



**MINUTES**  
**Spartanburg County**  
**Legislative Delegation**  
**Monday, August 13, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, August 13, 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 Glenn Reese – Present  
Senator Lee Bright – Present  
Senator Shane Martin – Present  
Senator Harvey Peeler – Present  
Representative Harold Mitchell – Absent  
Representative J. Derham Cole, Jr. – Absent  
Representative Edward R. Tallon, Sr. – Present  
Representative Mike Forrester – Present  
Representative William Chumley – Present  
Representative Rita Allison – Absent  
Representative Steve Parker – Present  
Representative Doug Brannon – Present  
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 Steve Parker.

**1. APPROVAL OF MAY 7, AND JUNE 21, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Brannon moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 7 and June 21, 2012. Representative Chumley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. MS. BETH GREEN, FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD – PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Dhunjishah, Executive Director and general council for the Children’s Foster Care Review Board in Columbia recognized Board members from 7C as the 2011 Foster Care Review Board of the Year. Board members were nominated and selected from 42 review boards and two hundred volunteers across the state. They were nominated by Sheriff Wright, youth in Foster Care, DSS staff, as well as many of the Legislative Delegation members. Members honored and presented a plaque were Monica Hill, Zora Massing, Mary Ann Riley, Carole Self and Alice Armantrout. These members attended every Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation meeting to keep the delegation informed of issues related to safety and permanence to children in Foster Care; Provided over \$1,000 in school supplies and backpacks for children in Foster care; Collected donations to support the Spartanburg Foster Care Associations annual Christmas party; Hosted an appreciation breakfast for DSS staff; Provided education and training for the staff; Took case workers to lunch; Provided financial assistance, out of their own pockets, to children who had needs that the government could not provide for; Attended court hearings to advocate for children; Attended Palmetto Power meetings in Columbia; and, Contributed 552 volunteer hours, which was more volunteer hours than any board in the State. This was very apparent as to why they were nominated and received the award.

**3. MS. KATIE BROPHY, DIRECTOR OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - INTRODUCTION**

Ms. Katie Brophy introduced herself as the newly appointed Spartanburg County Department of Social Services Director.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**4. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – SPARTANBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

No report.

**5. REPRESENTATIVE DERHAM COLE – CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER**

No report.

**6. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)**

Representative Forrester is serving on a Comprehensive Economic Development strategy committee, helping to implement a five-year plan for the region. It is now in draft form and will be presented at the next COG meeting.

**7. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – SPATS**

There is a new devise on SPATS website that you can actually look for trails to walk, bike, or drive to the various sights. The website will map the trail out for you.

**8 . REPRESENTATIVE DERHAM COLE – CHILDREN’S SHELTER OF THE UPSTATE**

No report.

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

**a. Mr. Ted Beaty, Sheriff’s Office, requesting funds to construct a dock on Old Griffin Road at Lake Blalock @ \$15,000.00 (This property belongs to Spartanburg Water Systems and is used by DNR and lake wardens for alternate sites and will be used for public education programs.)**

Just minutes before the meeting, Mr. Ted Beaty telephoned the delegation office to inform members that Spartanburg Water has asked the Sheriff’s office to put a hold on this project and to pull the request off the agenda.

Representative Brannon moved to carry the request over. Senator Peeler moved to hold \$15,000 of the Water Recreation funds for the project. Senator Martin seconded the motion. Senators Bright, Peeler and Martin, as well as Representatives Chumley and Tallon approved the motion. Senator Reese and Representatives Brannon and Parker chose not to approve the motion. However, the motion carried.

**b. Mr. Eric Davis, Spartanburg County Parks Department, requesting funds for the acquisition and development of two properties to be used for public access along the Tyger River system in southern Spartanburg County @ \$40,000.00.**

In consideration of other requested water recreational funds, Mr. Eric Davis, project manager with the Spartanburg County Parks department, reduced the submitted requested funds to \$35,000. Funds requested will be utilized to acquire and develop the Tyger River water trail both upstream and downstream on the trail. Initially it will be an eight mile route for public access for watercraft in the southern part of the county.

The Tyger River Foundation, opened the first public park and access on the Tyger River, located off Road 50 (exit 35 off I-26) in the southern part of the county. This park has seen tremendous success with folks fishing and enjoying the river, using it for access. It will become the central hub of the water trail.

Each access sight will feature a delineated parking area, signage, informational kiosk, and an area to safely launch a canoe or kayak on the river. Currently the only option for the public to legally enjoy the access above and below Tyger-10 Park is to stay in the highway where the bridge crosses the river and haul the canoe or kayak up and down which is usually a steep mud red clay bank, not usually safe for or desirable for boaters.

