



**MINUTES**  
**Spartanburg County**  
**Legislative Delegation**  
**Monday, February 2, 2009**  
**5:00 p.m.**

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Glenn Reese – Absent  
Senator Lee Bright – Absent  
Senator Shane Martin – Absent  
Senator Harvey Peeler – Absent  
Representative Harold Mitchell – Present  
Representative J. Derham Cole, Jr. – Present  
Representative Lanny Littlejohn – Present  
Representative Mike Forrester – Present  
Representative Keith Kelly – Present  
Representative Rita Allison – Present  
Representative Steve Parker – Present  
Representative Joey Millwood – Absent  
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 Representative Rita Allison.

**1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NOVEMBER 10, 2008, MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Keith Kelly moved to approve the November 10, 2008 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. The motion was seconded by Representative Anthony. The motion carried.

## **2. MS. CAROLYN BEARDEN BROWN AND MS. PATRICIA LOGAN HARRISON – DECEMBER 2008 SC LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL AUDIT OF SC DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

Ms. Brown was unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Harrison distributed published material from the web page of the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) regarding the audit of the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN).

Ms. Harrison states that millions and millions of dollars have been allocated to the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs that the LAC can't figure out where it went.

Ms. Harrison focused on the program created for the children who have Autism because it was a new program and the money could be followed. Legislators approved \$10.5M on the first year of the program.

If funds were used as intended, they would have been matched with \$24.5M of Federal funds. Ms. Harrison stated that not only have the allocated state funds been lost for the program, but tens of millions in federal funds have also been lost.

The Legislative Audit Council states that of the \$10.5M of state appropriated money for this program, over the past two years DDSN has spent just \$671,917 for services. That is \$9.5M of monies that have not been determined how DDSN used for the autism program.

The money is appropriated from Health and Human Services (HHS) with the potential of a 70% matching funds from the federal government. The General Assembly appropriates the state department their 30% match to DDSN. Ms. Harrison asked HHS, of the \$671,917 spent, how much of the Federal \$24.5M was appropriated to them? The answer was \$236,916. Through the FOIA Ms. Harrison requested additional amounts and how appropriated.

Ms. Harrison asked the delegation to look into the many lawsuits filed, settled and paid out regarding the various state and county disability boards from across the state.

Representative Littlejohn stated that the delegation members had already received the Legislative Audit Council report. Spartanburg County is blessed by what the Charles Lea Center does.

## **3. MR. RICK BELTRAM, CHAIRMAN SPARTANBURG COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY – PENDING BILLS RELATED TO CHANGES IN VOTING PROCEDURES AND PRECINCT RE-ORGANIZATION EFFORTS**

It is no secret that at the last general election, our local voter registration and election commission and director did a wonderful job under the circumstances. State Law § 7-7-710 is clear that precincts should not be more than 1500 registered voters. At the last election, Spartanburg County had precincts four times the number of voters than the law permits. Nearly half of the precincts are out of balance. As a result, the Boiling Springs High School precinct had three hour wait with some people leaving without voting. Looking back at state law, it rest on the General Assembly to correct the problem. The law is very clear in stating that by April 1 corrective action defaults back to the voter registration and election commissions. Mr. Beltram hopes that does not happen. When there are precincts beyond the legal limit, Spartanburg is asking for disaster. All kinds of legislation can be introduced with regard to early voting and absentee voting, but if precincts are jammed up and people get frustrated and leave, problems arise. On Election Day, Mr. Beltram went around to many of the precincts. Some precincts had three hour waits, while others had no waiting.

There is pending legislation regarding registration by party. Mr. Beltram and the Republican Party strongly endorse registration by party. Mr. Beltram hopes this year the General Assembly will seriously vote that legislation into law.

There is also some pending legislation on early voting. Mr. Beltram thinks that is a problem, but understands the concept. He wants every voter to have access to an opportunity to vote, but the infrastructure isn't in place to handle early voting. Unless appropriated allocations for infrastructure, all early voting is going to do is set the county up for more abuse. As Mr. Beltram understands the law today, absentee voting was terribly abused, and also had problems.

Mr. Beltram's biggest issues are the precinct divisions. Spartanburg County is dealing with so many precincts. Most other counties have been more diligent in properly splitting their precincts than Spartanburg County.

After going through legislation, it is very important that appointments to the Voter Registration and Election Boards are people that not only understand the law, understand what goes on with voting, have been in the trenches, work hard, and have the time and commitment to serve. Unfortunately, with some of the things read in the newspaper, Mr. Beltram is not sure that some of the proposed appointments meet these criteria.

