

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
MARCH 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernest Riley, Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Eddie Moore, Francis Crowder, Ed Elliott, Dennis Moss, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Dan Rawls, Lillian Flemming, Thomas Alexander, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Neil Smith, Jeff Martin, Mike Forrester, Dale Culbreth, O'Neal Mintz, and Elbert Tillerson.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Mueller, Appalachian Development Corporation; Willis Meadows, Greenville County Council; Steve Graybill, The Mercer Group; Carla Whitlock, SC Technical College Systems; Bill Shark, and Jeff Clemmons.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Don Zimmer, Dirk Reis, Carol Andersen, Debra Brown, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Riley. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Culbreth, the minutes of the February 22, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved.

Impacts of Implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act

Mr. Graybill, Partner with The Mercer Group, gave an overview of Affordable Health Care Act. He stated that most components of the Affordable Care Act will be implemented in the next few years, with some elements coming into effect in 2013. He briefly discussed requirements of the law and their impacts on local governments.

Apprenticeship Carolina

Ms. Whitlock gave a brief overview of Apprenticeship Carolina. She stated that apprenticeship has not changed much, but the type of industries using apprenticeships has. Apprenticeship programs can be found in such industries as advanced manufacturing, information technology, energy, tourism, transportation and logistics, as well as healthcare. She stated that this division works to not only attract new and expanding companies to the state but also provide the workforce development tools necessary to make certain they grow and prosper in South Carolina over the long term.

Resolution Regarding SC House Bill 3290, the Business Freedom to Choose Act

In response to a request from the Board at the February meeting, staff has developed a draft resolution opposing H.3290, which would limit the ability of local governments to plan for, regulate, and control landfills. It was noted that amendments have been added to the bill to clarify that it would not affect local land use, zoning, or development regulations or fee requirements. The Board approved the resolution with two no votes.

South Carolina Legislative Report

Mr. Burns provided an overview of issues of importance to local governments that are being addressed during the 2013 session of the General Assembly, which included: workers compensation for law enforcement officers and fire service personnel, mandatory school resources officers, department of administration, solid waste and budget.

Election of Regional Members to the Board of Directors

Chairman Riley nominated Henry Jolly to serve in the position of a regional membership. Ms. Hall seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon.

Chairman

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CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.