



**MINUTES**  
**Spartanburg County**  
**Legislative Delegation**  
**Monday, November 12, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building, located at 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. Representative Mike Forrester presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Tom Corbin - Present  
Senator Glenn Reese – Present  
Senator Lee Bright – Present  
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 Rita Allison.

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Senators and Representatives by Judge Raymond Eubanks.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Representative Rita Allison presented a Resolution to recognize and honor Cryovac for its excellence as a Spartanburg County Corporate Citizen in Job Creation and Economic Development, and to congratulate

the Company on their Fiftieth Anniversary of a Revolutionary Food-Packaging Product. Mr. Don Smith, Director of Marketing for Poultry & Seafood Packaging for Sealed Air's Cryovac brand accepted the Resolution.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Representative Forrester opened the floor for nominations of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Senator Peeler moved to nominate Senator Shane Martin for Chairman and Representative Derham Cole, Jr. as Vice Chairman. Representative Tallon seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Forrester then turned the gavel over to Chairman Shane Martin.

Chairman Martin introduced Senator Tom Corbin who represents a portion of the north western section of Spartanburg County, along with Representative Donna Wood who represents House District 37 in the Boiling Springs area.

### **1. DR. MOORE, USC UPSTATE – UPDATE**

Dr. Moore congratulated the delegation members on their election/re-election to represent the people of Spartanburg County in the South Carolina General Assembly.

Dr. Moore expressed his deep appreciation for all the trust, support, cooperation, calls and comments that has been made to him in his fifteen months as a resident of Spartanburg.

Dr. Moore and staff are very interested in working with the University system, the State Legislature and the Governor's Office to create a system of accountability based funding. The entire system of the University of South Carolina, but particularly USC Upstate, produces degrees that are of high value, high quality and low cost. Any system that is designed to reward efforts for educating South Carolinians toward baccalaureate degree completion, USC Upstate needs to benefit from. USC Upstate needs support and resources to make the University the most efficient public institution per degree in the State of South Carolina.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2012, MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Brannon moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting. Representative Derham Cole, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **3. MR. GREG WALKER, VETERAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR – UPDATE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE**

Mr. Walker thanked the delegation for giving him the opportunity to be the Spartanburg County Veterans Affairs Director and pointed out how he has worked diligently with the County Information Technology (IT) department to have the office computers upgraded with 20<sup>th</sup> century technology enabling staff to serve more veterans in a timely manner.

According to the last census there are about 22,000 veterans residing in Spartanburg County. They bring a little over \$90M in revenue to the county through pensions and compensation. On average, the office has been seeing about 600 of those veterans for services.

Mr. Walker has been going non-stop since July and feels there has been very good progress made in his first four months of service. He has received his certification training; visited other county VA offices bringing back working procedures he liked and implemented versus re-inventing the wheel; met and established a relationship with the congressional representative and senators in order to help aid with veterans cases if needed; and, speaking to civic and service organizations educating the community of who the Veterans Affairs office is, and what they can do for them. If scheduling permits, he plans to see all the VFWs, American Legions, and DAVs in the area.

In the future, Mr. Walker plans on migrating to digitizing office records to bring the office online.

In the next few months he plans on establishing a new transportation program for veterans as for twenty years, Spartanburg County has been one of the counties in the state to provide veterans free transportation to medical and administrative appointments. However, the cost associated has drastically increased and the county is not going to be able to maintain the same level of service. Therefore, he is aggressively looking at different options to determine how the county can most effectively use county dollars to maintain the highest level of service for the veterans.

Mr. Walker requested delegation support with the transportation issues at hand as sometimes changes is not a welcome event.

### **4. MR. GERALD CHARLES – SEPTIC TANKS IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

The septic tank Bill, introduced by Senator Reese in 2007, has initially been approved by DHEC but is requesting modifications to the two tank system. Older tanks could be upgraded to the new tank standard as recommended.

Specific sized piping lines and venting system would be required preventing toxic sewer gasses from entering the home. The two compartment unit would need to be plumbed prior to the connection of the septic tank system.

