



MINUTES
Spartanburg County
Legislative Delegation
Monday, November 10, 2014
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 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 - Absent
Senator Glenn Reese – Absent
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 – Present
Representative William Chumley – Present
Representative Rita Allison – Present
Representative Donna C. Hicks – Present
Representative N. 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 by Senator Harvey Peeler and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Doug Brannon

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR HOUSE DISTRICT MEMBERS

Judge Cole administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected House of Representative members.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Representative Allison moved to approve the August 4, 2014 meeting minutes as printed.

Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. MS. MICHELLE DHUNJISHAH – ANNUAL REPORT ON FOSTER CARE

Ms. Dhunjishah, State Executive Director of Foster Care distributed copies of their 2013-2014 report.

A data snapshot is located on the inside cover with specific County data on pages 11, 12 13, 14.

The Review Boards conducted 5,876 reviews on 3,475 children and donated 15,658 volunteer hours. If board members did not volunteer, Foster Care would need more FTEs and money. Donating time and talents enables the Board to run an efficient organization.

The State Board made a recommendation for independent reviews to be established for family preservation cases in the State.

As is known, the Department of Social Services is receiving attention both in the media and the General Assembly. Questions are being asked especially by the Senate Oversight Committee. Ms. Dhunjishah has testified before the Committee to discuss these issues.

On any given day in South Carolina, there are about three to five thousand children in foster care. However, the Department of Social Services touches many more children than that. There are about ten to twelve thousand children a year that the Department of Social Services has oversight. Many of those children are in 'in-home' treatment cases or family preservation cases where they might be placed with an alternative care giver. At this time, no one in the State looks at those cases. Law enforcement might go to the home, see there is a need to get the child out of the situation and place the child with a relative, neighbor or friend. After that, no one necessarily goes back. However, the DSS worker is supposed to go back and check; and, if the case goes on long enough (nine months to a year) there might be some court oversight. But, what concerns Ms. Dhunjishah about these children is that no one is looking to see what is happening, whether they are in-home cases or whether they are placed with an alternative care giver. One of the concepts discussed at the Oversight Committee is having someone take an independent look at what is going on. Ms. Dhunjishah suggests the Foster Care agency be the entity best positioned for this check. She does not want money or positions to do the job and is now positioned to take a look at it. Conversation with the DSS has taken place, but as known, big bureaucracies moves slowly. This issue is stalled at DSS headquarters.

Ms. Dhunjishah asked for Delegation support in moving this issue forward.

3. MR. EVAN MULCH – CBD OIL IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Hemp and Marijuana are different plants – they are cousins. Hemp is not the plant we are talking about; we are talking marijuana, (the CBD oil that comes from marijuana). To give you an idea, hemp was just legalized in South Carolina. Henry Ford made a car out of hemp, and also fueled a car with hemp ethanol. In 1960, the US government predicted we would not cut down trees anymore for paper because hemp would replace it.

In 1914, a \$10 dollar bill featured farmers harvesting hemp, and the constitution was printed on hemp. We often wonder why this isn't legal to fill up our cars and trucks with hemp ethanol.

Marijuana oil can be used as medicine, but from 1850 to 1937, cannabis was used primarily for medicine. The US government approved a book called Pharmacopeia to treat over a hundred separate illnesses. In 1937, all the medicines were pulled out of the book. What stopped this medicine from being made available for Americans? There was propaganda going on with racism, Mexicans were crossing the border, and there was propaganda against black jazz musicians which is just part of the history. There are also crony capitalists who did not want hemp and marijuana to be available because their companies would stand to lose. The crony capitalists who were in charge of the media propaganda, one became a director of the narcotics division. They came together in 1937 to produce the marijuana tax which basically put marijuana and hemp companies out of business.

But then, in the early 1900's, the Huxley brothers, one wrote two new books. One was named *Brand New World* which discussed drugging people so they could be controlled by their masters, or referring to government leaders. These brothers are based in England. The other Huxley brother was the director for the United Nations which was part of a group who wanted to control the world population.

Now, we see a society that one out of every two Americans is on prescription drugs. What they were hoping for is actually happening. In the 1950s, mandatory sentencing was enforced on people for having marijuana.

Richard Nixon actually started the war on drugs. They could not only put you in jail, but also take away your flat screen television, vehicle, and house which was pushed by the United Nations. Every country associated with the United Nations had to abide by this agreement.

