



**MINUTES**  
**Spartanburg County**  
**Legislative Delegation**  
**Monday, February 14, 2011**  
**5:30 p.m.**

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Spartanburg County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building, 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. Senator Shane Martin presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Glenn Reese – Present  
Senator Lee Bright – Present  
Senator Shane Martin – Present  
Senator Harvey Peeler – Present  
Representative Harold Mitchell – Present  
Representative J. Derham Cole, Jr. – Present  
Representative Edward R. Tallon, Sr. – Present  
Representative Mike Forrester – Present  
Representative William Chumley – Present  
Representative Rita Allison – Present  
Representative Steve Parker – Present  
Representative Doug Brannon – 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 AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was rendered and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Harvey Peeler.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Senator Lee Bright moved to nominate Representative Mike Forrester. Representative Allison seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, Senator Martin moved the nominations be closed with Representative Forrester elected as Chairman by acclamation. The motion carried.

Newly elected Chairman Forrester thanked Senator Shane Martin for all he has done to keep the delegation together as a team.

Chairman Forrester opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Senator Shane Martin nominated Senator Harvey Peeler as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Senator Glenn Reese. Representative Allison moved the nominations be closed and Senator Peeler be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

## **1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NOVEMBER 8, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Tallon moved to approve the November 8, 2010 meeting minutes as e-mailed and printed. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **2. MR. WOODY NEEDHAM, CITIZEN – STATE BUDGET COST SAVING MEASURES**

Mr. Needham communicated that newly elected Governor, Nikki Haley, recommended budget cuts to the tune of \$829M. Mr. Needham proposed the delegation reduce the budgetary requirements be reduced by \$2.124B. Mr. Needham recommends reading and become familiar with the contents of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of South Carolina. Every Municipality, County Council, and governmental entity in State of South Carolina is required to submit this report. Mr. Needham understands that most all states in the Union operate on this same CAFR basis.

Secondly, the Budget and Control Board publishes an historical analysis of over 100 pages containing appropriations, revenues, expenditures, lottery, higher education, lower education, and full time equivalent employees (FTE) findings. In the 1980s, Delegation predecessors developed a formula to limit the number of state employees, which was a constitutional requirement. The formula developed was to multiply the population of at least the prior year, or prior census by 1.2231. The result would be the limit. For example, 4.5M people in South Carolina today equates out to some 55,000 plus authorized positions. The problem is the limit has only been applied to the general fund. In terms of the general fund, employees number under 7,000. The compliance problem is that South Carolina has a large number of employees that are working through the work of Uncle Sam, most of which is Medicaid. Then there are other types of monies totaling some \$22B on an annual basis. South Carolina total FTEs is 71,590 positions. That is 16,000 more than regulation allows.

Mr. Needham recommends the state cut 11,490 positions. The reason for the recommendation of the elimination number is that according to the historical analysis and FTE numbers on the printout of 2010 show that appropriations have been made for 71,000 plus positions. Vacancies were in the neighborhood of the 11,490. So the State has funded positions for the vacancies. Those monies which Mr. Needham does not know how much those employees get, but on an average of \$50,000 including salary and benefits would create a savings of \$575M.

Secondly, the state needs to require agencies to reflect what goes on in the community, mainly the 10 to 11% unemployment. Mr. Needham proposes the State cut ten percent which is being consistent with the current unemployment level to generate a reduction of some 6,000 more positions down to the authorized level while saving \$300M more.