Representative Parker would like to see the delegation move quickly and get the problematic issues resolved before April 1.

#### **4. MS. JENNIE THOMAS, AREA SUPERVISOR, SC VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION – SERVICES AND IMPACT**

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVR) annually helps over 8500 individuals with significant disabilities to go to work. This is accomplished with services that many of the delegation members have observed at the work training centers and watching counselors. SCVR believes it is their local relationships with large and small businesses that have helped tremendously in the toughest of economic times to continue to help people to go to work with disabilities.

Each of the training centers have at least twelve to fifteen business partners throughout the area providing work training opportunities for SCVR and have dozens of employers who hire the clients. SCVR provides vocational assessment, training, (if needed), and counseling, along with job placement helping ensure real successes. The results have been successful competitive employment for over 750 clients with disabilities in the area for a year.

Since July 1, SCVR has helped over 440 people go to work. The rate of return is strong. By becoming competitively employed, clients lessen their dependence on public assistance such as disability benefits and Medicaid. When clients become taxpayers, those rehabilitated into employment pays back more than \$3.00 in taxes for every dollar spent on rehabilitation within five years.

The agency uses their \$12M state allotment responsibly, consistently at, or near the top of the VR program. Currently, SCVR rehabilitates about 201 individuals per 100,000. There is only one state in the nation that does more, which is Vermont. The cost per client, per annum is about \$800 less per the national average.

The most important word that Ms. Thomas left the delegation with was: match. SCVRD is a federal match program: \$4 of federal funding for each dollar of state funding. This is not Medicaid funding, nor does SCVR seek Medicaid reimbursement. The funding is from the US Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration. The match has been critical for SCVR. Certainly the total budget cuts received this year at 21% was difficult. The last round of the 7% state budget cuts dropped SCVR for

the first time below the federal match by about \$500,000. The total cut was \$2.9M. But the drop below the federal match cost SCVR \$1.9M in federal money which is money that was designated for South Carolina that will not be received. Ms. Thomas hopes that the future is to avoid any further cuts into the match, which would leave more federal money on the table.

SCVR remains optimistic and enthusiastic about delivering their end results. It is the second most successful center to employ clients with disabilities. Ms. Thomas appreciates all the support given and hopes the delegation will contact SCVR whenever there are questions.

#### **5. MR. PHIL CLARKSON – TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND SPINAL CORD INJURY POST-ACUTE REHABILITATION FUNDING**

Mr. Phil Clarkson is requesting the Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina have continued funding for rehabilitation of individuals who have had a traumatic brain injury or a spinal cord injury who are not insured or cannot pay for it. Traumatic brain injury is not discussed much in South Carolina or any state. However, in South Carolina, one in every seventy individuals will end up with long term disability from traumatic brain injury. The biggest group is in age group one to forty-four. There are many limitations caused by this disability both in the ability to work and daily activities.

Two years ago, the South Carolina General Assembly appropriated recurring funding of \$2.1M for this rehabilitation. The funding was to be distributed through the DDSN budget for the brain injury/spinal cord rehabilitation. To cut the rehabilitation funds is to promote job loss, social failure and it will increase the number of individuals that rely on the State of South Carolina. Both the Governor's budget and DDSNs budget are showing monies for the rehab clinic. But, Mr. Clarkson knows there are still cuts going on, so he is pleading for the delegation to use their influence to keep the money in the budget and not let it be part of the cut. If the money is appropriated, Mr. Clarkson would like for the delegation to ensure these monies are used for individuals as intended and it doesn't disappear through a carry-over at the end of the year. It is really important that these individuals receive rehabilitation.

#### **6. MS. KAREN FLOYD – DISTRIBUTE INVITATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Ms. Floyd is extending an invitation to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Mary Black Hospital breakfast on February 16, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. Those in attendance will hear about the strategic plan of the Mary Black Health System. This is Mary Black's 86<sup>th</sup> year of service with 1500 employees, \$1.7M in property taxes, and \$95M in capital development in the last five years.

#### **7. MR. MIKE RANEY, DIRECTOR GLENN SPRINGS ACADEMY – INSTITUTIONAL MENTAL DISEASE (IMD) \$26M TRANSITION GRANT**

Today, Mr. Raney, CEO of Glenn Springs Academy is representing not only his agency but also the Spartanburg Children's Shelter, Southeastern Children's Home, and Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home. All four child serving agencies are located in Spartanburg County. There are around 5700 kids in foster care at any one time in the State of South Carolina. Just in Spartanburg County, these four agencies can serve well

over 100 kids in any one day. Mr. Raney also serves as public policy chairman for the South Carolina Children's Home from family services representing 55 different child caring agencies across the state.

