

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 27, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Elliott, Ernest Riley, Renee Cariveau, Dennis Claramunt, Terence Roberts, Eddie Moore, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, Judy Gilstrap, Don Godbey, Thomas Alexander, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Neil Smith, Tom Hendricks, Randy Crenshaw, James Jackson, Dale Culbreth, O'Neal Mintz, Jane Hall, Bob Briggs, Elbert Tillerson, Loretta Smith, and Chet Morris.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Linda Alexander, Oconee County; George Long, Appalachian Development Corporation; Jon Humphrey, Tournament Director, Big League World Series; Johnnie Edwards, Department Of Transportation, District 4 Commissioner, and Doug Burns, new staff member.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Joe Newton, Becky Hall, Beverly Allen, Carol Andersen, Chip Bentley, Dirk Reis, Olivia Harris, Cricket Jenkins, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elliott. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mayor Godbey, seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the June 25, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved.

Big League World Series

Mr. Jon Humphrey, Tournament Director provided an overview of the Big League World Series annual event, which is hosted in Easley. He stated that this is an 8-day event that brings eleven teams from around the world to compete for the title of World Champions. The players range from 16-18 years old. Each year the series grows in popularity and changes are continuously being made to improve the event. This year over 7,000 people attended, which greatly impacted the economy through shopping, eating, and hotel stays.

ADRC Website

Ms. Allen and Ms. Andersen provided a briefing on the ACOG's newly developed ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) Website, which is a model for the state, as well as the nation. The ADRC is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to streamline access to long-term care. The ADRC initiative is part of a nationwide effort to restructure services and support for older adults, all persons with disabilities, family members and care providers. It also complements long term care system change activities designed to enhance access by older adults and people with disabilities of all ages to community living, personal choice and independence.

Appalachian Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2010 Progress Report and Update

Mr. Bentley stated that staff has completed work on the CEDS Update for 2010, which updates the full plan adopted by the Board in 2007. The CEDS is a document that is designed to bring together public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap for the region with the purpose of diversifying and strengthening the regional economy. The document serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Mr. Bentley stated that this is for information only at this time and that the full CEDS report will be brought to the Board in September for action.

Report from the Personnel Committee

Mr. Riley stated that the committee had met on June 25, 2010 to consider two items: the consideration of the opportunity for merit increases in FY 2011 and the consideration of an extension of grandfathered retiree health insurance benefits. He stated that the Personnel Committee voted unanimously to authorize merit increases, at an agency-wide

average of 2%. The Committee also forwarded a recommendation to the Budget Committee to approve funding for three grandfathered retirees health insurance coverage. The Committee made no recommendation to change the current policy that authorizes consideration of this benefit on an annual basis. As a result, the recommendation affects only FY 2011.

Report from the Budget Committee

Ms. Gilstrap stated that the Budget Committee had met to consider funding for the extension of grandfathered retiree health insurance benefits. Due to the projected budget for FY 2011, the Committee is not recommending this consideration for approval. On motion by Ms. Gilstrap, seconded by Mr. Culbreth, the Board voted with 3 no votes, not to approve this recommendation.

Special Presentation

Mr. Pelissier stated that he would like approval to recognize Rev. J. W. Sanders' family with the Jack Millwood Helmsman Award at the September Board meeting. On motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mayor Godbey, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Committee Assignments

Chairman Elliott made the following Committee appointments: Henry Jolly, Executive Committee; Ernest Riley, Chairman of Personnel Committee; Henry Jolly, Personnel Committee; Joe Dill, Chairman of Aging Advisory Committee; and Cindy Wilson, Anderson representative for EDIS Committee.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Chairman

THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAS
COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING
AND CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.