The new State Superintendent offered \$100M after Governor Haley came out with her requests. Mr. Needham encourages delegation members to accept that. Mr. Needham thinks that delegation members should be working to have a General Assembly Budget Office (GABO) that would be comparable to the CBO in Congress. Its functions would be to supply the General Assembly with detail analyses of the state finances. For example, in the Lottery there is over a \$126M of unclaimed prize money which has accumulated since 2001. Mr. Needham suggests that with a little tweaking of the law governing the program that a trust fund could be established and use the \$8.2M that the state is investing in a portfolio. Mr. Needham asked delegation members if they were aware of a portfolio of that amount of money that is operated and managed by the State Treasurer. The portfolio excludes all of the five retirement system programs and their assets of over \$22 to \$23B they invest. Mr. Needham would suggest the General Assembly could take the unclaimed prize money, apply the interest earned to that trust fund generating about \$150M that could be invested and receive the interest.

Mr. Needham's declared the General Assembly is the revenue side of the ledger. The Executive Branch and all the agencies are on the expense side of the ledger. The budget is a request for a given annual period of time to operate under. The General Assembly needs to make sure that every penny generated is associated as revenue income. State government comes to the General Assembly as revenue. If the General Assembly wants to take some of the money and re-dedicate it to a particular program – marvelous, but the State Constitution requires the General Assembly to do that through the appropriation process.

There are close to \$2B in management fees generated by state agencies. Mr. Needham doesn't know what happens to that money. Mr. Needham cannot find any transparent accountability report by any agency that states where that money went or what its purpose is. Mr. Needham maintains that is a source of revenue and should not be in their names. That is internal money making and Mr. Needham welcomes it. It is a marvelous example of free enterprise system that works in government. Mr. Needham thinks it helps the General Assembly to become an independent self reliant, self financing operation for the State of South Carolina and its citizens.

Mr. Needham would love to hear delegation members make a public declaration of a goal by 2024 that can make South Carolina a state completely free of income tax which is a form of double taxation on top of what Uncle Sam charges the same workers, businesses, and thinks the state could generate enough to do away with sales tax.

### **3. MR. JERRY KIEHL, DIRECTOR OF VETERAN AFFAIRS – REPORT**

Mr. Kiehl and his staff remain focused on assisting all veterans and their families in the sometimes lengthy process for their different benefits. A key problem that the Veteran Affairs office has in achieving a higher level of satisfaction to the veterans and ourselves is communication i.e., Communication between staff members, members of the veteran community, the County, regional offices in Columbia, to the Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington DC. If the Veterans Affairs office has the one on one opportunity to communicate with the veteran or the family, they are able to put together a well rounded case that can be submitted to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

A key problem is doing more with less. The office has been cutting back for a good number of years already. As a good steward of the County, it is difficult to approach County Council or the Delegation asking for additional personnel when the Sheriff needs additional deputies. Where do you balance that as far as a service to the community?

The Veteran Affairs office has two unfilled funded part-time jobs for students that are dependents of 100% disabled veterans. For the last three years, there have not been any interests. In prior years, the job

was not glamorous enough for them.

During 2010, the office assisted 7,000 veterans. The secretary, provided to the office was cross-trained as an eligibility specialist and moved into the position when one became available. A secretary was immediately hired based on over two hundred volunteer hours she had provided to the clinic and office this past year.

An ongoing project within the office has been to catalogue the thousands of DD-214s (discharge paperwork) from microfiche to disk. To date, 19,331 have been catalogued and the project continues.

Homelessness continues to be a problem for a veteran which is difficult to address through organizations. Meals on Wheels and the Homeless Upstate Coalition have begun asking if a homeless person was a veteran to try to identify if their clients are veterans and/or veterans in need.

The Spartanburg office provided transportation requests for over 3600 disabled elderly veterans traveling to the Department of VA medical facilities, clinics, and hospitals. There were no grant funds during 2010, prior years Spartanburg County was receiving grant funds almost yearly. The office is pursuing year end funds and a request has been submitted for 2011-2012 grant funds for transportation. The grant funds requested are matching funds. If the grant is not received, funding will come from the general funds.