The plan for access development will encourage a healthy recreational use of this outstanding recreational resource.

Questions arose as to whether or not kayakers or canoeist would be trespassing onto private property once they stepped out of their boats as some property deeds along rivers indicate the owners property line extends to the middle of the river run.

This issue would be addressed by adequate signage at the access points.

Funding would be used for acquisition and development of the properties. Spartanburg County would be the owner of the properties and responsible for the ongoing related cost.

Additional discussions led to whether or not Federal law superseded state law on navigational

waterways. Therefore, a legal opinion will be sought before a decision would be made.

Senator Martin requested a unanimous consent for Captain Jamie Landrum to present information from DNR for consideration of Water Recreation funds. The motion was denied.

Senator Martin made a motion to carry this matter over and present as new business. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Elizabeth Hall asked to speak on the issue regarding purchasing property for canoeing and kayaking on the Tyger River. However, Ms. Elizabeth Hall was referred to address the issue at the November 12, 2012 Delegation meeting.

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

No report.

**11. SENATOR MARTIN – UPSTATE CAUCUS**

No report.

**12. SENATOR MARTIN – SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Spartanburg County Transportation Committee approved funding for a recording system to be used in public meetings. Also, most of the Representative set-aside funding projects are progressing along.

**NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS**

**13. FIRST STEPS BOARD**

Term of Brantlee Fulmer. Application received: None

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

**14. ELECTION COMMISSION**

Term of Robert G. Hamilton. Applications received: David Collins, Sean Coburn, N. Joy Rhinehart.

Pending potential retirement of Ms. Blakely, Senator Martin moved to nominate both David Collins and Sean Coburn. Representative Brannon seconded the motion.

It was understood these are paid positions. With the uncertainty of a retirement, and not knowing if Spartanburg County would be prepared for the extra cost, Senator Martin withdrew his motion.

Representative Brannon moved to nominate Sean Coburn. Representative Parker seconded the

motion. The motion carried.

**15. SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

Term of Juanita Robinson. Application received: Andrew Jones

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

**16. WESTVIEW FAIRFOREST FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Term of Richard G. Hennecey, Todd Gilmore and Perry D. Boulier. Applications received: Robert E. Knight, Jr., Kimberly Jolly, Todd Gilmore, Jeffrey Andrew Lehrer, and Jimmy Trout

Senator Bright moved to nominate Todd Gilmore, Robert Knight, Jr. and Jimmy Trout, Jr. Representative Chumley seconded the motion.

Senator Bright moved to carry over the appointments. Senator Martin seconded the motion.

Representative Forrester preferred to not carry the appointment over. When Representative Forrester went into office, the Fire Department was almost bankrupt. Some really good folks were appointed to the commission and they have turned the Department around. In fact, they purchased a fire truck this week and paid cash for it.

Therefore, Representative Forrester moved to appoint Kimberly Jolley and Jimmy Trout, Jr. and hold over the Todd Gilmore appointment. The motion was seconded and carried.

**17. FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 7C**

Resignation of Alice C. Armantrout. Application received: Lisa Cooley Scott

Representative Tallon moved to nominate Lisa Cooley Scott. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**18. DRAYTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Terms of Johnic O. Bayars and Robert E. Wheeler, Jr. Application received: Robert Wheeler, Jr.

Senator Martin moved to nominate Robert E. Wheeler, Jr. and carry over the Johnic Bayars appointment. The motion was seconded and carried.

**19. STARTEX FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Terms of Delano B. Williams and Jimmy D. McMillan. Applications received: Delano Williams

and Jimmy D. McMillan

Senator Bright moved to nominate Delano Williams and Jimmy McMillan. Representative Chumley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**20. WHITNEY FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Terms of Donna S. Brown and Brian James Arant. Applications received: Donna S. Brown and William Hobbs.

Senator Martin moved to nominate Donna Brown and Williams Hobbs. Representative Tallon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**21. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**22. NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Martin commented that the Director of DNR sent a letter out on June 30, which had not been received in the Delegation office. DNR is requesting to use Water Rec funds to construct a Handicap Accessible fishing pier at Lake Johnson. Lake Johnson is a public lake in Representative Tallon's and Senator Martin's portion of the county. This request will be addressed at the next scheduled delegation meeting.

Representative Brannon pointed out there is a second request for \$2,000 for agricultural supplies for the Pacolet dove field. The \$2,000 is requested from the Game and Fish funds.

Senator Martin moved to approve the \$2,000 for agricultural supplies for the Pacolet dove field. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

As a reminder, the next scheduled Delegation meeting will be held at the George Dean Johnson building on St. John Street as this building will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

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

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Paul M. Forrester, Chairman

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Attested: Carol Crowe