

## *MINUTES*

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 24, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Gilstrap, Wallace Shaw, Ed Elliott, Gracie Floyd, Dennis Claramunt, Michael Thompson, J.W. Sanders, James Batchler, Janie Wilson, Joe Dill, Bennie Cunningham, Ernest Riley, Bob Winchester, G. Neil Smith, J. Connie Bowers, Heyward McDonald, Lib Fleming, Dale Culbreth, Bob Briggs, Elbert Tillerson, and Loretta Smith.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dell Bagwell, Town of Blacksburg; Mike Forrester and Will Bramlin, Spartanburg Community College; Rep. Mike Gambrell, Anderson County; Scott Slatton and Stephanie O'Cain, Municipal Association of S.C.; Lamar Bailes, Oconee County.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Joe Newton, Becky Hall, Dave Mueller, Carol Andersen, Chip Bentley, Debra Brown, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwomen Gilstrap. The invocation was offered by Rev. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the September 26, 2008, meeting was unanimously approved.

### **Local Government Requirements of the S.C. Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act**

Ms. O'Cain stated that the S.C. Financial Identity Fraud and identity Theft Act was adopted by the General Assembly earlier this year. It applies specific requirements to local governments for the protection of personal information collected in the process of doing business. This includes the protection of social security numbers and credit card

information. The deadline for local governments to comply with the state legislation is December 31, 2008. She stated that local governments must also comply with the Federal Red Flag Rules legislation, which requires a written plan for the opening and monitoring of utility accounts. The deadline for compliance with this federal legislation is November 1, 2008, but the Federal Trade Commission has extended enforcement of this rule until May 1, 2009. The Board was given a checklist to help identify areas of compliance and non-compliance with these new requirements.

**Proposed Amendment to the Appalachian Regional Component of the STIP (State Transportation Improvement Plan) to add an Intersection from I-85 to Sunny Slope Road as Unfunded Project**

Mr. Bentley stated that a request has been made by Spartanburg and Cherokee County to add a project to the list of unfunded projects in the Appalachian region's Transportation Implementation Plan. The proposed project would improve the Sunny Slope Road overpass in Cherokee County and convert it into an interchange. The project is being sponsored by Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties, their respective economic development agencies, and the Upstate Alliance. The new interchange will serve the Upstate Corporate Park, a joint effort between Cherokee and Spartanburg Counties, and the Sunny Slope Corporate Park. Ms. Fleming stated that the Transportation Committee is recommending approval of this project as an addition to the Long Range Plan. Mr. Smith made motion to approve and Rev. Sanders seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously.

**Overview of the Main Street Program and Field Services Program of the Municipal Association of South Carolina**

Scott Slatton, a field services manager with MASC, whose service area includes the Appalachian region, provided an overview of the Main Street and Field Service programs provided by his organization. He stated that Main Street-SC Program is a downtown economic development tool to help revitalize downtowns and piggybacks on historic preservation. The City of Anderson will provide information about their Main Street Program at the next COG Board meeting.

**Overview of the Aging Services Comprehensive RFP Process and Timeframe**

Ms. Williams stated that staff will soon begin a competitive procurement process for aging services. She outlined a list of specific program components that will be included in the RFP to seek input on entities with potential interest in responding to the request, so staff can ensure that those entities are notified of the opportunity. A meeting will be held

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at the COG office December 4<sup>th</sup> for interested entities, and bids will be due in January.

There 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.