Leakage could easily be determined by the homeowner or an inspector. The system can be constructed of concrete, fiberglass, blocks, and or heavy plastics and would be environmentally safe and economical to maintain.

Mr. Charles recommends a longer manufacturer warranty than two (2) years, as technology and standards are much higher these days than in the past. With a new South Carolina law, all systems would be warranted for a thirty (30) year period. However, he does not recommend the system be warranted to the homeowner/business/school, but warranted to the service property.

The design for schools, commercial or residential property would depend on the size.

Since DHEC has approved this type septic system, DHEC is requesting the legislature replace the word(s) 'will', currently emphasized in the Bill, to 'shall'.

## **5. MS. TRACEY JACKSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PIEDMONT CARE – HIV AND AIDS: A SPARTANBURG COUNTY PERSPECTIVE**

Piedmont Care is the AIDS service organization serving Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee counties. Ms. Jackson is actually presenting on behalf of the Spartanburg County HIV and AIDS committee, which is a group from the Spartanburg County Community Development department. The Community Development department houses the County committee for HIV and AIDS.

The HIV and AIDS: A Spartanburg County Perspective is a very important 6<sup>th</sup> edition report marking thirty (30) years of HIV and AIDS. Piedmont Care has recognized that HIV and AIDS was fully labeled and understood in June of 1981. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the report provides a local prospective on HIV and AIDS. South Carolina is ranked in the top ten in AIDS cases in the nation. More than 33M people are living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. This report is written for the lay person to understand and gives prospective, facts, causes, how HIV/AIDS is transmitted, not transmitted, definitions, a list of local resources for care, HIV prevention, as well as references.

The goal from the committee for this document was to describe the impact of HIV/AIDS to the community; educate the community about the epidemic; make recommendations not just to Spartanburg County but leaders across the region, and create a sense of urgency to spawn local support and response to the epidemic.

On page 12, the report begins the analysis of the critical issues – critical issues like economic impact of HIV and AIDS; health care, access to health care, transportation, mental health, and the affects of mental health, and HIV and AIDS epidemic.

Page 20 begins the list of recommendations to the community.

The booklet was delayed for about six months as the health law and policy clinic of Harvard came down to do a study of HIV and AIDS in South Carolina. After the research was completed, the committee accepted, adopted, and supports Harvard's recommendation to the community.

Piedmont Care thanked Spartanburg County for their more than fifteen years of efforts in working with local government to enlighten the community about HIV and AIDS as they have helped produce and publish this report.

## **6. MR. HENRY LAYE, DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS – UPDATE ON ELECTIONS**

Mr. Henry Laye gave a quick overview of his prospective of what occurred not only on Election Day but throughout the entire election year. It was very stressful, not only for the candidates involved, parties, press and people themselves, but starting in June with all the registration, declaration of candidacy, etc leading up to the November 6 election.

Beginning in January 1, 2013, South Carolina's voter photo ID law will take affect. A big strong campaign is planned to educate voters and others. Mr. Laye is sure that the first election in 2013, there will be some confusion but Voter Registration and Elections will do their best to make sure all are educated.

Regarding the Woodruff election - A first time clerk made a major error. Her intentions were correct and would have processed the voters quickly, but she made a major error. One of the mayoral candidates protested the election. The election commission met, as prescribed by law, to hear the protest and made the decision to invalidate the Woodruff mayoral election. (The election date will be set by the Governor's office.) To that poll clerk's credit, she readily admitted her mistake, did not try to spin it off or blame it on anybody else. This mistake will be discussed with all the precinct managers and clerks in the future to make sure we have strengthened the training program. Nowhere was it ever trained to just start handing out ballots, but this is an issue behind us and will proceed with the Woodruff election when it is scheduled.