In response, Richard Nixon created the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and then in 1974, the Virginia College of medicine actually did a study to prove that Marijuana was harmful to people's bodies. They also found that it slowed cancer growth. The DEA actually stopped this from happening, and Gerald Ford swept it under the rug. They could only do studies on synthetic hemp or marijuana.

Recently a video on the internet shows the government actually patented CBD oil in 1999 for medicinal purposes. Then you see a Rick Simpson come out on a video showing people how to use the CBD oil for medical purposes. He is actually shown how it can help people with their cancer and crones disease and all sorts of different illnesses within the body. His books are available on the internet. Now, people are now using this oil on their own.

Mr. Mulch senses it is being done illegally, because if Colorado or Washington states legalize it, the federal government would still deem it as a schedule one drug, which is due to the United Nations push.

We find out that the incunabula system is another important part of the body that has not been talked much about and that is what the CBD oil affects. It affects the receptors in the body that are part of that system and luckily we have Sir Richard Branson, at the United Nations level, who is actually trying to get a group together to end the war on drugs and all the countries associated with the United Nations.

We have 26,000 South Carolina citizens that are most likely to be diagnosed with cancer this year. Normally there are three normal choices when diagnosed with cancer – Chemotherapy, Radiation, Surgery, or all of three if they want to. The risk of Chemotherapy is scary as it was developed from mustard gas that was used during World War 2 and now Chemotherapy is a multi-billion dollar industry.

So, was Tom Davis' bill of CBD oil enough? It did some good, because the girl is trying to help. She is having fewer seizures. She started out with one hundred, and now is down to nineteen a day. She is getting the oil from GW Pharmaceuticals which is the government approved version (the watered down version of the oil).

Rick Simpson is trying to make CBD oil that will not have an effect on people to where they are not having seizures.

What South Carolina needs to make sure that people can grow their own marijuana plants to make their own oil. It is easy to make, is low cost, about \$2,000 all together, whereas, if you take Chemotherapy it cost over \$100,000 usually.

Mr. Mulch hopes the delegation gets involved in discussions about this CBD oil to legalize it in when discussing take place.

Delegation members have been hearing much about this, but asked if this was the only drug on the market that does what it does. But, from what has been studied and learned, nothing does anything like this. There was laytria oil which was popular a few years ago, but the federal government made it illegal. Apricot seeds are not permitted to be sold in the United States because of this action. If you have a laytria oil facility in the United States, the federal government will shut it down. Usually you have to fly to other countries to get the treatment. There is also the Goshen treatment which has been made illegal, but again you have to fly to another country for that as well. There is also a person in Texas that has a 100% success of fighting cancer with body urine. The federal government does not want to approve what he is doing; therefore the FDA is blocking that.

Senator Bright had the privilege and wants to thank Senator Peeler Medical Affairs Committee. Senator Bright was a co-sponsor of the bill and listening to the testimony was heart wrenching and to think that folks were talking about going to Colorado to get treatment. If better drugs were on the market, they would have been taken those here. But it was the best treatment available and it is disturbing that we have had to go to these lengths and the federal government has restricted something that is obviously good for these children. You look at morphine and the drugs that are legal and it is just mind boggling that a plant that produces oil would be so helpful. Senator Bright is a big proponent of having a healthcare benefits which will benefit their lives and understands it is just because they have demonized this plant to this degree. He has never smoked Marijuana in his life, but I can't quite phatham the amount of angst of somebody in our society have against them when you see these young children and what they go through with these seizures. I was talking to a cancer doctor and I told him that I have had glaucoma since I was thirty and I was telling him some of the health problems that I deal with and he said that states to your huma therapy. I think it is something that we need to look into and be opening minded about.

4. MR. BRENDAN DELANEY – NOSTYRO MEMORIAL VASE BOUQUET ANCHOR

A few years back, Mr. Delaney started a company called DW Solutions, Inc. The company helps folks get their product to market whether it is through the private or public sector. A product was brought to the company by a fellow in Spartanburg that is a plastic injected molded insert named the NoStyro memorial bouquet anchor. It has simple patent technology but was granted a patent based on the screw technology. This anchor holds flowers in a tightened insert eliminating the green Styrofoam that first goes to cemeteries, then ends up in landfills. The floral insert is more user friendly than trying to place your flowers in there. It creates a prettier bouquet; and, you are able to control it better. It is re-usable, recyclable user friendly, and very inexpensive. It has been wind tunnel tested to 90 miles an hour and heat tested to 165 miles an hour. Many times when you are using styrene, the plants will get blown out of the vase, or rain water will fill the vase and float the styrene out of the vase littering the cemeteries. When the product was first received, testing began in the private sector with Hobby Lobby. Mr. Delaney felt Hobby Lobby would be a good fit for the product. A call- back was received and the second meeting will be held in Arkansas on November the 18th with hopes of introducing the product to the private sector through Hobby Lobby.