Last year the General Assembly approved the first of a three-year transition fund adding \$13M to replace lost Medicaid funds that US Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) eliminated that funded Foster Care. The claim was \$13M the first year, \$26M the second year, and \$30M the third year. This will be the beginning of the second year.

Kathleen Hayes, the director of DSS, as well as Colonel Fortner of the Department of Health and Human Services, both have this as a number two budget priority for both their commissions. They both have testified before Representative Edge's committee.

Basically, Glenn Springs Academy and the other agencies would be devastated without the funding. These kids do not have anywhere else to go. They are in the custody of the State of South Carolina. About 70% of Glenn Springs Academy kids' parental rights have been terminated by family courts. These agencies are where these kids grow up.

Mr. Raney wants the delegation to support and ensure the funds are in place. The first years' funds were not made recurring. Mr. Raney is asking for the first year funding, as well as the second part of the funding to be recurring. It is simply a federal enforcement of a Social Security Act rule from 1965.

## **8. MR. JIM HERZOG, CITIZEN – HOUSE BILL 3107 REGARDING \$200 TAX CREDIT FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL**

Mr. Herzog took the time to review thirty-three pages of pre-filed House Bills. Jim conveyed his thought and comments relating to matters as stated on his distributed pages.

There is one in particular that needs a public hearing. House Bill 3107 relates to a \$200 tax credit for anyone who owns homes and sends their children to private schools or are home schooled. If you add up the \$200 credit for parents that place their children in private schools, or are home schooled that would amount to a fairly substantial sum of money. Mr. Herzog has no idea where the money will come from for everybody who gets a tax deduction, or a little bit of a rebate, but everybody else will have to pay, which would be those who don't qualify, or the money will come out of state funds that is appropriated to the various public schools.

Mr. Herzog read between the lines on this issue, but this House Bill struck him as being the preverbal barn door being opened. He is afraid that any support for this legislation would result in the door being wide open very soon in the way of vouchers.

Mr. Herzog urged the delegation to look at this piece of legislation and not support it.

## **9. MR. HENRY LAYE, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS – OVERVIEW OF ELECTION DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Spartanburg County had approximately 110,000 ballots cast during the last election, which is a little less than 65% turnout of the registered voters. While the turnout was disappointing, Mr. Laye was glad the turnout was not too much larger because voters would probably still be standing in line.

Packets of information have been distributed for each delegation member district. Included in the distributed materials are a copy of the official results of the election, a demographic breakdown of voters by precinct, the number of all precincts (smallest to largest), the demographic breakdown of voters by senate/house district, and the current list of the 2009 elections currently scheduled for Spartanburg County.

The Registration and Elections office also experienced long lines and wait times. It is hard to examine what happens and why these long lines occurred. The factors seen that influenced those long lines and wait times were precinct size, available staffing, alphabetizing lines, precinct district lines, the number of ballots, special purpose referendums, first time voters, and voters showing up at the wrong precinct and/or address changes.

Mr. Laye chose to elaborate on the first three. 1) The precinct size: Spartanburg County has been blessed to have growth in population and industries. But at the same time, some precincts have grown. There are 92 precincts – the smallest is Una with 459 voters and the largest is Boiling Springs A precinct with 6500 total registered voters. The number of active voters is a little less. Early voting would certainly be one of the factors that could help influence that, but the primary issue is to focus on reducing the precinct size.

The State Election Commission sends to the General Assembly by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every January a listing of those precincts whose size has grown beyond 1500. Fifty-two of the 92 precincts are in that category. Forty-two are exceeding 2000. The Registration and Elections were able to handle precincts that totaled around 3000 in number. There were long lines at some precincts and no lines at other precincts.

If the General Assembly does not choose to act by April 1, the County Voter Registration Commission would proceed to alter those precincts working in conjunctions with the delegation. The House/Senate district lines will not be changed. Currently, some preliminary research has been done to proceed with the necessary changes.

2) Spartanburg County needs additional trained poll managers. If Spartanburg County staffed according to the statute, with one poll managers for every x number of registered voters, Mr. Laye would have had to deploy over 1000 poll managers. This past election Spartanburg County had less than 500 poll managers. It is difficult to get people to sign up for poll managers. Please spread the word that poll managers are needed.