As to the unprecedented use of paper ballots: One of the things that Voter Registration and Elections

did in planning for the November election, was to assume that the motor photo ID would take affect and as you know one of the provisions of that bill was that if someone could not present the proper photo ID, they would be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and sign an affidavit. Assuming there would be a lot of provisional ballots made, 20,000 different ballots were ordered to be distributed throughout the county. Little was known that when the voting machines failed to come up at several precincts that we would be using so many paper ballots. There was enough to handle the initial surge, but quickly ran out at several precincts – Woodland Heights Recreation Center and Cherokee Springs. Then we began to use some extra absentee ballots (clerks even made copies on local copy machines). All those ballots were returned, every single one was counted. The election commission and a group of people counted every single ballot, double checked it, and the results were entered into the voting registration system. The beauty of the election system is that we had the plans to have a back-up system. Mr. Laye stressed that the I votronic voting machines performed perfectly.

The database, the cause of the whole issue, to the use of the paper ballots was, in the State of Election Commission's words "A corrupt database." The State Election Commission prepared the database which caused several precincts to not have all their ballots show up on the I votronic voting machines, or the machines did not pull them up at all. The two big precincts – Woodland Heights and Cherokee Springs database did not get corrected by the State until late afternoon. Voter Registration and Elections could not go back to the two or three precincts in which the I votronics were not pulling up all the ballot styles they were supposed too, because all the ballots would have been lost, so we let them go with the paper ballots.

The question really is - "What happened?" A meeting has been scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> with the State Election Commission Director. Basically, Spartanburg ended up with seven different databases sent from the state. The database used to program the voting machines for the precincts was dated September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Laye personally checked that database on one of the voting machines in the office on what is called 'all precincts check' which means that every single precinct in every single ballot style was pulled up on the 'all precincts check'. All the candidates were correct, all the precinct ballots styles were correct. Why it did not show up at that precinct on Election Day is a problem with the database that we had. We don't know what happened, but will find out what happened

Several have heard or read that the voting machines went down at 7:00 p.m. which caused some paper ballots to be used. If you don't know this - the voting machines are supposed to operate for a twelve hour period – 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. those voting machines will shut down. Now, when they shut down, they give you two messages – one, close the polls (which means nobody else is in line to vote) or a message that says 'exit this menu'. If you have folks in line waiting to vote after 7:00 p.m., you exit the menu, and continue to vote on the voting machines. That is in the manual that poll workers have, and it is stressed in the training provided, and some panicked. Mr. Laye and the two commissions are going to try to do better in strengthening the training.

Absentee voting swelled from about 10,000 folks in 2008 that stood in line for four to five hours to vote absentee at the Evans Center to over 21,000 folks who indicated they wanted to participate in the absentee process in Spartanburg County this cycle. If you voted absentee, you know that for the majority of days we were open from October 8<sup>th</sup> with no more than 20, 25 or 30 minutes. Now, the last three days before the election, we had the group that always shows up at the last minute to change their address to vote absentee. The lines went out the door and into the parking lot. The waiting became about one hour to hour and half. Great improvement was made thanks to Carmella Brannon who stole the idea from Greenville when they visited to see how Greenville handled absentee voting. She and deputy director, Becky Brady, with the assistance of the County IT made it happen.

Mr. Laye feels the interest shown in absentee voting, not only in Spartanburg County, but throughout the entire state, underscores the need for the public to have 'early voting' in South Carolina. Mr. Laye asked delegation members to consider implementing 'early voting' this legislative year.

Overall, in spite of the election challenges, the election went just O.K. But, the biggest thing needed

at the County level is to find a way to improve the telephone communications on Election Day. If anyone tried to call the office, there were many times they were unable to get through. There were about twelve phone lines, and about twelve people answering the phone and we could have used a hundred. But that is the challenge that we have in the office and we will try to have improved.

Another big issue faced is why we cannot get more people to become Poll Managers. By law, we should have yielded over a thousand poll managers. The average age of the poll manager in South Carolina, according to the State Election Commission, is 70+ years. That is a long day when they have to show up by 6:15 a.m. and are there all day and into the night. Henry asked legislators to talk to constituents, groups, and fellow legislators to see what can be done to increase the number of poll managers.