In the past years, Spartanburg County Council approved requests by the local DAV Chapter # 3 for partial funding to procure vans to assist in transporting veterans. Two different times, they have provided \$12,000 for vans. Regretfully, the Asheville North Carolina VA Hospital controls the use and maintains the van that runs between Spartanburg and Asheville. They have pulled the vans because of low numbers or lack of use. DAV volunteers drive the vans. Sometimes the driver became the rider. Mr. Kiehl is looking into bringing the van back to the Spartanburg County office. Other veteran volunteers will be sought out to drive the van. Past usage to Asheville during 2010 was 462 disabled, elderly veterans.

In the past, veterans would be transported to Columbia for Video Conferencing. Mr. Kiehl has requested to explore the possibilities of having Video Conferencing available in Spartanburg.

#### **4. MS. MARSHA VAN HECKE, DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH, HOSPICE OF THE CAROLINA FOOTHILLS – ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF SERVICE OF HOSPICE OF THE CAROLINA FOOTHILLS**

Since 1981, the purpose of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills services has been to provide central management and quality of life for individuals who are living with terminal illnesses. Most are going to be sick at some point in life and need medical care before death. This is not a flash in the pan, this is something that has been dealt with since the beginning of time and will deal with forever – the cost of medical care – the cost of people being sick and dying.

Studies have shown that a huge majority of people, 90 percent of us would rather die at home than in a hospital. Hospice allows for this. With Hospice care, folks on an average live one month longer, and some with specific diagnosis live up to three months longer. A major research study at Duke University found that Hospice reduced Medicare cost by an average of \$2,300. \$2,300 times the number of people who use their Medicare is quite a savings. Hospice care is less expensive than hospital care. Two to ten thousand dollars a day for hospital care versus two hundred to seven hundred dollars a day for hospice care which is quite a savings. So why don't people who are terminally ill or very sick use hospice care? Or why do they think they are going to die sooner. They don't know they have a benefit that already pays for this. They have a hospice Medicare and Medicaid benefit that already pays for their services.

Hospice of the Carolina Foothills is not the only hospice provider in Spartanburg County; they are

one of about twenty-five. There really is no excuse for people not having hospice services if they want it and know the advantage that you get at a hospice facility at the end of life.

Ms. Hecke knows that Spartanburg County wants to be better than the national average. In Spartanburg County last year, 41½% of people used hospice services. Nationwide it was 41.6%. Neighbors to the north in Polk County, almost 60% used hospice services. There are quite a number of people in Spartanburg County who are eligible for hospice care who are getting it. Ms. Hecke thinks the main reason is because they just don't know about the services. They just don't know it is available. They think it is a service that is going to shorten their life; it is a service that is going to extend their life.

Ms. Hecke is requesting all to encourage people to use hospice care, call hospice offices to find out about the hospice Medicare/Medicaid benefit which they have paid for or are entitled to. Hospice will also give them what they want whether they want to die at home, to live longer; don't want to go bankrupt, or the health care bill. Encourage them to get the compassionate of medical care they want and deserve. Hospice is really a great answer for them.

Ms. Hecke invites all to visit their hospice house in Landrum and see the services in action. While 100% of people that use our services say they would recommend it to others. They also say they wish they had it sooner. But it is not something that you can convince people of until they have it.

Ms. Hecke asked the delegation to watch out for hospice funding as they vote on Medicare/Medicaid things that come before them.

## **5. DR. JERRY BERNARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHARLES LEA CENTER – CHARLES LEA CENTER UPDATE**

Currently, the Charles Lea Center serves about 1400 people in Spartanburg County with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, or other disabilities that would otherwise allow them to live in a community where they would allow services and supports for most of their lives.

The Center employs about 550 staff members who provide services throughout Spartanburg County with an operating budget of about \$23M although in the last two years the budget has decreased due to the cuts. The Center has been fortunate in a sense by not having to reduce services primarily because there are people on waiting list and have delayed services for many.

Some of the innovations the Charles Lea Center is proud of is the Computer Lab which recently opened up. It is a lab that is designed to allow people with disabilities to learn and have access to computers. The JM Smith Foundation provided the funding for the program.