3) The other is regarding alphabetizing the lines, particularly with those precincts that had the laptops with the electronic voter registration lists. The laptops were received through the state at no charge. There were no capabilities to link the computers; therefore they had to be alphabetized. Invariably, everybody from A to L would show up at one precinct and nobody from M to Z. It became an issue of long lines at some of the precincts and not at others. The department is working with the State Election Commission to see what needs to be done to link the computers in order to have A through Z on every station. Laptops are not available for all precincts, but the move to the cyber age needs to be addressed.

There has been one initial cost from Spartanburg County to change the software at \$37,000 to allow the linkage of computers which excludes the linking hardware. It would be nice to have bar coding or scannable registration cards, driver's license or a state issued ID. Some of the commercial systems out there do that. The Voter Registration chair, Don Watson, went to one of the precincts, scanned his driver's license – It said, Mr. Watson you are a registered voter, but you have to vote at your precinct, you can't vote here at Spartanburg High. Issues needs to be addressed on how voters are handled at the polls.

Mr. Laye re-iterated that the delegation assistance is needed to affect the changes and privileges to both serve the voting public. The department offers their assistance in understanding the various legislation that is out there dealing with changes and/or additions and new legislation to voter registration and election laws.

Mr. Laye has just been appointed to the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Committee; therefore he will be delving into these matters even more than he has in the past.

## **10. MR. CHRIS STORY, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL 2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Mr. Story delivered comments from County Council about some legislative issues on the delegation plate for this year. In the spirit of partnership and cooperation, some of the input that County Council may have on a set of the many issues, they recognize first and foremost that the message to deliver is ‘Thank you very much for your efforts to responsibly face up to the challenges and know it is daunting and difficult.

The County simply wants to call ten issues that affect the way local county governments function, which may be in areas that the county could work together with the delegation. The list is by no means any individual council members list. Council may disagree with many aspects and they may have their own unique list that they may want to communicate to all directly. This is simply a list of ten that affect the county as a whole that the County Council has endorsed together.

The first on the list is the need for a comprehensive tax reform. There has been a great deal of discussion about tax reform, but the county thinks it is particularly important as they have seen and gone through the first re-appraisal on property taxes. The number of well informed active citizens who with a reasonable effort, are not able to make sense of what is driving the change in the property tax bills. The state has a situation that is so complex that the citizens do not understand it and that breeds distrust and inefficiency in the system irrespective of whether or how one might feel about their level of taxes charged.

The second is the continued call for local spending caps which are unnecessary and counterproductive. The smaller the jurisdiction, the greater rate of change can occur. Spending caps may tie one year expenditures to the next may be attractive in concept, but in reality there may be situations that communities experience change of rate that cannot be accommodated with a limited situation.

The third is the local governments need greater flexibility in regards to SPDs. The County believes this is something that SPDs support as well. As communities change, it eliminates its growth ability without having to engage the full length of the legislative process to make some service delivery changes. Hands are tied with the SPDs with matching resources to needs in regard to emergency services and other SPD issues.

Fourth is to encourage attention to state road maintenance programs. The county is finding that the further they are into implementing a County proactive routine maintenance road program; they are seeing more calls and questions in regard to the state level maintenance efforts. The County just wants to encourage that level of cooperation.

Fifth is the need of help on the air quality issues. The County is currently not meeting the new standards that will be implemented next year for ground level ozone. We all know air does not know any jurisdictional boundaries. As much as the County can accomplish, they will still fall short without the cooperation for statewide policies and additional resources to support this effort.

The next is the call for local governments to act aggressively on federal stimulus funds. At this point, no one knows what the final form will be. But, the County wants to work with the delegation they can to move aggressively in hopes to identify opportunities to Spartanburg County.

The County would like conversations with the delegation to streamline the magisterial court functions over the next several years. Magisterial court is one of the things that the senatorial delegation has authority over, but it falls within the county budget. The County thinks there may be some ways they can deal with disbursing resource structure.

The call for financial transparency is one that the County is very supportive of; they are excited to cooperate with the spirit of calls for sharing information of our financial structure. The County encourages delegation members that some of the legislation that has been proposed doesn’t adequately relate to the broader notion of truly forming their systems about what they are doing and why. Some of them may be difficult to implement in local governments. One size doesn’t fit all in those requirements.

The County also would like to work with members over the coming years to develop a multiyear plan for the C Fund program. They are very grateful for the committed folks that are appointed to the County Transportation Committee. They have a terrific working relationship with the committee, but they think they may be able to leverage dollars further and better match up with local resources and state resources by engaging in conversations of working together on some multiyear planning.