Mr. Laye thanked the wonderful staff that exists in the Voter Registration Elections office. They are dedicated folks, work hard, and don't complain. They handle stress pretty well.

Mr. Laye expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Voter Registration Board, Election Commission, County Council, County Administration, Facilities Maintenance, and the IT section for doing such a wonderful job to support us.

Voter Registration and Elections has learned from this past election. Mr. Laye would like to hear from each of delegation members for suggestions as there is some education needed on what candidates and candidate's reps can and cannot do at a polling location on Election Day.

Senator Martin asked about the voting machines at the Woodruff Fire Station precinct as several voters repeatedly tried to vote for the senator and the voting machine would not accept the vote. Senator Martin called one of the Election Commissioners to investigate and they sent technicians who found out later that the machine was out of calibration about an inch. He was told that if they would have moved over about an inch it would have accepted the vote. However, Mr. Laye had not heard that the calibration was off. Mr. Laye will check into this issue as all the voting machines should/would be checked for such errors before Election Day.

## **7. MS. MONICA HILL, FOSTER CARE – FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

Foster Care Review Board is very grateful and appreciative of the Spartanburg delegation support. Delegation members received a copy of the Foster Care Review Board annual report. The report includes a snapshot of statistics, reviews, areas of concern, as well as recommendation.

The report also announced the Spartanburg County Review Board 7C as the Review Board of the Year, which took place at the previous delegation meeting.

On November 30 there is going to be a Palmetto Power training session at the Columbia Convention Center. These are meetings that DSS has been holding almost every month. Ms. Hill will send out an e-mail to delegation members with the date and particulars. Foster Care partners, DSS case workers, and Isabel Blonko, the Deputy Director holds these invaluable training sessions.

On Friday, April 26, Foster Care Review Board has scheduled their professional development day, (in-house training for board members). Sorrigan who is the CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation will be the guest speaker for the meeting. Delegation members and Partners in the community have been invited to attend.

Board members have limited powers as the board is bound statutorily in reviewing cases at board meetings. Many board members feel that is not enough as they like to be involved with the children and the Foster Parent Association.

The state office decided to challenge the boards with a targeted advocacy goal. A goal was set to increase finalized adoptions by 50% of approved, legally free, youth between the ages of fifteen and seventeen. The board met the 50% goal and will probably add to the goal before the end of the year. About

30 children were adopted. Coordinators worked with local boards to get rid of barriers to adoption.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report.

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

Senator Martin and Representative Cole both serve as the legislative representatives of the Arts Partnership. The Chapman Cultural Center is essentially the physical embodiment of the Arts Partnership which encompasses Visual Arts, Science, Theater, History and Dance.

In the last fiscal year 251,000 people visited the Chapman Cultural Center. \$3,345,403.00 was spent by visitors to enjoy Chapman Cultural Center projects. \$2.1M was donated to advance the Arts Partnership mission and its partners. The Center reaches 47,000 teachers through arts education; Hosted exhibitions featuring the work of 4,000 children from 74 public and seven private schools; Provided 109 arts education programs in schools where 70% of the children receive free and reduced lunches; and, that touched almost 22,000 students. The various museums, located in the Chapman Center, hosted 483 event exhibits or classes and welcomed 23,333 people.

The Chapman Cultural Center of the Arts Partnership is a wonderful asset to the community. Representative Cole encourages all to learn what the Center has to offer and take advantage of the programs and performances.

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

Representative Forrester is serving on a Comprehensive Economic Development strategy team helping to implement a five-year plan for the region. The Plan is a snapshot of the regional economic conditions summarizing important regional and county level data. It also focuses on the areas of economic development; and, clusters the target industry innovation's capacity workforce development infrastructure. It is a great resource if you are looking for grants, especially for EDA because it is used at the federal level to determine whether or not you qualify.

### **11. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – SPATS**

Mr. Jim D'Amato presented the report for SPATS.

SPATS is in somewhat of a tiff with the SCDOT and their Commissioners. In August of this year, the DOT Commission, without warning, voted, to do two things – The first was to cut \$10M from the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) budgets.