The Center is looking at developing an adult learning center that will be privately funded and supported which will allow some of The Center consumers who have graduated from the school system to come into the adult program to continue to develop their skills with the hope that someday they will be able to live in the environment that is even less expensive.

Technology is being used more efficiently to allow people to live in their homes, especially people with physical disabilities who may not require staff around the clock to support their continued technologies as a complement instead of staff, again saving money and resources.

The Center has opened up their first apartment this year to actually support a young lady from Columbia, who came to Spartanburg so that she could live in an environment where she doesn't need staff 24 hours a day. The Center provides staff when she absolutely needs them and other times the Center is able to use technology for support.

The Charles Lea Center understands the delegation has tremendous challenges with the budget issues, and to understand the folks that is supported and served at the Center. The challenge faced quite

often is what to do for services when there is limited funding. The Center receives requests from families who need services. So far families have been very helpful in allowing their family members to stay home with them, but they would like for them to get services, but the population is getting older and the waiting lists are getting larger. Last year, the state approved a budget adjustment of \$40M. Dr. Chaney asked for that money to be annualized this year. That \$40M was used to continue to grow the Center services. That money essentially has already been spent. If money does not continue that means that a number of individuals that are currently being served will not receive services anymore.

There is also an issue of \$130M that was allocated a year ago, and again the Center is asking those funds be approved for another year. That is just to keep existing services, not to do any cost-of-living increases or increase services, but to maintain current services.

Remember to consider during budgetary times that the Center provides services to the most challenging individuals in terms of needs and what they need to be able to live.

## **6. MS. MONICA HILL, CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD – REPORT ON CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE**

Ms. Hill compared October to December quarter of 2009. During that period of time, Foster Care reviewed 131 children. The last quarter of 2010, Foster Care reviewed 118. Ms. Hill would love to say that things are working better, but the economic situation, Foster Care believes there are other reasons.

There are foster care review boards in every Judicial Circuit. Children are reviewed after they have been in Foster Care for four months and then every six months thereafter. They have been successful because of a large number of review board members volunteer. For three years, the board members take no per diem, nor do they claim mileage. Foster Care hears all cases, makes decisions in what they believe is in the best interest of the children and places them either with a family or with their new parental families who terminates their parental rights for adoption.

South Carolina was the first state to have a citizen review. We are number one in something lovely, recognizing the need for an external watchdog for DSS. Our small state office is critical to the functioning of this process.

The volunteers not only review cases, but also raise money for foster children's activities, school supplies, clothing, prom wear, computers, Christmas parties, presents and gift cards.

Foster Care also has a partners meeting where all of those involved with children in foster care talk about the process. The Sheriff's office, DSS, intake workers, attorneys, Solicitor's office, and the Delegation were invited and I am glad to say that the candidates in that election cycle were the ones that showed up for the meeting.

The Foster Care process is hard on their babies whether they are newborn or 17½ years old. As an adult, everyone thinks Christmas comes about every other month, but to a child it seems like it is at least five years for Christmas to get here. Yet, the courts think nothing of letting a child go another six months in care because progress is slow. Six months is an eternity to a child. It could be another school break which is a huge step in the life of a child. Please keep the children in mind of how they always pay whenever adult times are tough. Foster care review boards are trying to make a difference and the board appreciates delegation continued support.

The Heart Gallery which is operated by the State Foster Care Review Board office is located in the Spartanburg County Library. Todd Stephens, head of the Library, is also a member and Chairman of Foster Care Review Board 7A. He is helping host the Heart Gallery this month. It is a display of children who are looking for adoption.

