

## **MINUTES**

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 23, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Gilstrap, Wallace Shaw, Ed Elliott, Dennis Claramunt, J.W. Sanders, James Batchler, Janie Wilson, Joe Dill, Butch Kirven, Bob Gaillard, Marion Lyles, Craig Brandon, G. Neil Smith, Heyward McDonald, Lib Fleming, Bob Briggs, and Loretta Smith.

GUESTS PRESENT: John Castile, Assistant City Manager, City of Greenville; and Dell Bagwell, Town of Blacksburg.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Joe Newton, Becky Hall, Dave Mueller, Vickie Williams, Carol Anderson, Julia Hoyle, Nancy Childress, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwomen Gilstrap. The invocation was offered by Mr. Dill. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Rev. Sanders, the minutes of the April 25, 2008, meeting were unanimously approved.

### **City of Greenville Smoking Ordinance**

John Castile, Assistant City Manager with the City of Greenville, discussed the City's ordinance regulating smoking in public places, which was recently upheld by the S.C. Supreme Court. Mr. Castile stated that the City of Greenville was the first jurisdiction in South Carolina to address the issue of smoking in public places in 1987. In 2005 there was a renewed interest in the environment and in 2006 the old ordinance was repealed and a new one was put into place. The City now charges fines for violations of the smoking ordinance.

**Appalachian Development Corporation Annual Meeting**

All members of the ACOG Board of Directors also serve as members of the Appalachian Development Corporation (ADC). In accordance with the ADC By-Laws, at least one meeting of the entire membership must be held each year to approve directors for the upcoming year, review the financial status of the organization, and conduct other business, as necessary. On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the COG Board recessed for the ADC Annual meeting. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the ADC meeting adjourned and the COG Board meeting reconvened.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Newton gave an update on activities of the S.C. General Assembly that are of interest to local governments, which included the budget, immigration, fire sprinklers, restructuring, cigarette taxes, payday lending, and point of sale.

Their being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Chair

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