



PROPOSED MINUTES

Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2018
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Building located at 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. Chairman Scott Talley presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Tom Corbin - Absent
Senator Glenn Reese - Present
Senator Scott Talley - Present
Senator Shane Martin - Absent
Senator Harvey Peeler - Present
Representative Rosalyn Henderson-Myers - 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 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 Scott Talley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Representative Tallon.

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

1. Approval of the May 7, 2018 meeting minutes

Motion was made by Senator Talley to approve the minutes as written. Second was made by Representative Allison. Minutes were approved.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

2. Renewable Water Resources Board (ReWa)

Term(s) of: New Board

Application(s) Received: Douglas E. Cobb

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Representative Forrester to carry this item over. Second was made by Representative Allison. Motion carried.

3. Children's Foster Care Review Board 7C

Term(s) of: Robert Mahaffey (Resigned); Carole Self (Resigned)
Application(s) Received: None

Senator Talley made a motion to carry over. Second was made by Representative Allison. Motion carried.

4. County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Term(s) of: Ernestine Anderson - House District 31; Charles R. Morris, Jr. - House District 35
Application(s) Received: None

Motion was made by Representative Tallon to carry this item over. Second was made by Representative Henderson-Myers. Motion carried.

5. Department of Social Services (DSS)

Term(s) of: Lisa White
Application(s) Received: Helen M. Pendarvis

Motion was made by Representative Tallon to carry this item over. Second was made by Representative Magnuson. Representative Henderson-Myers voted no. Motion carried.

6. Spartanburg Area Mental Health

Term(s) of: John L. Brady; Robert K. Hendrix
Application(s) Received: None

Croft Fire District

Term(s) of: William B. Littlejohn, Jr. (Resigned)
Application(s) Received: None

Senator Talley asked for unanimous consent to carry over these two items. Representative Tallon made a motion that nominations for Spartanburg Area Mental Health and Croft Fire District be carried over. Second was made by Representative Allison. Motion carried.

7. Westview Fairforest Fire District

Term(s) of: Bobby E. Wilder; John S. Mason
Application(s) Received: Jeffrey A. Lehrer; William S. Thompson; Bobby E. Wilder

Motion was made by Representative Forrester to nominate Jeffrey A. Lehrer and Bobby E. Wilder. Senator Martin was not in attendance but sent his nomination by Representative Tallon for Bobby E. Wilder.. Second was made by Representative Allison to nominate Jeffrey A. Lehrer and Bobby E. Wilder. Motion carried.

8. Whitney Area Fire District

Term(s) of: Edith W. Bailey; Andrew R. Wolfe
Application(s) Received: Edith W. Bailey; Andrew R. Wolfe

Motion was made by Representative Cole to nominate Edith W. Bailey and Andrew R. Wolfe. Second was made by Representative Henderson-Myers. Motion carried.

9. Woodruff Roebuck Water District

Term(s) of: Cecil Bearden (Deceased)
Application(s) Received: Patsy L. Taylor

Motion was made by Representative Chumley to nominate Patsy L. Taylor. Second was made by Representative Magnuson. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. Representative Allison – Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce

State chamber report card is out and in the local report:

- 1) Frontier Airlines has doubled flights to Orlando, Florida
- 2) USC Upstate and Suntrust have partnered for a financial literacy program
- 3) Drayton Mills Marketplace announced three new businesses this year
- 4) Leadership Spartanburg kicks off on September 6.

11. Senator Martin – Chapman Cultural Center

No report

12. Representative Forrester – Council of Government (COG)

COG is working with Upstate MSE looking for areas of improvement of freight cars shipping for BMW suppliers out of the Inland Port.

13. Representative Forrester – SPATS

A public hearing will be held on August 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Spartanburg Country Club regarding the Country Club Road widening project.

14. Representative Long – Hope Center for Children

No report

15. Senator Talley – DNR

This item will be discussed later in the meeting along with a presentation by Amy E. Staton, 1st Sgt., SC Dept. of Natural Resources, request for Water Recreational Resources and County Game and Fish Funds.

16. Representative Tallon – Spartanburg County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Total Unobligated Funds as of June 30, 2018: \$1,964,805.57
(These funds can be used on new projects)

Estimated Revenue For FY 2018:

Gas Tax for FY 2018 - \$3,344,500	\$ 278,708 (estimated Gas Tax to receive in June)
Donor County Funds	\$1,864,200
Gas Tax for FY 2019 (Includes Act 40 Proceeds)	\$3,812,000

Total Estimated Revenue \$5,954,908.33

New Project Approved for this quarter:

Project Request #1124, Rep. Long set-a-side, in the amount of \$25,000, 4th Street widening

Project Request #1125, Rep. Long set-a-side, in the amount of \$25,000, Belcher Road bridge replacement

Revisions to the CTC Policy regarding Act 40 and the Delegation Set-a-Side were unanimously approved. (Copy in your books showing the revisions in red).

Earnestine Anderson's resignation from the CTC was accepted by unanimous vote.

Next CTC Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday, September 6, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m. and the next CTC full committee meeting is Thursday, October 18 @ 5:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS

17. Henry Laye, Director, Registration and Elections, School Voting Locations

Mr. Laye presented the Delegation with concerns of special elections being held on days during school hours and voters coming in and out of schools compromising the safety of students and staff.

Mr. Laye reported that according to Act 6-11-273, when a request for a special election is received the commissioners of election will schedule and conduct the requested referendum on the date specified by the SPD making the request. Mr. Laye is requesting the Delegation to review Act 6-11-273 and consider changing the language to require SPD's to work with the county election committee to select a date that either occurs when school is not in session, have the election on a Saturday or establish standardized dates for the referendum.

18. Shannon Fike – LEAD K, Language, Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids

Shannon Fike reported on the need for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children to learn and be able to use sign language or visual communication to help them function in school and excel in their future. Medical and educational professions do not recommend the full range of language and communication choices to families. Without visual communication children are often isolated from others affecting their learning abilities and other activities. Mrs. Fike is asking the Delegation to support a proposed bill in 2019 that will:

- Develop an unbiased, up-to-date, empirical data based brochure with ALL the options available to parents WITH the pros and cons of each, including projected costs. Brochure would also include the benchmarks of language development.
- Train current EI's to administer a language benchmark test to be given to Deaf/Hard of Hearing children every 6 months until they reach age 6.
- Train current EI's in visual language (ASL, SEE, Cued Speech) to use with infants and families to bridge the gap
- Create a remediation plan if a child fails to reach benchmarks within a year.

19. Amy E. Staton, 1st Sgt., SC Dept. of Natural Resources, Request for Water Recreational Resources and County Game & Fish Funds –

Amy Staton presented information on a request from SCDNR for Water Recreational Resources and County Game & Fish Funds in the amount of \$28,398.81. These funds will be used to purchase an 1860 War Eagle with 155 HP Yamaha Motor.

This DNR request was to be previously addressed on the agenda but was moved for Sgt. Staton to present material regarding the need for the motor being requested. Motion was made by Representative Tallon to approve. Second was made by Representative Forrester. Motion carried.

20. Old Business -

None

21. New Business -

Due to the mid-term elections being held on November 6, the November 5 Delegation meeting was moved to Tuesday, November 12, 2018 by unanimous consent.

Representative Cole announced this would be his last Delegation meeting. He thanked his family, friends and residents of House District 32 for supporting him for the ten years he served this district in Columbia.

22. Motion was made and by unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Talley, Chairman

Attested: Lisa W. LeMaster