## **7. MR. THOMAS L. LOUNDS, NEW DAY CLUBHOUSE BOARD CHAIR – PROPOSED CHANGES IN MEDICAID EFFECTS**

New Day Clubhouse was founded in 1987 through the efforts of the Mental Health Association of the Piedmont as a private, not-for-profit rehabilitation program for adults suffering from a serious mental illness. New Day focus is and has always been on recovery and helping individuals experiencing mental illness live as productively and independently as possible in the community. The New Day program is located on Asheville Highway. Individuals coming there are known as members, not clients or patients. In order to achieve their mission, New Day provides an array of services that include a structured day program, basic living skills, and job placement. New Day also operates two apartment complexes providing safe, decent and affordable housing for qualifying members.

Today, Mr. Lounds represents the Mental Health Recovery Coalition, a group of several private, not-for-profit mental health providers like New Day across the state whose mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals suffering from mental illness. On behalf of the Coalition, Mr. Lounds thanked the delegation for past support which has helped make these services possible.

About one in four adults suffer from mental illness in a given year. Community re-interrogation for individuals with chronic mental illness often requires long term intervention designed to promote and sustain independence and stability. New Day is a qualified Medicaid enrolled provider. The service provided is covered by Medicaid, even though New Day is private. The local mental health centers that are known are required to authorize and approve each individual New Day service as the Departmental Health is responsible for the Medicaid matching requirements. However, due to budget considerations referrals are less frequently being made to agencies and programs. Thus, fewer individuals will have the choice to receive services.

The message is simply this – New Day wants delegation members to know that private sector providers are as effective and efficient options for individuals with chronic mental illness and are proud of the positive outcomes the programs have demonstrated over the years. For example, after enrolling and becoming active in the New Day program, members have expressed significantly lower hospitalization and emergency room visits than previously. Studies have shown a 49% lower incident of psychiatric hospitalization. While some individuals may still require hospitalization the average length of stay for a member is only 1/12<sup>th</sup> that of a non-member. In addition to impacting the quality of life for New Day members, there is also a cost savings in helping individuals stay in the community. In 2010, for example, New Day studies indicate it cost \$3,037 per active member per year to attend New Day Clubhouse. In contrast, it cost \$2500 per day at a local hospital. New Day is dedicated to improving quality and cost efficiency services. New Day is confident that our private sector community based services are as effective and cost efficient as public sector services, maybe even more so. Since New Day is reimbursed on a fee for service unit rate basis, while certain state agencies are reimbursed on a cost basis. The bottom line is simply that the safety net for seriously ill individuals in South Carolina is very quickly being dismantled by the reduction and elimination of mental health services. If this condition continues, the end result in our state is going to be a much higher cost long term. As qualified Medicaid enrolled providers, New Day believes that beneficiaries should have the ability to choose where and from whom they receive rehabilitation services. New Day understands that funds are short and that everyone will be affected. New Day is simply asking that private sector services not be eliminated. Let New Day compete for the continued opportunity to provide these services and in so doing, make the entire system more efficient and effective, but perhaps more importantly, New Day asked for continued support to allow individuals with chronic mental illness to

be able to make a choice about where they receive their needed services.

## **8. MS. MARY DEKU, PRESIDENT, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY – THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

The League of Women Voters believes it is very important to give strong support to public education and work hard to keep from diverting public funds to support tuition grants to families who send children to private schools. The League's number one concern is that unfortunately, the textile mill heritage of Spartanburg County, which in the past provided jobs for high school dropouts resulted in a huge oversupply of this unfortunate group which is now parents and grandparents. South Carolina has been rated the worst in the national average in college completion. The League stated that Spartanburg County is significantly behind the South Carolina average. In South Carolina, as a whole, 76% of adults have a high school diploma. In Spartanburg County only 73% of adults have a high school diploma. Spartanburg is even farther behind the North Carolina and the US average which keeps us from being able to attract new industry into our county because future employers want a strong pool of high school and college graduates.