The federal government is the last public sector being pursued by Congressman Joe Wilson who is on the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Mr. Delaney contacted him and has put the product in his hands. Congressman Wilson was very enthusiastic about it, and sees it may be good for national cemeteries or to provide to deceased veterans families.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. SENATOR MARTIN – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The Local Government Fund committee was formed to work with the Spartanburg County Council. As stated in the Code of laws, the General Assembly is required to send back to the counties, 4 ½ % of the previous year's general fund appropriations to the Local Governments. A couple years ago, Senator Martin tried to get Local Governments fully funded. As once the State budget leaves the Governor's office, it is sent to the House Ways and Means Committee, which forwards the budget on to the House, then, it is sent to Senate Finance, then to the floor of the Senate with all entities scrutinizing along the way. The Senators are the last officials having any input on the state budget. Senator Martin researched and found that Schools, School Buses, and the local Government are required to be funded by State Statute, which is not being done. For two years he has been at the pulpit trying to get the Local Government fund fully funded, and has informed all 'whether or not you like or hate your local government, it does not matter, as it is stated in the Code of Laws, local governments are required to be fully funded.' If we are not going to fund it; then we need to be big boys and girls and tell the local governments that we are not going to fund the local government's fund. We are only going to fund it at X instead of every year. Technically, the law has not been broken, as it has been suspended by provisos.

Senator Martin has not voted for a state budget since he has been elected, and this is one of the reasons why. The General Assembly is not following the laws which have been passed. After speaking to different individuals, Senator Martin wrote, and read the attached Resolution; (See exhibit 1). It may be more in depth than what some people want, but Senator Martin feels that if we just keep passing the buck by not doing something about it, nothing will be done. If the Resolution does not start the process; all of us could be jumping up and down on the House and Senate floors wanting the Local Government fully funded. Until a resolution is presented to and agreed to be included in the Executive Budget and, if something isn't done to stop it, it will continue to happen when we get Governor, after Governor, after Governor. If it does come out in the Executive Budget, it will at least make it to the House floor. Senator Martin doesn't see even a House Amendment getting on the budget and believes everybody in the House tried this year to fully fund the local government. He knows it was tried in the Senate, but it failed.

Senator Martin and other delegation members have talked to Chairman Horton a few times and thinks it will come down to many of us whaling and fussing that Washington is passing unfunded mandates onto us, but basically what is happening is Columbia is sending unfunded mandates back to the Local Governments. We are telling them to fund the Magistrate Court as well as many other offices. There is a business owner in Boiling Springs that can't get judgments on some of his business products that he finances because a Constable can only work ten hours a week. So we go to County Council and say "Why don't you fund our Constables. They are going to say "Why doesn't the state send us our money. This is a big issue that everybody supports, and; Senator Martin felt our Spartanburg Delegation should do a Resolution.

School Board members rely on funding and you can't make a budget if you are expecting X and every year you come up X amount of something, then somebody has to suffer.

Representative Chumley appreciated the Resolution and moved to adopt. The motion was seconded. Representative Hicks noticed the lost revenue of \$343,780,410 was not planned to be restored in the Resolution. Senator Martin was hoping the plan in the Executive budget would start restoring some of that budget. Getting some of that funding back that has been lost is probably not going to happen, but he would like to see a plan address the issue. At some point, Council Chairman Horton will have to make some drastic decisions that none of us will like.

Representative Brannon feels the Local Government fund should be funded each year, being a former Mayor; he understands the impact of not fully funding the Local Governments.

Representative Talon's resolution basically says the same thing. The only difference in the two Resolutions is that it does not discuss the plan for repayment. As Senator Martin has already stated that it is doubtful that will happen. So why should we upset the Governor with the Resolution when we don't have to and we can get to the same place without specific language.

Senator Martin has no intentions of upsetting the Governor which is why the Resolution has not been introduced before this date as it did not need to become any campaign issue.

