



MINUTES

Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in County Council chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building, located at 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. Chairman Max Hyde presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Tom Corbin – Present
Senator Josh Kimbrell – Present
Senator Scott Talley – Absent
Senator Shane Martin – Present
Senator Harvey Peeler – Absent
Representative Dennis Moss- Absent
Representative Brian Lawson- Absent
Representative Rosalyn Henderson-Myers - Present
Representative Max Hyde. – Present
Representative Travis Moore – Present
Representative Roger Nutt – Present
Representative William Chumley – Present
Representative Robert Harris – Present
Representative Steven Long – Present
Representative Josiah Magnuson – Present

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was mailed/emailed in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

Chairman Max Hyde called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Senator Shane Martin
Pledge of Allegiance was given by Representative Josiah Magnuson

At this time Chairman Hyde recognized the judicial candidates and any other elected officials and visitors that were present at the meeting.

1. Approval of the February 6, 2023, meeting minutes

Motion was made by Representative Chumley to approve the February 6, 2023, minutes as written. Second was made by Representative Henderson-Myers. Minutes were approved.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

3. Spartanburg County Commission for Technical & Community Education

Term(s) of: Eugene S. Anderson, Jr. (District 2); Kimberly A. Fowler (District 1-At Large Member)
Application(s) Received: Eugene S. Anderson, Jr. (District 2); Kimberly A. Fowler (District 1-At Large Member)

Motion was made by Representative Long to nominate Eugene S. Anderson, Jr. and Kimberly A. Fowler for their respective seats and moved to close the nominations and they be elected by acclamation. Second made by Representative Chumley. Motion carried.

4. County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Term(s) of: Kyle R. Owings-House District 33; Doug Cobb – House District 35; Edward K. Humphries-House District 36

Application(s) Received: Kyle Robert Owings (District 33); W. Terry Knighton (District 35); Edward Kay Humphries (District 36)

Motion was made by Representative Harris to nominate Kyle Robert Owings- House District 33, W. Terry Knighton- House District 35, Edward Kay Humphries- House District 36, and moved to close nominations and they be elected by acclamation. Second made by Representative Nutt. Motion carried.

5. Children’s Foster Care Review Board 7-A

Term(s) of: Rick Beltram (resigned)

Application(s) Received: None.

Motion was made by Senator Martin to carry over. Second was made by Senator Kimbrell. Motion carried.

6. Spartanburg Area Mental Health

Term(s) of: Cecilia J. Cogdell; Laura M. Hooks; Dr. Miriam “Jane” McCall; Hal Warlick(resigned)

Application(s) Received: Cecilia J. Cogdell; Dr. Miriam “Jane” McCall; Dr. Vanessa Thompson

Motion was made by Senator Martin to nominate Cecilia J. Cogdell, Dr. Miriam “Jane” McCall, Dr. Vanessa Thompson, and moved to close nominations and they be elected by acclamation. Second was made by Senator Kimbrell. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Senator Martin to carry over (Laura M. Hooks) seat. Second was made by Senator Kimbrell.

7. Veterans Affairs Officer

Term(s) of: Brent Danny Cobb

Application(s) Received: Brent Danny Cobb

Motion was made by Senator Kimbrell to nominate Brent Danny Cobb and moved to close nominations and he be re-elected by acclamation. Second was made by Senator Martin. Motion carried.

8. Glenn Springs-Pauline Rural Fire District

Term(s) of: Jeffrey W. Chandler; Peter T. Reich

Application(s) Received: Peter T. Reich

Motion was made by Senator Martin to nominate Peter T. Reich and moved to carry over the term of Jeffrey W. Chandler. Second was made by Representative Moore. Motion carried.

9. North Spartanburg Fire and Rescue District

Term(s) of: James W. Fowler, Jr. (deceased)

Application(s) Received: None

Motion was made by Senator Kimbrell to carry over nomination since we have no applications. Second was made by Senator Martin. Motion carried.

10. Reidville Area Fire District

Term(s) of: Kenneth W. Snow

Application(s) Received: Kenneth Wayne Snow

Motion was made by Representative Chumley to nominate Kenneth Wayne Snow. Second was made by Representative Magnuson. Motion carried.

11. Startex Fire District

Term(s) of: Roy Wade Crow (resigned)
Application(s) Received: Keith Gordon Thomason

Motion was made by Representative Harris to nominate Keith Gordon Thomason and the nominations be closed and approve him by acclamation. Second was made by Representative Magnuson. Motion carried.

12. Whitney Area Fire District

Term(s) of: James Forbis (deceased); Ronald J. Sienkiewicz
Application(s) Received: None

Motion was made by Senator Martin to carry over. Second was made by Representative Henderson-Myers. Motion carried.

13. Inman-Campobello Water District Commission

Term(s) of: Michael R. Raven
Application(s) Received: Michael R. Raven

Motion was made by Representative Magnuson to nominate Michael R. Raven and the nominations be closed and he be elected by acclamation. Second was made by Representative Nutt. Motion carried.

Chairman Hyde recognized Senator Martin. Senator Martin states that he and Representative Moore have this evening a joint meeting they need to attend of the Glendale, Drayton, Pacolet Fire District Commissioners and they need to be excused.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Representative Hyde – Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce

No report.

15. Senator Moore – Chapman Cultural Center

No report.

16. Representative Henderson-Myers – Council of Government (COG)

Had a meeting last Friday, primarily about broad band and infrastructure in the rural areas. Will have more to report at next meeting.

17. Representative Henderson-Myers – SPATS

No report.

18. Representative Chumley- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

No report.