The number two concern is the current proposal to give tuition tax credits to families of students attending private schools will send huge amounts of South Carolina money to Washington. Every person who gets a \$1000 tax credit from the state will pay between \$150 and \$300 more in federal income tax. If it is a \$2000 tax credit, they would pay \$300 and \$600 more in federal taxes. This tax credit will not benefit families of modest income who pay little or nothing in state taxes. Thus both the county and the state would be sending a huge money bag to Washington. The League believes that money can be better spent on our own citizens.

A third concern is that Spartanburg County has a strong tradition of support for public schools in our county. As a result Spartanburg County has a significantly larger percentage of students in public schools than other counties have, particularly those in the lower part of the state. Thus, families would be paying in much more to the state than we would be getting back.

A fourth concern is for families in Spartanburg who want a less traditional public school, there is an excellent public charter school that the state should be supporting with our tax dollars rather than sending our tax money to other counties.

The League of Women Voters believes that the current tight financial years are not the time to institute a voter photo identification requirement which would cost thousands and thousands of dollars that could better be spent on public education. The state should spend our money on problems we know that we have such as low high school graduation rates, rather than problems we know we don't have such as fraudulent voting.

In summary, the League wants money spent wisely by helping to prepare our citizens for the new jobs of the twenty-first century. The League does not want our hard-earned tax money sent to Washington and Hilton Head by robbing Spartanburg citizens of the chance to climb out of a hole, brought on by past failures to keep students in school until graduation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **9. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – SPARTANBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Each delegation member received a copy of Spartanburg visitors guide for 2011. They are available

for people who are planning to visit the Upstate. They have been provided by Spartanburg Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) guiding the highlights of Spartanburg County, such as attractions, hotels, shops, and restaurants.

The Chamber hired a new sales manager Patricia Byrd, who attended a trade show in Columbia, receiving more than thirty leads of groups interested in meetings and conferences in Spartanburg County.

The Chamber has two new booths displaying the Revolutionary logo and images of the region. They sent invitations to ten travel writers, publication of the southeast, inviting them to a tour of Spartanburg.

The staff is attending the South Carolina Governor's conference on tourism February 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Charleston.

The Chamber economic development group reported there have been eleven new industries locating in Spartanburg County in 2010 as well as eleven expansions. That is a capital investment of \$113.7M for the area. The job creation was around 1798 people. The average jobs per month for the last four years have been 137. Their average investment per week for the last four years has been about \$7.2M.

The Chamber, CVB, and the economic futures group are working hard for Spartanburg County.

## **10. REPRESENTATIVE DERHAM COLE – CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER**

Chapman Cultural Center chairman, Mr. Tommy Young and Ms. Jennifer Evans who is the development director for the Chapman Cultural Center presented the report.

The Chapman Cultural Center last year saw 150,000 visitors for Spartanburg County. These visitors come from all over the country, as well as all over the world, to visit our community and the Chapman Cultural Center. With this visitation, the Chapman Cultural Center also invests \$4.5M in the local economy which also reflects in the state's economy.

Ms. Evans visited Columbia and was recognized individually on the House floor by the representatives in attendance.

Ms. Evans represents the Arts Partnership which owns the Chapman Cultural Center, but part of their mission is to advocate for the arts for all of Spartanburg County not just the Chapman Cultural Center and the Arts Partnership but for all the things that have been good for children in the arts community.

Ms. Evans delivered a spread sheet displaying the funding from the South Carolina Arts Commission that all school agencies including the SC School for the Deaf and Blind and many other agencies who receive grants from the SC Arts Commission totaling \$151,022.00.

Fifty thousand dollars of the grant funds are for the Arts Partnership and the Chapman Cultural Center. Those dollars are invested in Spartanburg County schools and the children.

Sixteen thousand dollars goes directly into arts residencies in the schools affecting 25,000 children's lives. The schools receiving these artist residencies are listed indicating the impacted students by school district. For every one dollar received from the SC Arts Commission is matched by ten dollars locally making these programs work.