Senator Peeler indicated a Resolution like this will do more harm than good. The Senator has been in the General Assembly for quite some time and prior to that on County Council. Every year the issue of unfunded mandates has been in the forefront and discussed. It is more prevalent now than ever before, the Chairman of the Finance Committee said this past year that he is going to call together a group to study unfunded mandates as he has some issues with his local government in Florence County.

Spartanburg County seems to be the County mostly affected by this recent Local Government Fund issue which is something Senator Peeler would like to know. Why does Spartanburg seem to receive more unfunded mandates than any other counties, especially other counties of equivalent size? Senator Peeler is not comfortable voting on and not comfortable for this delegation passing either resolution, but pledges to help work to come to some understanding between our local governments and State government and defining our unfunded mandates; and, those mandates that are unfunded need to be corrected.

Representative Allison followed up on comments made by Senator Martin and Senator Peeler. As a member of this delegation, Representative Allison is very supportive of fully funding. We all know the first decline in Local Government and schools came about during the recession. Unfortunately, this state has not been able to buy into restoring any of it from year to year. A typical example was last year when the House left \$30M on the table; it went to the Senate and was cut to \$10M. It came back to the House in the Conference Committee at \$10M. This delegation worked very hard to the point where we were not going to vote for the budget if it was not restored. It was restored to \$30M. \$5M of that is recurring. She definitely thinks there is not a person on this delegation that does not support the concept of what is being pushed to do. But, she also agrees, by sitting on Ways and Means, that Senator Peeler is right. The way this resolution is worded can be very detrimental to this delegation. We can go to the floor and whale, and whale, and whale, but we want to get something done. The only way we are going to get that done is to set down together and push just as hard as we can do. Find the money where it is and make sure we hold their feet to the fire. The House members will note there is a committee right now in the House looking at all of the money coming from the state back to Local Government. They have not given their report yet. Hopefully soon, there will be a lot of proof in the pudding as to how much we have underfunded as your figures show over the years. But as stated earlier 'this state is going to have \$343M to put on the table.' But, going forward; either the 4 ½ % needs to be taken out or we need to

adhere to what the Senator has stated regarding the unfunded mandate. Representative Allison does think the Resolution if done in a better situation here as Representative Tallon has done, would not be detrimental going forward. But if we get very much in depth with the other, we will have a problem.

Senator Martin does not have a problem with the resolution that Representative Tallon has presented.

Representative Mitchell just wants to say 'Thank you' and he applauds Senator Martin's effort. He supports Senator Martin's effort because he thinks the resolution is not going deep enough as far as he sees. Representative Mitchell thinks this goes back to Act 388 where most everybody here was not in the House during that time, but he voted against it because we had about eleven people from the coast come to Columbia and state that they did not want their tax dollars going to public education as it threw local government, schools and everything under the bus. He thinks that until we get serious about looking at funding Local Governments, let us go back and look at Act 388. He understands from Senator Peeler that nobody is going to go there. We can talk about this day long, but until the General Assembly takes a second look at Act 388, it is not serious.

Senator Martin pulled his presented Resolution and read Representative Tallon's Resolution. **(See Exhibit II)**

Therefore Representative Chumley withdrew his motion and moved to approve Representative Tallon's Resolution as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Representative Cole feels the entire delegation is on the same team wanting this Local Government Fund to be fully funded as it is in the Statute. It is a detriment to planning not to follow the Statute, but he has had meetings with our local officials in the County, County Council's staff as well has discussed this issue, if not here, then in Columbia at one point in time or another. Everyone knows the Spartanburg Delegation is dedicated to this issue to move forward, and want the formula to be followed as it was up until 2007-2008 from 1991 when the statute was passed. This is furthering the point that Senator Peeler and Representative Allison had made as far as House Committees will shake out in an organizational session, but as it stands now, Representative Allison is the only one of the Spartanburg Delegation on the budget committee, and Senator Peeler is on the Finance Committee on the Senate side. If they are telling us that it will make their work difficult, we will all make our voices heard about this issue to be resolved and one that is to be done going forward. But they are the ones on the committees doing the heavy lifting and we do not want to put them in a position of making their jobs much more difficult to get this done, and, if they think this will poison the well, Representative Cole would like to consider that a little bit further and not put them on the spot. Representative Cole doesn't want to start in January with two steps back instead of moving forward where we all want to go.

Representative Allison stated this resolution presented does not bother her at all, and thinks the Resolution before now is not inflammatory by any means and certainly we are going to say this much or more when we come to the committee and she would be glad to sign it.