Finally, the County is working hard at the local level with local municipalities on a way to deal with nuisance properties to bring them back to a productive use and encouraging re-development. There are some legislative ways that the County could work together to make it easier for those properties to be turned around, make it easier to hold unresponsive property owners responsible for their actions, and increase the rate of exchange that can be achieved in cleaning up communities to make them attractive for investment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

No report, but Representative Allison did speak to the Chambers rural community leadership. They have great representation from across rural Spartanburg County. Representative Allison is waiting to receive a list of the Spartanburg Chamber meetings.

### **12. REPRESENTATIVE KELLY – COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

No report, but will have a detailed report next time.

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

**Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director ACOG – Overall Council management and operations**

Representative Forrester did attend his first meeting on January 23 and learned that \$3.5M has been programmed through the rural transportation system improvement funds for fiscal year 2009-2010 to support the Highway 9 widening.

Mr. Pelissier distributed a summary of activities regarding ACOG services to Spartanburg County. Over the past year, ACOG was able to provide funding of \$6,562,166 back into Spartanburg County through the programs of the Council of Governments of which \$795,972 were in loans to small locally owned entrepreneurial businesses in the County to get started, expand, and enhance their technology. Those funds leveraged an additional \$2,547,110 in private capital investment, created 44 new jobs in the county and retained 12 jobs. Almost \$2M in direct federal grants of which \$1M was applied to the town of Wellford for sewer improvements; \$500,000 applied to the Greer CPW water tower project and \$475,000 applied to the Town of Pacolet Central Business District Sewer project. \$769,000 in funding programs for the aging which includes congruent meals, home delivered meals, medical services, transportation, home health care and adult day care; and, \$475,000 in Rural Transportation System Improvement Funds that comes out of that

\$3.5M Mr. Forrester talked about earlier. ACOG has a little over \$3M programmed for that.

Like everybody else COG participated in the budget cuts this year and certainly understands their responsibility to share that as well. The state funds provided to the Council of Governments is used as match money on federal programs, as well as to provide for services to small governments that don't have in-house professional staff who need help and don't have a lot of money to help pay for it.

**14. REPRESENTATIVE LITTLEJOHN – SPATS**

No report, but SPATS is continuing on the long range plan of the Highway 9 project for Boiling Springs.

**15. REPRESENTATIVE MILLWOOD – CHILDREN'S SHELTER**

No report as Representative Millwood was absent.

**16. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

No funding requests have been submitted.

**17. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

No applications have been submitted for consideration of Parks and Recreation funds.

**18. REPRESENTATIVE PARKER – POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Representative Parker looked for ways to save taxpayers money when recommending changes to the Delegation Policy and Procedure manual.

Representatives Parker reported the policy states that Boards/Commissions openings would be posted on the Internet through a link with the Spartanburg County website. But the policy went on to state that notification of openings will be provided to chambers of commerce, churches, senior citizens groups, and civic organizations.

However, the cost associated with providing such notifications of openings to all the listed groups would be astronomical, and on top of that, if somebody was accidentally left out, it could be challenged in a lawsuit.

Therefore, with the advice of Representative Derham Cole, there has been a slight change in the notification process. The proposed sentence reads as follows: Notification of openings will be *further* provided to *those persons or organizations that have requested such notice, in writing, to the County Legislative Delegation office.*

**Under II. POLICY** Item number **03. Agenda items** the word future was deleted in order to avoid confusion.

**Under I. RULES** Item number **01. Official Rules** The Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation

adopted Robert's Rules of Order as official rules on April 8, 1991. It has been that way for years and years.

**Under I, RULES Item number 03. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation** the entire paragraph has been struck out and the following paragraph is proposed to read as follows: *Beginning in 2009, a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation shall be elected in conjunction with each calendar year on a rotating basis between the Senators and House members for a one year period. Members of the Delegation shall have served in their respective elected positions for a minimum of one year before offering to serve as Chair/Vice Chair; he/she cannot offer to serve for a period of two years without unanimous consent of the delegation. House members shall serve in odd number of years and senate members in even number years.*

With all the noted changes, Representative Parker moved to approve the changes as submitted effective this day February 2, 2009 and time. Representative Rita Allison seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Representative Lanny Littlejohn turned the appointment portion of the agenda over to Representative Keith Kelly.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **19. ARKWRIGHT FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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

Receiving no applications, Representative Forrester moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting. The motion carried.