There are about ten MPOs in the state charged to plan and program federal funds for transportation in urban areas according to capacity needs where growth is occurring. SPATS is the MPO for the Spartanburg urban area, the fourth largest in the state besides Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville.

The Appalachian Council of Governments serves Spartanburg in rural regional areas.

Secondly, the Commission is requiring 20% of the yearly guide share to be spent on state resurfacing.

Historically, SPATS concentrates on traffic flow projects such as capacity and intersection improvements.

SPATS yearly allocation is approximately \$6.7M a year. However, SPATS incurred debt bonded projects in 1996, therefore, until 2023; SPATS will spend \$2.2M in debt repayments. This means SPATS would have disposal income of \$4.5M per year for projects.

With the 7% reduction in funding, along with the required 20% spent on state resurfacing would mean the disposal income from SPATS would go from \$4.5M a year to \$2.7M a year, a 40% decrease.

Mr. D'Amato thinks what is important is that SPATS plans locally, a local organization, governed by a policy committee. This policy committee is primarily made up of elected officials in Spartanburg County. Currently, both Representatives Forrester and Tallon serve on the committee as well as members of County Council, City Council, Mayors within Spartanburg County, and others. SPATS is doing a great job planning and programming how these federal funds are used. Mr. D'Amato doesn't think Spartanburg needs Columbia dictating how the appropriated money is spent.

The SCDOT commissioners consist of one from each Congressional District. (Greenville and Spartanburg share the same Congressional District.) It is a gentlemen's agreement that representation is switched back and forth each term.

The SCDOT has generated a list of resurfacing projects to choose from; therefore monies will be kept in Spartanburg County.

Mr. D'Amato pointed out that SPATS has a policy committee, made up of elected officials, who make the decisions regarding the projects, while on the other hand, the SCDOT Commissioners, an appointed body, feels they have the authority to decide what is done in Spartanburg. So, who exactly is in charge? Is it the Policy Committee, or is it the SCDOT Commission?

The executive director of the Charleston MPO and COG (they are both the same in Charleston) made a presentation to the SCDOT commissioners requesting reconsideration of their decision, but the DOT Commissioners were not receptive to a reversal of their decision.

A question was asked if the state codes specify the SCDOT Commissioners are permitted to mandate the announced changes. However, research has been completed without finding any such mandate in the State Codes.

It was felt that the information presented could not be reversed by staff and colleagues from around the state, but felt elected officials in the General Assembly could possibly make statutory changes to rectify the position imposed by the commissioners.

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

The Children's Shelter is undergoing a transition in leadership. The former executive director left the employer earlier this summer. Dr. Chuck White has stepped into that void and is currently the interim executive director. He and his staff are doing a good job filling the mission of the shelter and face some ongoing challenges with Department of Social Services funding and moving toward a permanent leadership.

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

a. Captain Landrum, Department of Natural Resources requesting Water Recreation funds to construct a Handicap Accessible fishing pier at Lake Edwin Johnson @ \$40,000

Captain Landrum appreciates the opportunity of the Delegation to allow DNR to seek approval for funds to construct a fishing pier on Lake Edwin Johnson in the sum of \$38,203 which has a built-in 10% contingency in case they run into something unforeseen during the configuration of the initial estimate. Captain Landrum spoke to the engineer prior to the meeting, and he felt sure the \$34,000 would be sufficient to cover the pier. Whatever that is not used would go back to the county delegation funds. Lake Johnson is DNRs oldest state managed lake in the system. It is approximately forty acres.

In 2010, DNR used about 75% support fish restoration grant funds and 25% revenue funds to totally



drain Lake Johnson. DNR crews installed gravel beds to enhance the shallow water fish habitat. They also assisted the state lake crews install eight fish feeders, which are filled monthly.

In 2010, DNR stocked approximately 40,000 bluegill fingerlings. In the spring of 2011, DNR stocked approximately 4,000 large mouth bass fingerlings. Then they went back again after they did some surveys. If there is a high number of fish taken by the constituents out of the lake, DNR went back and restocked the lake again.