Senator Peeler would rather not submit either resolution, but Representative Tallon's resolution is more palatable and in the interest of goodwill and harmony he would have to explain this to the Senate Finance Chairman, Senator Peeler will go along with it.

Representative Hicks appreciates all the hard work Senator Martin has done; and, moving to the resolution that is a little less detailed or engineered and she appreciates him championing such as he is a good conservative senator and she appreciates his work and appreciates the Resolution. Representative Hicks states that even if it does cause a little bit of problems, we all voted on the House floor and stood together as a delegation anyway against the rest of the House already last year. It is no big deal to sign this and stand again.

After a lengthy discussion of both resolutions, a motion was made and seconded to support the Resolution presented by Representative Tallon. The motion carried.

6. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – SPARTANBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

No report.

7. SENATOR MARTIN – CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER

Senator Martin went to the last board meeting and everything seems to be in order.

8. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

Representative Forrester made members aware that the Council of Government has just now issued their comprehensive economic strategy for the region. For those of who are from towns or communities that are looking to write grants, it contains a world of information. This information is posted on their website.

09. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – SPATS

SPATS met today and the TIP plan is just about complete (Work that will be done on intersections in the County in the next five years. The final report will be addressed in February.)

The Highway 9 construction is about 80% complete.

The 585 bridge over California Avenue should be completed in early spring.

One topic addressed, looking at intersections repair work, SPATS found that Greenville’s version of Spats covers BMW in Spartanburg County and up through where Tuck and Howell is located on highway 29. A question was raised if they would have an interest in Spartanburg County, which is being looked at by the Highway Commissioner, and hopefully, the Spartanburg Delegation may be asked to file a letter to move that back to the County line in order that Spartanburg would assume those duties.

10. REPRESENTATIVE HICKS – HOPE CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Representative Hicks does not have a report at this time.

11. REPRESENTATIVE CHUMLEY - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Pacolet River Passage Paddling Trail @ \$118,220.00

A grant request has been submitted for the Pacolet River Passage Paddling Trail. The committee discussed the application with Derrick Maggie, DNR legislative contact, but the committee has actually yet to get together with the Mayor and the Fire Chiefs, therefore Representative Chumley and the committee is requesting to carry this request over until the next meeting.

There have been some questions regarding one of the items requested, but it is a worthwhile project enhancing the area. It is a very good use of resources. Therefore, this item will be carried over until the February 2 meeting.

12. REPRESENTATIVE BRANNON - POLICY AND PROCEDURES

No report.

13. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – UPSTATE ALLIANCE

No report.

14. REPRESENTATIVE TALLON – SPARTANBURG COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The CTC was notified on October 14, the South Carolina Department of Transportation has received an additional \$15M from the legislature in nonrecurring revenue in funds to be used by the CTC. At least 25% of the counties portion of the C Funds is to be expended on the state highway system for construction improvements, maintenance and the CTC may spend up to 75% on construction including other local paving projects. This gives the CTC almost \$4M this year.

Projects that have been approved have included \$40,000 of Representative Tallon’s set-aside funds for storm drain improvements in Pierce Acres. Representative Brannon also contributed \$40,000 of his set-aside funds for the project.

An additional \$16,000 of C Funds was approved for the drainage problem.

A project was denied to level off Ridgeville Church Road. The project was approximately \$360,000 and it would jump ahead of some other projects. Ridgeville Church Road has about 200 cars per day on this project, whereas, the project rated higher of this project has about 7000 vehicles a day on it.

15. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

a. Town of Duncan/Stoneledge Safety Project @ \$13,720

b. City of Inman/Leroy Mathis Park – Exercise Equipment @ \$8,185.11

Two request have been submitted - One from the Town of Duncan for a safety project at \$13,720, and, the City of Inman Leroy Mathis Park for exercise equipment at \$8,185.11.

The committee met and is recommending approving funding for the two projects.

Representative Mitchell made a motion for delegation approval to fund both of these projects.

Representative Hicks seconded the motion carried.

16. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – VETERANS AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

The committee was not able to meet, but Representative Forrester drafted information. Back when Representative Forrester was Chairman of the Delegation, a new Veterans Affairs Officer was hired. At the time, we felt like he would do a good job, and part of the process was for the committee to review the salary, but for whatever reason that did not happen. What Representative Forrester is hearing from the County, he has done one tremendous job! No complaints have been received from anyone. Since the Delegation is the only ones that could hire and fire that director, but seems the delegation does not have the authority to give him a raise. With that a letter has been drafted that Representative Forrester proposes the Delegation send to County Council. It basically states how well he has done in the position since he has been in the position and asks that County Council consider setting his salary the same as and/or commensurate with that of other county department heads.

