

## MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Terence Roberts, Ted Mattison, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Cindy Wilson, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, David Cauthen, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Don Godbey, Willis Meadows, Brandy Amidon, Ernest Riley, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Bill Brockington, Margaret Thompson, Ensley Feemster, Mike Forrester, Elbert Tillerson, Junie White, Jan Scalisi, Justin Bradly, and Roger Nutt.

GUESTS PRESENT: LeighAnn Snuggs, City of Gaffney Marketing and Tourism Program; Jane Ovenden, Spartanburg Regional Foundation; Jon Woodsby and Kristie Oliver, Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation; Elizabeth Edwards, Congressman Duncan's Office; Seth Blanton, Congressman Scott's Office; Barbara Black, Senior Leaders of Greenville; Michael Stogner, Pickens County; and Nick Hollingshad, Greenville County.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Doug Burns, Dirk Reis, Chip Bentley, Tim Womack, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mr. Crowder, the minutes of the December 11, 2015, meeting was unanimously approved with two corrections. Senator Mike Forrester and Councilwomen Cindy Wilson were in attendance.

### **City of Gaffney Marketing and Tourism Program**

Ms. Snuggs, Director, Gaffney Marketing Tourism Department, gave a brief description of the City's Marketing and Tourism efforts. The Gaffney Visitors Center and Art gallery is an attraction of its own. The City acquired a grant to purchase the historic old post office in 2009. During the renovation project, City officials, staff and contractors quickly changed its plans to be that of a restoration project, unveiling numerous architectural and ornate features of the original construction of 1913. Opening in September 2010, the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery is also home to the Cherokee Alliance of Visual Artists (CAVA), a non-profit organization compiled of Cherokee County artists. There are three nationally certified historic districts located in Gaffney, all significant to the turn of America's freedom from the British during the Revolutionary War. These include historic downtown area, historic residential district, and Gaffney Arts and Entertainment Centers. Ms. Snuggs commented that other than the attraction of the Premium Outlet Mall and Limestone College, the Peachoid was featured in a TV show called "House of Cards", which has brought in presidential candidates as well as national and social media.

### **Approval of a Contractor to Provide Senior Services in Spartanburg County for a Term Running from April 4, 2016 through June 30, 2017**

Mr. Dill, Chairman of the Regional Aging Advisory Committee, stated that an RFP for a Council on Aging in Spartanburg County was issued on October 27, 2015, with services including Group Dining, Health Promotion, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation and Home Care Level I. The contract will run from April 4, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Mr. Womack stated that three proposals were received and the Regional Aging Advisory Committee's Review Committee met on February 10, 2016 to hear presentations from these groups. On February 24, 2016, the Regional Aging Advisory Committee met to hear the review committee's recommendation. Mr. Dill stated that the committee unanimously agreed to award the contract to Spartanburg Regional Foundation and is presenting this recommendation to the Board for approval. Before discussion, Chair Jane Hall excused herself from the meeting. Vice-Chair Dennis Claramunt served as chair for this item.

Mr. Womack stated that the review committee will meet with Spartanburg Regional Foundation to negotiate rates. The Board then asked Mr. Dill to amend the motion to say that they approve the committee's recommendation after negotiating the contract. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation with one abstention from the Chair.

**Letter to the SC DHEC Board of Directors Expressing Opposition to a variance Request that would Allow Coal Ash Disposal in a Class Town Landfill located in Pickens County**

Mr. Pelissier stated that, as requested by the Board members, a letter drafted to SC DHEC in regards to an application to allow for the Disposal of Coal Ash in a Class II Construction and Debris Landfill in Pickens County. The letter states that there are many significant health, quality of life and economic development concerns related to this proposal and urges the DHEC Board of Directors to reject the request. On motion by Mr. Feemster, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the Board unanimously agreed to send the letter to SC DHEC.

**Consideration of a Proposed Amendment to the ACOG By-Laws**

Mr. Pelissier stated that the By-Laws committee has been meeting to discuss changes to the ACOG's by-laws referring to the county funding formula. The COG has not had an increase from the six-counties since 1989. He stated that he had met with all six county administrators, board members and key council members. Upon approval the new formula will be implemented over the next three years. The motion was presented by the committee and the Board unanimously agreed.

**2016 South Carolina Legislative Update**

Mr. Burns provided an update on activities of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments, which are: The budget, roads and DOT reform, school equality, local government fund repayment to FEMA, release of camcorder video, ethics reform, and gun control.

**Report From the Board Officers Nominating Committee**

Mr. Riley stated that the Board Officers Nominating Committee had met and is making recommendation for slate of officers to serve for a term running from April 2016 through March 2017 with the following recommendation: Dennis Claramunt, Chairman, Neil Smith, Vice-Chairman, and Joe Dill, Secretary/Treasurer. The Board unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

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Chair

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COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING AND  
CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.