



MINUTES
Spartanburg County
Legislative Delegation
Monday, May 6, 2013
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building, located at 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. Senator Shane Martin presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Tom Corbin - Present
Senator Glenn Reese – Present
Senator Lee Bright – Absent
Senator Shane Martin – Present
Senator Harvey Peeler – Present
Representative Harold Mitchell – Absent
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 Donna Wood – Present
Representative Doug Brannon – Present

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed/e-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 Chumley.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

On behalf of Governor Nikki Haley, Representative Allison, and other delegation members, presented thirteen Certificates of Appreciation to the 2nd Brigade Honor team of the South Carolina State Guard. This Honor team is comprised of both active and retired members. They began back in 2000, starting small with one person, then two, followed by several additional personnel. A few of these men continue to conduct military history and patriotic programs at schools, senior citizens groups, or to anybody that will listen to what this country is all about. At this point there are over four hundred programs they have given in the Upstate.

Since 2000, the team has participated in over thirteen hundred military funerals. The Honors team conducts full military funerals for our deserving military veterans to include firing of the rifles, a live bugler sounding taps, folding and presenting the flag to the next of kin.

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded approving the February 4, 2013 meeting minutes as presented and printed.

2. MR. NEIL WILLIS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER – UPDATE ON MEETINGS

Mr. Willis did not attend the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – SPARTANBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In April, the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual membership meeting; a health care summit; a small business roundtable on how to finance small businesses; and, have been busy with their spring CEO social, as well as continuing their brown bag lunch seminar series, and Business After Hours. This year, their Leadership Spartanburg is holding a fund raiser benefit for the McCarthy Teasler School.

The area councils are also busy at the Middle Tyger, Woodruff, East Spartanburg, Pacolet, Boiling Springs, and the Foothills.

4. SENATOR SHANE MARTIN – CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER

No report.

5. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

Representative Forrester presented the 2012 highlights of the Appalachian Council of Governments as published on their website.

ACOG has been working on streetscape efforts in the City of Chesnee and the Town of Cowpens. Cowpens is looking toward establishing a Farmer's Market; therefore, ACOG is working with them on a USDA grant.

The Town of Duncan is working on improving their employee handbook, and, examining downtown revitalization efforts.

ACOG has given some technical assistance to the local fire departments in the Cities of Inman and Lyman.

The Town of Pacolet has submitted an application for ARC funds for the Pacolet River Passage

Gateway project.

There are several recycling garbage/pickup routes in the City of Spartanburg.
The City of Wellford is working with COG for health care/medical services in the area.
COG is working on a CDBG grant in the City of Woodruff for the Cavin Road conservation project.

These county projects total up to \$1.6M.

6. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – SPATS

The staff of SPATS and the Greenville Area Transit Authority is looking to coordinate the traffic signals between Greenville thru Greer into Spartanburg on Highway 29 to make the route an alternative travel road for Interstate 85 which has become increasingly crowded.

Representative Wood noted that it would be helpful if the counties would implement a consistent speed limit in the area.

7. REPRESENTATIVE WOOD – HOPE CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Representative Wood has spoken to Ms. Chamlee Losciuto, the executive director of the Hope Center who stated they have received a grant to help with some of their offered programs.

8. REPRESENTATIVE CHUMLEY - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

No report.

9. REPRESENTATIVE BRANNON - POLICY AND PROCEDURES

No report.

10. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – UPSTATE CAUCUS

No report.

11. REPRESENTATIVE TALLON– SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The approved projects in the April 18th CTC meeting included a set-aside from Representative Allison for the Town of Wellford to pipe an existing ditch at \$6,000; a set-aside from Representative Chumley for the Town of Reidville to place wayfinding and historical signs in the historical district of Reidville at \$14,000; a set-aside from Representative Cole to full depth patch and resurface Woodburn Road from Boyd Street to Connecticut Street in the City of Spartanburg at \$49,280; a set-aside from Representative Tallon for the Pacolet River Gateway project at \$21,300; resurfacing streets in the City

of Spartanburg in the amount of \$354,000; the CTC/Spartanburg County Contract in the amount of \$264,000; Widening of Blalock Road at Highway 9 (Sterling Estates), a 50/50 match with Road Fee dollars - total project estimated cost at \$644,000 in House District 37. Also in House District 37, replacement of the River Forest Bridge at \$488,000 a 50/50 match with County Road Fee dollars. The total estimated cost of the bridge replacement is \$977,000.

12. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

No report.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

13. FOSTER CARE REVIEW 7A

Resignations of Todd Stephens and Weldon Davis.

Application received: Ashley Michele Wright

Representative Forrester moved to carry the appointment over. The motion was seconded and carried.

14. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Term of Doris Tidwell.

Applications received: Cheryl Ann Jeter Jones and G. Curtis Walker

Representative Wood moved to carryover the appointment. The motion was seconded and carried.

15. GLENDALE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Ed Brown.

Application received: Ed Brown

Representative Tallon moved to nominate Ed Brown and thanked him for his twenty years of service. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

16. SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (CTC)

Terms of Sam Evatt (House District 34), and Charles R. “Chet” Morris (House District 35)

Applications received: Sam Evatt (House District 34) and Charles R. “Chet” Morris (House District

35)

Representative Forrester moved to nominate Mr. Sam Evatt for re-appointment. Representative Tallon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Chumley moved to nominate Mr. Chet Morris for re-appointment. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

17. VETERAN'S AFFAIRS OFFICER

Term of R. Greg Walker

Application received: R. Greg Walker

Representative Brannon proudly moved to nominate Mr. Greg Walker to continue to serve as Spartanburg County Veterans Affairs Officer, and moved to close the nomination. Representative Tallon and Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Lynn O'Dell was recognized for the great job she has done in the VA office.

18. REIDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Bill Godfrey and James L. Gossett

Applications received: Danny Daniels, Bruce Goldberg, Gary Corbin, Shaun Snow, Eric Buchner and Lawson Berry Watson, Jr.

Representative Chumley addressed the confusion, misunderstanding, and unclear issues regarding eligibility to serve, therefore, moved to carry the appointment over. The motion was seconded and carried.

19. FORESTRY BOARD

Term of Samuel Maw, Jr.

Application received: Daniel B. Hughes

Representative Tallon moved to nominate Mr. Daniel Hughes. Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

20. NEW PROSPECT FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Russell W. Young

Application received: Russell W. Young

Representative Brannon moved to nominate Russell Young for re-appointment. Senator Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried.

21. DRAYTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of A. Leon Tennyson

Application received: A. Leon Tennyson

Representative Cole moved to nominate A. Leon Tennyson for re-appointment. Representative Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

22. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

23. NEW BUSINESS

A member of the Inman Campobello Water District requested questions about a Proviso that is being presented as the District would like to have an extension of time in order to be able to put in an existing surface water application, and request the delegation give favorable consideration when it is presented before the full committee.

Inman Campobello Water District has an ongoing application for a surface water treatment facility. As DHEC is known to do, they have changed their rules in midstream. A letter was declared, the director of the water district did not received notice. Because this notice was not received, the requisite letter was not sent in. It is Representative Brannon's understanding that Senator Reese has agreed to add a proviso to the budget (which would have no monetary effect on the budget) but simply allow the water district an extension of time to request that the application continue to remain open.

The Water District is requesting the delegation support the budgetary proviso.

Senator Reese indicated the committee completed the budget Friday. The proviso is basically one line. The only monetary issue to make it germane is the Water District did pay a thousand dollar permit fee. The affective date is July 15. Senator Reese will make sure it stays on the floor, then in conference committee.

Senator Reese also addressed the delegation regarding a quasi local bill involving some ducks on Lake Blalock. DNR wanted to be able to allow some duck hunting on the upper end of Lake Blalock. Some public input is needed before passing. It is on the calendar, but the Senate is holding it. The situation will be reviewed before a decision is made to allow duck hunting on Lake Blalock. This may need to be held until the public input is received and analyzed.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Shane Martin, Chairman

Attested: Carol Crowe