



MINUTES

Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in County Council chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building, located at 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, S.C. Chairman Shane Martin presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Tom Corbin – Present
Senator Josh Kimbrell – Present
Senator Scott Talley – Absent
Senator Shane Martin – Present
Senator Harvey Peeler – Present
Representative Rosalyn Henderson-Myers - Present
Representative Max Hyde, Jr. – Present
Representative Travis Moore – Present
Representative Roger A. Nutt – Present
Representative William Chumley – Absent
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 Shane Martin called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Representative Magnuson
Pledge of Allegiance was given by Representative Nutt

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

Chairman's Update

Chairman Martin turned meeting over to Vice Chairman Hyde. Representative Hyde recognized Representative Allison and presented to her a House Resolution of appreciation. Representative Hyde then recognized Representative Allison as the inaugural recipient "The Rita Allison Award" for Distinguished Public Service. Representative Hyde stated that this Delegation may give this award in the name and honor of Representative Allison to any deserving recipient. Representative Hyde then showed a tribute video shown, to honor the imprint and impact of Representative Allison.

Representative Allison thanked the Delegation.

1. Approval of the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion was made by Representative Nutt to approve the May 2, 2022 minutes as written. Second was made by Senator Corbin. Minutes were approved.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

2. Children's Foster Care Review Board 7A

Term(s) of: June Bond (resigned)

Application(s) Received: Bertha Alleen Meyer Sweat

Motion was made by Representative Magnuson to nominate Bertha Alleen Meyer Sweat and move the nomination be closed and she be elected by acclamation. No objections. Motion carried.

3. Spartanburg Area Mental Health

Term(s) of: Cathy Sparks

Application(s) Received: None

Motion made by Representative Allison to carry over. No objections. Motion carried.

4. New Prospect Area Fire District

Term(s) of: Ronny Blackwell; Horace Edward Rich, Jr.

Application(s) Received: Ronny Blackwell; Horace Edward Rich, Jr.

Motion was made by Representative Magnuson to nominate Ronny Blackwell and Horace Edward Rich, Jr. and move the nominations be closed and they be elected acclamation. No objections. Motion carried.

5. North Spartanburg Fire and Rescue District

Term(s) of: Terry Booker; Deonn K. Yates, II

Application(s) Received: Terry Odell Booker; Deon Kirk Yates, II

Motion was made by Representative Magnuson to nominate Terry Odell Booker and Deon Kirk Yates, II and move the nominations be closed and they be elected by acclamation. No objections. Motion carried.

6. Westview-Fairforest Fire District Commission

Term(s) of: Jeff Lehrer; Bobby Edgar Wilder

Application(s) Received: Jeff Lehrer; Bobby Edgar Wilder

Motion was made by Representative Nutt to nominate Jeffrey Andrew Lehrer and Bobby Edgar Wilder and move the nominations be closed and they be elected by acclamation. No objections Motion carried.

7. Whitney Area Fire District

Term(s) of: James Forbis (deceased)

Application(s) Received: None

Motion was made by Representative Allison to carry over. No objections. Motion carried.

8. Renewable Water Resources (ReWa)

Term(s) of: New Seat

Application(s) Received: John Tazwell (Tab) Patton

Representative Long nominated John Tazwell (Tab) Patton and move the nominations be closed and he be elected by acclamation. No objections. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Representative Hyde – Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce

Over eighty active projects currently exist with the One Spartanburg project. They include manufacturing logistics, office, industrial speculative development, multi-family housing and executive housing. As the end of July, eighteen projects have announced representing eight hundred million dollars in new investments and eight hundred forty one new jobs. Fifteen new projects are in the pipeline currently for county council

representing over one billion dollars investment and over one thousand additional jobs. Eight announced projects are ongoing in downtown Spartanburg, since January 1 this year with fourteen projects pending since January 1 of this year.

Chairman Martin thanked Representative Hyde, asked if there were any questions. No questions.

10. Senator Talley – Chapman Cultural Center

No report.

11. Representative Long – Council of Government (COG)

No report.

12. Representative Henderson-Myers – SPATS

SPATS committee met today for quarterly meeting and currently have 17 projects that are in various phases. I-85 at SC-290, which is the East Main Street interchange in Spartanburg County that there is going to be some periodic lane and road closures.

Chairman Martin thanked Representative Henderson-Myers. No questions.

13. Representative Chumley – Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

No report.

14. Senator Peeler - PARD Grant

No report.

15. Representative Allison- Spartanburg County Transportation Committee (CTC)

CTC Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2022:

Total Unobligated Funds as of March 31, 2022: (These funds can be applied to new projects)	\$1,720,045.37
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Funding Available after FY22 Liabilities	\$1,220,045.37
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Estimated Revenue for FY2022:

Gas Tax for FY 2022 –\$5,041,000.00 (2 months at \$420,083/month)	\$ 840,166.00
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Donor County Funds	-
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Non-Recurring Earmark Funds	-
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Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 840,166.00
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New Project Approved for this quarter:

Project Request 1185 – \$500.00 for the fabrication and placement by the SCDOT of “Keegan Isaiah Johnson Bridge” dedication signage on the North Tyger River Bridge located on Hwy. 296.

New Business- Project Request 1186 Approved:

Project Request 1186 – \$500.00 for the fabrication and placement by the SCDOT of “Army Specialist Melvin Lee Memorial Intersection” dedication signage located at the intersection of Highway 150, Genn Springs Highway, and Highway 176 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is Thursday, September 1, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.
The next CTC meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Martin asked if there was any questions for Representative Allison. No questions.