Youth Art Month exhibit is scheduled for March 4 thru April 3 at the Chapman Cultural Center.

## **11. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)**

The Community Development Block Grant is in full swing for 2011-2012. There is about \$7.7M available for community infrastructure for water, sewer, roads, and drainage activities. Application requests

are due March 18<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Community Enrichment grant of \$3M is available and designed to fund facilities services strengthening existing and support high quality of life.

Also available is a \$7M Village Renaissance Program which is designed to assist with development in sustainable communities, revitalization of town and residential neighborhoods. This program requests are due August 19<sup>th</sup>. The application is due in September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **12. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER - SPATS**

The SPATS Policy committee met. New officers elected were Jeff Horton as Chairman, Mayor Junie White as First Vice Chair, and Representative Forrester as Second Vice Chair.

The overview of past transportation movements from 1996 through 2015 total road improvements amounts to almost \$700M. The majority of activity is currently in Representative Parker's district with the widening of Highway 9.

## **13. REPRESENTATIVE DERHAM COLE – CHILDREN'S SHELTER OF THE UPSTATE**

Representative Cole will be meeting with Van Clark to discuss the Children's Shelter to ask if there is any way the delegation could assist.

## **14. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

No activity to report.

## **15. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **a) Town of Duncan for Stoneledge Park Phase III**

Representative Mitchell made a motion to move \$15,000 previously allotted to the Town of Wellford to the Town of Duncan for Phase III of Stoneledge.

The Town of Wellford did not meet the guidelines required by Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **16. REPRESENTATIVE PARKER – POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Representative Parker made a motion to the following: Effective immediately, if passed by this delegation – No person seeking a position on a board or a commission may seek a commitment prior to the deadline for receipt of application. To clarify the information - if the deadline for receiving applications for a board or commission is May 7, the applicant could not seek a commitment from delegation members until the deadline has passed.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Senator Martin responded stating that Representatives Tallon and Brannon have been instrumental in implementing additional information from applicants. Upon signing the application, the applicant certifies they have reviewed the entire application and all information is true and correct. It also certifies that the applicant has not sought a commitment of support nor been given a commitment of support by any member of the Delegation and may not seek a commitment of support until after the posted deadline for application to be received.

Representative Tallon expounded on the application change regarding the question asking if your business or family members have contributed to any current delegation member's campaign. This question does not disqualify any person for the appointment sought.

A number of applications have been received where questions have been unanswered. Failure to answer any questions will result in the application not to be processed.

Falsification of any answers on the application will also result in the application not being processed, and if appointed will be cause for recommendation of removal from the appointment.

There were no objections to the application changes.

**17. SENATOR MARTIN – UPSTATE CAUCUS**

No report at this time.

**18. SENATOR MARTIN – SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

A copy of the proposed January 20, 2011 County Transportation Committee (CTC) minutes is located under tab 18 of the meeting binders. Some set-aside funding was approved along with annual allocations for resurfacing. Representatives Brannon and Cole used portions of the their set-aside funding for fire departments to install shoulder mount flashers warning oncoming traffic of fire emergency vehicles entering and exiting the fire departments.

**19. REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD MITCHELL – UPSTATE ALLIANCE**

No report at this time.

**NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS**

**20. CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 7A AND 7C**

**TERM OF LIZZIE FOSTER FROM 7A (APPLICATION WITHDRAWN) AND ALICE C. ARMANTROUT FROM 7C. APPLICATION RECEIVED: NONE**

Representative Tallon moved to carry this nomination for the appointments over until the next scheduled meeting. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**21. UPSTATE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

**TERMS FROM UNION COUNTY BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADERS: ROGER BAILEY AND BETH SMITH. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM UNION COUNTY: NONE**

Representative Anthony moved to carry this nomination for appointments over until the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

**22. SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**TERMS FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY: CECILIA COGDELL, SUSAN O. HILSMAN, AND PAMELA V. HAGAN, NCC. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: CECILIA COGDELL, SUSAN HILSMAN AND PAMELA HAGAN**

Pamela Hagan has withdrawn her application as she now resides in Abbeville County.

