

## A G E N D A

**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011 – 10:30 A.M.  
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- 10:30 A.M.          I.      Call to Order – **Mr. Ed Elliott**, Chair  
                              A.      Invocation  
                              B.      Introduction of Guests  
                              C.      Approval of March 25, 2011, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)  
                              D.      Financial Statement [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)
- 10:40                      II.      Asset Based Tourism – Discover Upcountry South Carolina – **Mr. Tim Todd**, Executive Director, Discover Upcountry South Carolina (Section 3, Board Packet)
- Briefing:                      ACOG formed Discover Upcountry several years ago to promote asset based tourism in the region as an economic development tool. Mr. Todd will provide a presentation on the impact of asset based tourism, as well as resources, opportunities, challenges, and activities of his organization.
- Board Action Required:**      No
- 11:10                      III.      South Carolina Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate – **Mr. Doug Burns**, Deputy Director (Section 4, Board Packet)
- Briefing:                      As requested by the Board, Mr. Burns will provide an overview on the issues surrounding changes to unemployment insurance tax rates in the state, as well as potential legislation addressing tax rates.
- Section 4 of the packet includes a copy of the letter requested by the Board supporting an extension to the repayment period for federal loans obtained to pay unemployment benefits.
- Board Action Required:**      No

- 11:30 IV. Legislative Report – **Mr. Doug Burns**, Deputy Director
- Briefing: Mr. Burns will provide a report on activities of the 2011 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on issues of importance to local governments.
- Board Action Required:** No
- 11:45 V. Highlights of 2010 Census Figures for the S. C. Appalachian Region – **Ms. Carol Andersen**, Information Services Director
- Briefing: The U. S. Census Department recently released data for South Carolina. Ms. Lewis will provide an overview of changes to the S. C. Appalachian region.
- Board Action Required:** No
- 11:55 VI. Executive Director’s Report – **Mr. Steven Pelissier**, Executive Director
- 12:00 VII: Adjourn to Lunch