Chairman Martin reminded everyone that the delegation allows five minutes total for public comment.

SPEAKERS

16. Sevi Alvarez, Citizen of Spartanburg County, Civil Rights are Under Attack in South Carolina

Sevi Alvarez thanked the Delegation and made a presentation on civil rights under attack in South Carolina. He states that in June the United States Supreme Court overturned fifty years of precedents and took the right to abortion away from a hundred fifty million people. Mr. Alvarez states percentages of abortions and the women who have them. He spoke about the health of trans-people, educational sensor, funding, legal immigrants, anti-hate crime, LBGQT suicide, women health issues, and Foster care system.

17. Mike Behnke, Citizen of Spartanburg County, Gun Rights

Mike Behnke made a presentation on Gun Rights. He referred to the Constitution and Second Amendment. Mr. Behnke spoke on his concerns about gun control issues, crime, drugs, mental health, and the justice system. Mr. Behnke referred to countries that banned all guns from average citizens. He asked for unfetter constitutional right to carry, to protect oneself and defy red flag laws. Mr. Behnke thanked delegation.

18. Amanda Hovis, Spartanburg CAN, Constitutional Dilemmas in Public Policy Proposals

Amanda Hovis states in her presentation that she is a Spartanburg County resident, home school mom, formerly active physician assistant with a master degree in health science, founder of Christian Action Network, member of SC Safe Elections, and Spartanburg Medical Freedom Committee. I want to thank you for allowing your constituents to voice their concerns on a regular basis. Ms. Hovis spoke about past election, medical apartheid, media, public health, genetic experiments, employment loss, vaccine passport, food/power shortages, poverty, and DHEC.

19. Sally Sprouse-Anderson, Assistant Principal of Broome High School, Schools and Suicide Prevention Efforts

Sally Sprouse-Anderson in her presentation thanked the Delegation for passing S231 into law in June of 2021, which is requiring us to put the National Suicide Prevention line number on the back of our school I.D. in grades 7 to 12. Broome High School is currently getting ready to put 988 on the back of their I.D. cards. She informed on school threat assessments and stipulations. Ms. Sprouse-Anderson states Mental Health Center America in Greenville County answers all statewide calls. Calls not answered are directed out of state. Funding 988 helps provide the people who our students can talk to, know they will be there for them and be familiar with the area that our students are living. Thank you so much for your time and listening. Appreciate all that you do.

20. Dr. Craig Burnette, Citizen of Spartanburg County, Homelessness in Spartanburg: Updates and Initiatives

Dr. Craig Burnette made a presentation on homelessness in Spartanburg. Dr. Burnette invited the Delegation to go out with what is call HEART (Homeless Engagement And Response Team). Dr. Burnette informed on a veteran now housed in a facility called Warriors Once Again, a transition housing for homeless veterans. A facility started by the good people of this county, done by private donations. He

informed on his years of service in the military. Dr. Burnette states the death count of homeless Spartanburg citizens, the opening up of a transitional house for homeless veterans on North Dean and St. John. Dr. Burnette thanked delegation.

21. Barbara Dorsey, Citizen of Spartanburg County, Fighting for my rights as a woman AGAIN!

Barbara Dorsey states and informs in her presentation about her past sexual abuses. She stated when Roe vs. Wade became an amendment to the constitution she realized the right to health care, abortion, contraception, and education. When Roe was overturned, never thought a woman's human right to make decision about her own body would be taken away with a stroke of a pen. As a woman, I have fought hard for equal rights for women. To protect the human rights of women I will fight even harder.

22. Dr. Robert Jackson spoke on behalf of Ashley Lawton, Dobbs Decision

Dr. Robert Jackson states in his presentation that he has been a Family Practice Physician for 40 years, semi-retired for 2 years, works at a clinic in Gaffney and has delivered babies for 25 years. Spoke about his family and the special needs of two sons. Dr. Jackson states he has dealt with all the circumstances that young women face in the last forty year, taking care of pregnant women, unwed mothers, victims' of rape, incest, and women pregnant with handicap children. I am here as an advocate for the unborn citizens of our state, male and female, give them a right to live their lives. I thank you very kindly. May God bless you, one and all.

23. Rev. Dallas Conyers, Citizen of Spartanburg County, Urban Gardening

Rev. Dallas Conyers made a presentation on Urban Gardening. She states that we have created factories and facilities that pollute our planet, in our soils, rivers and oceans. Rev. Conyers referenced and informed on environmental issues, international food crisis, and endangered species. Rev. Conyers would like laws to protect urban gardening for front and back yards, because not everybody gets good sun in their backyard. She informed that she is a certified sustainable agriculturalist, beekeeper, permaculturalist and nurseryman. Rev. Conyers thanked delegation.

24. Deb Foreman speaking on behalf of Amberlyn Boiter, Concerns Over Current Rhetoric Toward Minorities

Deb Foreman letter presentation, speaking on behalf of Amberlyn Boiter, her pronouns are she/her, a proud transgender woman that lives in Spartanburg County. Informed on life before and after transition. States concern for family, schools, libraries, LBGTO, black and indigent people of color, and words that can cause harm to others. I want to work with you to make South Carolina better for everyone.

25. Old Business

None.

26. New Business

None.

27. Adjourn

Motions to adjourn made by Senator Corbin. All was in favor. Chairman Martin states meeting adjourned.

Shane Martin, Chairman

Date

Attested: Debbie S. Culbreth

Date