



MINUTES
Spartanburg County
Legislative Delegation
Monday, November 14, 2011
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, November 14, 2011 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 Harvey Peeler 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 – Present
Representative J. Derham Cole, Jr. – Present
Representative Edward R. Tallon, Sr. – Present
Representative Mike Forrester – Absent
Representative William Chumley – Present
Representative Rita Allison – Present
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 Senator Martin.

1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AUGUST 1, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of August 1 and October 18, 2011 were addressed simultaneously.

2. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED OCTOBER 18, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Representative Allison moved to approve the August 1, 2011 and October 18, 2011 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Representative Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. MS. MICHELLE DHUNJISHAK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOSTER CARE REVIEW – ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Monica Hill reported that Ms. Michelle Dhunjishak had an illness in the family, therefore unable to attend, but will present the annual report at the next meeting.

Exciting things are happening in DSS. All last year Ms. Hill has been reporting how the numbers of children Foster Care has been reviewing are going down and down. Ms. Hill is sure that is good news, as now it looks like DSS has a good handle on things but Foster Care has a long way to go.

4. MR. MARVIN SANDERS – VETERANS OFFICER

Mr. Marvin Sanders expressed his concerns and opinions regarding the Veterans Affairs office. The delegation listened and took note of Mr. Sander's concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – SPARTANBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

No report.

6. REPRESENTATIVE DERHAM COLE – CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER

No report.

7. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

No report.

8. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – SPATS

Representative Tallon reported the committee approved four enhancement projects: Pacolet at \$250,000; the Westside project at \$25,000; North Tyger River project at \$135,000; and, the City gateway at \$331,000.

The number one project, the SC Highway # 9, is about 40% complete.

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

No report.

10. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

a. Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office for Connector Boat, Trailer, 30hp Mercury 4 Stroke Manual Start Tiller Steering, and cover at \$19,227.32

During the past two delegation meetings, the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office had submitted a request for a connector boat, trailer, 30hp Mercury 4 Stroke Manual Start Tiller Steering, and cover at a total cost of \$19,227.32. At the time addressed, total funding was not available to cover the total cost. New funds have been added in the amount of \$37,762.16 making a balance of \$53,676.04.

Sergeant Beaty reiterated the report from the previous Delegation meeting, i.e., seven boats of this type, of which three are over fifteen years old, and the manufacture recommends a ten year lifespan. Reidville has one small boat which is not rated for public safety use. Cowpens has a boat which is not kept inflated for use at all times. Holly Springs is not ready for rescue. EMS has two boats that are well over fifteen years old.

The boat will be located at the Sheriff’s Office. If the funds are approved, the boat will also become an asset for the County Specialized Area Rescue Team (SART). The boat will be set dry-docked to be used in rivers, small ponds and shallow lake waters. The boat will also be used for flood rescue and tactical deployment of the SWAT team.

Representative Allison moved to approve \$19,227.32 for the purchase of the rescue boat as requested. The motion was seconded by Representative Anthony. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

a. City of Spartanburg, Stewart Park – Renovation of Existing Facilities

Representative Mitchell reported favorable of a PARD grant submitted by The City of Spartanburg for renovations of Stewart Park in the amount of \$29,715.21. The city has already expended funds on the project, not including the required 20% match. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

12. REPRESENTATIVE PARKER – POLICY AND PROCEDURES

a. Adopt new board/commission applications

b. Adopt new policy regarding paid County positions

The Policy and Procedures committee is proposing a new policy for the Spartanburg Delegation which would cover any paid Spartanburg County positions: *Any paid Spartanburg County positions that are appointed by the Spartanburg Delegation must have personal interviews with the appointed committee of the Delegation lead by the Chairman of the Delegation and four (4) members. (If the Chairman is a Senator, then the committee must have three (3) House members. If the Chairman is a House member, then the committee must have at least two (2) Senators and three (3) House members.)*

Representative Parker noted the interview process would not be an election of an appointment. The newly formed committee would be completing personal interviews, asking pertinent questions in order for the Delegation to gather background information of the applicants. Therefore, if five people had applied, and the committee found four applicants qualified to serve, then those four would be presented to this delegation for possible consideration. The delegation would nominate and vote on whomever each wanted.