#### **20. GLENDALE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Ed Brown. Application received: Edward E. Brown

Representative Littlejohn moved to nominate Edward E. Brown. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### **21. HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE-RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Ronald R. Garrett and Matthew Henderson. Applications received: Robert L. Holleman, Jr., Ronald L. Blackwell, Ronald R. Garrett and Brenda Ledford.

Representative Allison moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting as she has received another application via e-mail. The motion carried.

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

Terms of Milton Smith, Jr., Audrey T. Grant, C. Dan Adams, Albert Smith, William R. Cobb, James R. Smith, John Bernard Travers (Cherokee County), and L. Andrew Westbrook III (Greenville County). Applications received: John Bernard Travers (Cherokee County), James R. (Jim) Smith, Albert V. Smith, William R. Cobb, Milton A. Smith, Jr., Carey Daniel Adams (Greenville County), and Jane Golightly Bottsford.

Representative Allison made a motion to nominate all received applicants and carry over one appointment until the May meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

**23. SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

Term of Kathleen Baechle. Application received: None

Receiving no applications, Representative Littlejohn moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting.

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

Terms of John Edwards, F. Gary Towery, and William G. Sarratt. Applications received: F. Gary Towery and William G. Sarratt.

Representative Allison moved to nominate F. Gary Towery and William G. Sarratt. Representative Littlejohn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. John Edwards's term will be carried over and addressed in the May meeting.

**25. INMAN CAMPOBELLO WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of David E. Gibson. Application received: David E. Gibson

Representative Kelly moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting. The motion carried by acclamation.

**26. GLENN SPRINGS PAULINE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Edward B. Peeler, Susan Montgomery and William E. Shirah. Applications received: William Marion Finch, William E. Shirah and Edward B. Peeler.

Representative Littlejohn made a motion to nominate William Finch, William Shirah and Edward Peeler. The motion was seconded by Representative Allison. The motion carried.

## **27. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

Representative Mitchell moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting. The motion carried.

## **28. VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD**

Terms of Dodie Graham, Robert G. Hamilton, and F. Don Watson. Applications received: June Bond, Frederick Don Watson, Dorothy T. Moss, Dottie Broyles, Ronald Herbert Blanchard, Cindy Church and Daniel Gamble.

There were no Senators in attendance; therefore, this appointment was carried over until the May meeting.

## **29. 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 Hendrix, Thomas Edward Boyce, Sr., Harold E. (Hal) Hall, James V. Painter, and A. Murray Glenn.

Representative Forrester moved to nominate James Jackson, Thomas Boyce, Harold Hall and James Painter. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **30. NORTH SPARTANBURG FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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

Representative Parker moved to nominate Willie Browning and Paul Jolly. The motion was seconded and carried.

**31. WESTVIEW-FAIRFOREST FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Terms of Jerry Lee Walker, and Dr. Charles (Chuck) Bagwell. Applications received: Jerry Lee Walker, Jeff Knight, Todd Gilmore, Stacy Thompson, Rick Simmons, Jay Erick Hammett, Dr. Charles Bagwell, and Herbert Roy Hayes. (A resignation letter was received from Dr. Charles Bagwell on February 2, 2009).

Representative Forrester moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

**32. WHITNEY FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Terms of Bill Hobbs and James R. Forbis. Applications received: James R. Forbis, Bill Hobbs, Randy Pucetas and Linda Y. Cox.

Representative Cole moved to carry this appointment over until the May meeting. Representative Littlejohn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**33. STARTEX FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Terms of David L. Winchell and Jimmy D. McMillan. Applications received: David L. Winchell I, Jimmy D. McMillan, and Delano B. Williams. (Mr. Winchell has moved out of the district, therefore, does not qualify to serve.)

Representative Allison moved to nominate Jimmy McMillan and Delano Williams. The motion was seconded and carried.

**34. ELECTION COMMISSION**

Term of David Collins. Applications received: Caroline Broyles, Sean C. Coburn, Susan Sease, Rick McCraw and Robert G. Hamilton.

Representative Littlejohn moved to nominate Sean Coburn and Robert Hamilton. Representative Parker moved to nominate Caroline Broyles. The motions were seconded by Representative Forrester. The motion carried. However, Caroline Broyles withdrew her application to serve on the Election Commission.

**35. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to address.

**36. NEW BUSINESS**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 4, 2009

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

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Lanny Littlejohn, Delegation Chairman

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