With that, Representative Forrester moved to adopt this information and send a letter to County Council. Representative Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Tallon moved for the letter be signed by the Chairman of the Delegation instead of trying to get everybody to sign the letter since it is not currently in letter form.

Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Martin agreed.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

17. First Steps

Terms of Kelly Pope and Susan Ridings

Application received: Jacqueline Putnam

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

18. Foster Care Review Board 7C

Terms of Monica Hill and Carol Self

Applications received: Monica Hill and Cheryl Jones

Representative Tallon moved to carry over this appointment. Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

19. Department of Social Services

Term of Lisa White

Application received: None

Representative Brannon moved to carry over this appointment. The motion carried.

20. Spartanburg County Transportation Committee

Term of Bob Walker, House District 38

Application received: George William (Will) Gramling

Representative Brannon moved to nominate Mr. Will Gramling and moved to close all other nominations. The motion was seconded and carried.

21. Upstate Educational Center Advisory Board

Terms of Mark Koenig, Gregory Scull, Isaac t. Quick, Stephen J. Wunder and Pamela Heath

Applications received: Sarah R. Simmons, Isaac Quick, Stephen

Wunder, and Pamela Heath

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

22. Roebuck Area Fire District Commission

Term of Thomas F. Bulman

Application received: Thomas F. Bulman

Representative Brannon moved to re-nominate Mr. Bulman. The motion was seconded and carried.

23. Converse Fire District Commission

Unexpired term of Bobby Welborn

Application received: Joel Dean Willard

Representative Cole moved that Mr. Willard's application for nomination be approved. Representative Tallon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

24. Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County

Terms of Board of Voter Registration and Elections

Applications received: F. Don Watson, Dorothy Broyles, J. Ruth Littlejohn, Rosemary Byerly, and William Thompson, Jr. and Cynthia Church

Representative Brannon moved to nominate all applicants and close to any other nominations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Representative Tallon brought before the committee, as before there were two separate committee with three on each which was an odd number of members, therefore, it could not be a tie; and request the delegation explore the idea of increasing the Voter Registration and Election Board by one to make the board with seven members in order to have an odd number on the board. Representative Tallon has spoken to Mr. Laye regarding this issue and he agrees. If the Delegation would agree, we could open up the application process as the code states there could be up to nine members. However, it would cost the County an additional \$6,000.

Senator Martin will appoint a special subcommittee and Representative Brannon would be happy to serve on the committee along with Representatives Tallon and Hicks.

25. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

26. New Business

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Shane Senator Shane Martin, Chairman

Attested: Carol Crowe

Resolution

WHEREAS Act 171 of 1991 created the Local Government Fund for which South Carolina statute declares that, "In the annual general appropriations act, an amount equal to not less than four and one-half percent of general fund revenues of the latest completed fiscal year must be appropriated" and;

WHEREAS the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation acknowledges that the Local Government Fund is prescribed by law, and should therefore be fully funded in fidelity according to this statute, and;

WHEREAS the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation asks that the governor of South Carolina do hereby include in the executive budget full funding of the Local Government Fund, and;

WHEREAS the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation further asks that the chairmen of the budgeting committees of the House and Senate likewise prescribe full funding of the Local Government Fund.

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation that the governor of South Carolina do hereby include in the executive annual budget full funding of the Local Government Fund and that a submission to the budgeting committees of the House and Senate for full funding of the Local Government Fund in fidelity to the statutes be in order.

ABSENT

Honorable Tom Corbin, Senate District 5

ABSENT

Honorable Glenn Reese, Senate District 11

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Honorable Lee Bright, Senate District 12

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Honorable Shane Martin, Senate District 13

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Honorable Harvey Peeler, Senate District 14

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Honorable Harold Mitchell, House District 31

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Honorable L. Derham Cole, Jr., House District 32

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Honorable Edward R. Tallon, Sr., House District 33

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Honorable Mike Forrester, House District 34

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Honorable William Chumley, House District 35

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Honorable Rita Allison, House District 36

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Honorable Donna Hicks, House District 37

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Honorable Doug Brannon, House District 38

Introduced and Adopted

November 10, 2014

Spartanburg, South Carolina

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Carol Crowe, Delegation Secretary