19. Senator Long- PARD Grant

PARD stands for Parks and Recreation Development. PARD grants are a part of the state budget that goes back down to the counties managed by the Legislative Delegation. Funds from the PARD grants expires after three (3) years. So, there is no rush in getting those awarded and we have several applications that we are still reviewing and also taking a more broad look at the needs across the county for our parks.

20. Representative Nutt- Spartanburg Area Transportation committee (CTC)

CTC Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2023:

Total Unobligated Funds as of March 31, 2023: \$1,315,401.85
(These funds can be used on new projects)

Funding Available after FY23 Liabilities \$ 505,401.85

Estimated Revenue for FY 2023:

Gas Tax for FY 2023 - \$5,053,400 \$2,105,583.33
(5 months @421,116.67/mo)

Donor County Funds -
Interest-Recurring Funds (Quarters 1 and 2) \$ 140,353.00
Interest-Non-Recurring Funds 2022 (Quarters 1 and 2) \$ 17,994.00
Interest-Non-Recurring Funds 2023 (Quarters 1 and 2) \$ 46,472.00

Total Estimated Revenue \$2,310,402.19

New Projects Approved for this quarter:

1. Project 23004S- Additional Funds requested \$271,688.15.
Resurfacing Fairforest Rd., N. Blackstock Rd., Old Blackstock Rd., Blackstock Rd., Finch Rd., Wofford St., and Baltimore St.
2. Project 23101L- \$150,000 for the resurfacing of Gibbs Rd. from the intersection of Hwy. 292 to Israel Drive (approximately 0.25 miles). This is a partnership with the DOT (\$150K) and Town of Wellford (\$100K).
3. Project 23017L- Annual Paving for City of Spartanburg. Project request is for 50% of the project costs up to \$310,000. Remainder of project to be funded by City of Spartanburg.

CTC New Business

1. Approved – CTC and Spartanburg County Annual Agreement.
2. Approved – Changes to CTC Plan to include provisions for two new House members (District 29 and 30) to be on the CTC full committee.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is Thursday, July 13, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.

The next CTC meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS

21. Louis Nespeca, citizen of Spartanburg County, The Roads.

Lou Nespeca in his presentation concerning the roads, informed that he has been a resident in South Carolina for 22 years and has seen the roads progressively decline. Mr. Nespeca referred to the last Delegation meeting, stated pay raise percent for Christy Hall (S.C. Dept. Of Transportation Secretary), the condition of Hwy. 26, Road 357, 85 Connector with I-85, and tax monies not being used to fix the roads. Also, Mr. Nespeca stated he applaud all Delegation issues and efforts to get abortion eliminated in South Carolina. He stated the need to protect the children from people attacking after they are born. People attacking five (5) year old for their sexuality and saying they should decide on what they want to be

sexually when they are five. Let the children be children. Continue your efforts to protect the kids until they are well into their teens when they can make an informed decision.

22. Sevi Alvarez, CPA, “An Evaluation of the 2023 Legislative Session.”

Sevi Alvarez in his presentation referred to 2023 Legislative session, informing and giving his evaluation of health care, education, infrastructure, and local government in South Carolina.

Chairman Hyde recognized Senator Kimbrell. Senator Kimbrell addressed Mr. Alvarez presentation.

23. Mike Behnke, citizen of Spartanburg County, Scout EV and Hate Crimes.

Mike Behnke in his presentation referred to multi-billion-dollar industries, infrastructure, tax breaks, unproven technology, SCWORKS.ORG job list, Scout EV, hate crimes, censored/non-censored videos and the need to protect our children. He agrees with the statement that children do not have the capability to make rational and informed decisions that will affect the rest of their lives. Mr. Behnke states stop the sexualization and mutualization of children.

24. Mary Levens, Executive Director of Spartanburg Science Center, Inaugural STEM Educator of the Year Awards for Spartanburg County.

Mary Levens in her presentation states this is the 45th year that Spartanburg Science Center has been in Spartanburg located at the Chapman Cultural Center. This year her board decided to hold their inaugural STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Educator of the Year for Spartanburg County. We have seven (7) school districts and nominations have been opened to students, parents, spouses, colleagues, and administrators to nominate someone who is out there working or has made an impact on them. Every district will have a STEM Educator of the Year and on October 5th in Spartanburg, we will introduce those teachers and out of that will come Spartanburg County STEM Educator of the Year. Spartanburg County is growing and is growing with STEM jobs, we want to tell those companies that are coming in that we are very well in all seven school districts preparing these students in STEM jobs. We have a lot of colleges, universities working with us, they can open-up, say here is the next level, we will keep the best and the brightest here in Spartanburg County. We are looking to celebrate the creativity, perseverance, and fortitude of the teachers.

25. Larry Bates, citizen of Spartanburg County, “Republican Legislators Should Not Allow Legalization of Marijuana as Medicine. Marijuana is Not Medicine.”

Larry Bates in his presentation states that he spoke on this same topic at the last Delegation meeting, he does not believe we need marijuana legalized and redefined as medication in this state. Mr. Bates referred to last session Bill S150, Senate, House, Family Caucus, Democrat and Republican political parties.

Chairman Hyde recognized Representative Henderson-Myers. Representative Henderson-Myers addressed Mr. Bates presentation.

Chairman Hyde recognized Senator Corbin. Senator Corbin addressed Mr. Bates presentation.

Chairman Hyde pointed out that we have been very generous and tolerant with the same 3 or 4 speakers who come to every meeting land bastion the Delegation, taping each other and that sort of thing. Please, if you are going to come back and speak every meeting, speak on a new topic or we will more in fatidic about enforcing the rule.

26. Old Business

None.

27. New Business

None.

28. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Senator Kimbrell. Second was made by Representative Chumley. All in favor. Chairman Hyde states meeting adjourned.

Max Hyde, Chairman

Attested: Debbie S. Culbreth

Date

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