Captain Landrum is asking for approval to build a fishing pier that is also handicap accessible on the lake. The engineers think it will cost approximately \$34,000 with a contingency added in.

Representative Tallon moved to approve the \$38,676 to construct a fishing pier that is handicap accessible on Lake Johnson. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **14. POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

a. Removal of Item III, 02.F – Once the recommendation letter has been forwarded to the Governor’s Office; the recommended appointee will have ninety (90) days to return any and all paperwork to the Governor’s Office. If the paperwork is not submitted in the timeframe allotted, the appointment will be reconsidered to include other potential nominees at the next scheduled delegation meeting. (Approved August 3, 2009)

Representative Forrester reported that back in January/February the delegation started using the application that the Governor’s office uses. Before the delegation was using their own application, then we would send that application in to the Governor’s office. Then the Governor’s office would send their application to the nominee to fill out. Since the delegation is now using the Governor’s applications, this process is no longer necessary and needs to be removed as a requirement that is listed in the Policy and Procedures manual.

Representative Tallon moved to remove the aforementioned policy and procedure from the manual. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **15. SENATOR MARTIN – UPSTATE CAUCUS**

No report.

#### **16. REPRESENTATIVE TALLON– SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

All of the following have been approved by the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee (CTC):

\$19,000 to repair retaining walls and sidewalk repairs for the Town of Cowpens

\$20,000 for the Town of Pacolet to connect the Pacolet river walkway with the current construction of the roadway

\$6,000 to improve the radius on a turn lane at Highway 29 @ Woodlake subdivision

A total of \$50,000 for the Town of Lyman streetscape

\$500 for signage “Ernie White Memorial Highway” on highway 150 in the Pacolet area

An additional \$105,384 matching dollars to a \$1.5M match program to resurface four Federal Aid roadways in Spartanburg County.

#### **16. DELEGATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Chairman Martin will carefully review the committee assignments and send out information to delegation members via-email. Therefore, a motion was made to carry the committee assignment over. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS**

#### **18. FIRST STEPS BOARD**

Term of Brantlee Fulmer. Application received: Susan Ridings

Senator Bright moved to nominate Susan Ridings. Representative Chumley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **19. SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

Terms of Juanita Robinson and Kathleen Baechle. Applications received: Andrew Jones and Janet Dawkins.

Representative Derham Cole, Jr. moved to nominate Andrew Jones and Janet Dawkins to the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Board. Representative Chumley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **20. WESTVIEW FAIRFOREST FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Todd Gilmore. Applications received: Robert E. Knight, Jr., Todd Gilmore, and Jeffrey Andrew Lehrer

Representative Forrester moved to nominate Jeffrey Andrew Lehrer. Representative Tallon seconded the motion.

Senator Bright moved to nominate Todd Gilmore. Representative Chumley seconded the motion.

Weighted votes were taken with Todd Gilmore receiving 58.57% of the vote and Jeffrey Lehrer receiving 34.86% of the vote. Therefore, Todd Gilmore will be re-appointed to serve on the Westview Fairforest Fire District Commission.

#### **21. FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 7A**

Resignations of Todd Stephens and Weldon Davis from 7A. Application received: None

Senator Martin moved to hold this appointment over. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **22. DRAYTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Johnie O. Byars. Application received: Johnie O. Byars

Representative Cole moved to recommend Ms. Johnie O. Byars for re-appointment. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**23. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

Term of Doris Tidwell. Application received: None

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

**24. UPSTATE EDUCATIONAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

Terms of Craig Jacobs and Stephen Wunder. Applications received: Cheryl Ann Jeter Jones, Stephen Wunder, and Robert Childers

Representative Forrester moved to appoint Stephen Wunder and Robert Childers. Representative Tallon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion carried.

**25. ROEBUCK FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Ned Wilder. Application received: Ned Wilder

Representative Tallon moved to nominate Ned Wilder. The motion carried by acclamation.

**26. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was addressed.

**27. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was addressed.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