Representative Parker made a motion for the proposed policy and procedure to be accepted. Senator Martin seconded the motion.

The Governor's Office has requested and forwarded her applications which are to be completed and sent to her office for all local appointments.

After many questions and thorough discussions on the wording of the proposed policy and procedure, Senator Martin withdrew his second on the motion. Legal advice will be sought before any future consideration and/or adoption of the policy.

Therefore, Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the Governor's applications and carry over the adoption of the proposed policy. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Representative Parker withdrew his motion to adopt the policy change and discuss it before the next meeting.

13. SENATOR MARTIN – UPSTATE CAUCUS

Nothing to report on the Upstate Caucus

14. SENATOR MARTIN – SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Senator Martin reported the CTC had set-aside requests for Representatives Chumley, Mitchell, Brannon, and Allison.

15. REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD MITCHELL – UPSTATE ALLIANCE

No report

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

16. CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 7A. TERMS OF LIZZIE FOSTER AND KIRIN MITCHELL FROM 7A

APPLICATION RECEIVED: NONE

There were no applications received for the Children's Foster Care Review Board 7A board,

therefore, the appointment was carried over.

**17. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
TERM OF JAMES G. TOBIAS.**

APPLICATION RECEIVED: LISA WHITE

Senator Martin nominated Ms. Lisa White. Representative Tallon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**18. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY
EDUCATION
AT-LARGE TERM OF DELORIS HAM OLIVER (DISTRICT 7)**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: GLENDA P. SIMS (DISTRICT 7) AND KIMBERLY
ANNETT FOWLER (DISTRICT 7)**

Representative Tallon nominated Kimberly Annett Fowler. The motion was seconded.
Representative Mitchell nominated Glenda P. Sims. Senator Reese seconded the motion.

A vote was taken with Kimberly Annett Fowler receiving 93.770% of the vote and Glenda P. Sims receiving 6.230% of the vote. Therefore, Kimberly Annett Fowler's name will be forwarded to the Governor's office for confirmation.

**19. DRAYTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION
TERM OF MITCHELL SHOOK**

APPLICATION RECEIVED: MITCHELL SHOOK

Representative Derham Cole moved that Mr. Shook be recommended for re-appointment. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**20. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
RESIGNATIONS OF JIM SMITH, ALBERT SMITH, AND KATHERINE DUNLEAVY.**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: RUSSELL WILLIAM BOOKER, JENNIFER C. EVINS AND
CHARLES CONRAD.**

Representative Allison moved to nominate Russell William Booker, Jennifer C. Evins and Charles Conrad. Representative Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**21. FIRST STEPS
TERM OF KAY PHILLIPS AND RESIGNATION OF SUE SCHNEIDER**

APPLICATION RECEIVED: KAY P. PHILLIPS

Representative Brannon moved to accept the application and nominate Ms. Kay Phillips. Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**22. GREENVILLE SPARTANBURG AIRPORT COMMISSION
TERM OF HENRY RAMELLA**

APPLICATION RECEIVED: HENRY A. RAMELLA

Senator Martin moved to nominate Henry Ramella. Representatives Tallon and Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**23. UPSTATE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
TERMS OF PAMELA HEATH – PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
REPRESENTATIVE, AND FRED MARSH – BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADER.**

APPLICATION RECEIVED: NONE

There being no applications received, this appointment was carried over.

**24. WHITNEY FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION
TERM OF JOE STEPHENS**

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: MARTHA JANE KIRBY AND BRIAN JAMES ARANT

Senator Martin moved to nominate Brian James Arant. Representative Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried.

25. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

26. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Paul M. Forrester, Chairman

Attested: Carol Crowe