Representative Brannon moved to nominate Cecilia Cogdell and Susan Hilsman and they be elected by acclamation, and hold the third seat over until further applications have been received. Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**23. SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**TERM FROM UNION COUNTY: JOHN ANTHONY (PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED) DOES NOT QUALIFY TO SERVE. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM UNION COUNTY: NONE**

Representative Anthony moved to carry this appointment over until the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

**24. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**TERM OF HUBERT BOYD WALDROP (HOUSE DISTRICT 38). APPLICATION RECEIVED: ROBERT E. (BOB) WALKER**

Representative Brannon moved to nominate Robert E. "Bob" Walker by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

**25. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**TERMS OF J.C. CALDWELL, II AND JAMES G. TOBIAS. APPLICATION RECEIVED: NONE**

Representative Allison moved to carry this nomination for appointment over until the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

**26. CONVERSE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**TERM OF ROBERT M. WELBORN, JR. APPLICATION RECEIVED: ROBERT M. WELBORN, JR.**

Representative Cole moved to nominate Robert M. Welborn, Jr. for re-appointment. Representative Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**27. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

**TERMS OF CHARLES H. BABB, SUSAN G. CLARY, MIKE WOOD, EMERSON F. WOLFE, JR., KATHERINE DUNLEAVY, GENE ADAMS, THOMAS R. YOUNG, III, JOHN S. POOLE, AND DR. SHEILA BREITWEISER. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: SUSAN CLARY, QUENTON MIKE WOOD, EMERSON F. WOLFE, JR., KATHY DUNLEAVY, THOMAS R. YOUNG, III, ALLEN NEWMAN, DR. DAVID L. EUBANKS, CHARLES BABB, AND STERLING ANDERSON**

Representative Allison moved to nominate all nine applicants by acclamation as there are nine vacancies on the commission. Representative Anthony seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**28. INMAN CAMPOBELLO WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**TERM OF MICHAEL R. RAVAN. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: MICHAEL R. RAVAN AND J. LAWRENCE MORROW**

Representative Parker moved to nominate Michael Ravan for re-appointment. Senator Bright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**29. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**TERM OF TAMMY DEVINE (DISTRICT 2). APPLICATION RECEIVED: EUGENE S. ANDERSON, JR.**

Representative Parker moved to carry this nomination for appointment over until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

**30. STARTEX, JACKSON, WELLFORD, DUNCAN (SJWD) WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**RESIGNATION OF ROGER NUTT. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: TONY GILLESPIE, SR. FRANK NUTT, W. "LEE" KIMMONS, AND JULIAN HANKINSON**

A roll call vote was taken with Tony Gillespie receiving 17.310 percent of the vote; Frank Nutt received 51.045 percent of the vote; Lee Kimmons received 6.457 percent of the vote; and Julian Hankinson received 25.288 percent of the vote. Therefore, Frank Nutt's name will be forwarded to the Governor's Office to be recommended for confirmation.

**31. GREENVILLE SPARTANBURG AIRPORT COMMISSION**

**UNEXPIRED TERMS OF WALLACE STOREY AND ROGER MILLIKEN. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: DOUG SMITH, WILLIAM BARNET, III, DOUG COBB, WILLIAM G. SARRATT, WILLIAM R. COBB, AND THOMAS ARMSTRONG**

A roll call vote was taken with Doug Smith receiving 79.699 percent of the vote; Bill Barnet received 75.037 percent of the vote; and Bill Sarratt received 45.264 percent of the vote. Therefore, Doug Smith will serve on the seat to expire on 12/31/2015, and Bill Barnet will serve on the seat to expire on 12/31/2013.

**32. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**33. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Paul M. Forrester, Chairman

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Attested: Carol Crowe

