21. ELECTION COMMISSION

Resignation of David Collins. Applications received: Ronald Herbert Blanchard, Caroline Broyles, Sean C. Coburn, Cindy Church, and Susan Sease.

Representative Walker moved to nominate Sean C. Coburn. Representative Mahaffey seconded the motion. Representative Smith moved to nominate Susan Sease. Sean C. Coburn received 48.109% of the vote and Susan Sease received 6.425% of the vote. Therefore, Sean C. Coburn's name will be forwarded to the Governor's office for confirmation.

**22. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT – REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD**

New Board appointments. Applications received: Craig Jacobs and Rita Revels.

Representative Bob Walker moved to nominate Craig Jacobs. Senator Hawkins moved to nominate Rita Revels. The motions carried.

23. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

24. NEW BUSINESS

Representative Lanny Littlejohn is having a BBQ on September 27 at Broome High School from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted to benefit the South Carolina Landowners and Hunters Association – Feed the Hungry. Last year they gave away 40,000 pounds of meat and hope to give away 50,000 pounds this year.

The retiring members of the delegation expressed their gratitude of service during their time in office while serving the citizens of Spartanburg County.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Doug Smith, Delegation Chairman

Attested:
Carol Crowe