



MINUTES

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.

COUNCIL BOARD ROOM

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Members Present:

Francis Crowder, Ernest Riley, Mack Durham, Ray Graham, Henry Jolly, Willis Meadows, Joe Dill,, Butch Kirven, Lillian Brock Flemming, George Fletcher, Grady Butler, Ennis Fant Sr., Rep. Mike Burns, Rep. Mike Forrester, Jane Hall, Roger Nutt, Manning Lynch, Mildred Tillerson, Larry Chappell, Dana Moore, Marta Wahlen, Rep. Neal Collins, Ensley Feemster, Margaret Thompson

Guests Present:

Mr. Jeff Cunningham | AECOM; Mr. Joel Dill; Mr. Daniel Gamble

Staff Present:

Steve Pelissier, Brooke Ferguson, Arlene Young, Don Zimmer, Denise Ernul, Lance Estep, Michelle Anderson, Amanda Mlinar

Chairman Joe Dill called the meeting to order. Invocation lead by board member Grady Butler. Steve Pelissier welcomed all guests, presenters, and introduction of newly appointed Spartanburg County Minority Board Member Mildred Tillerson. A motion to adopt May 24, 2019 meeting minutes was approved unanimously by the Board.

Financials: May 31, 2019

No action taken on review of the Financial Statements.

Consideration of a Request for Special Distressed Area Designation in Accordance with the SC Textile Communities Revitalization Act for an Area in the Conestee Community of Greenville County

Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

The recently revised Textile Communities Revitalization Act provides tax credits for the re-development of abandoned textile mills. To be eligible for tax credits, the property must be located in a distressed area, as designated by the applicable council of governments. Distressed areas were designated by ACOG during the October 2018 Board Meeting. In addition, it was decided that should a project be located outside a designated distressed area, the ACOG Board may create a special distressed area for the project, provided it meets the spirit and intent of the legislation. Ms. Ferguson discussed details to such a request for properties located along Spanco Drive and Conestee Road in Greenville, SC (formerly Conestee Mill). Rep. Mike Forrester pointed out, five members of the Economic Development Committee visited the proposed site to better assess request for designation. The Economic Development Committee presented a recommendation concerning this special designation for Board Approval.

> Distressed Area Outline

- Though residential development has been significant in Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Golden Strip area, Conestee Mill and its immediate surrounding has languished for the past 40 years.
- Conestee recently annexed into the city of Greenville, yet very close to the city of Mauldin.
- Project area is about a half mile from existing census track deemed as Distressed Designated Area.
- Housing stock has deteriorated rapidly with a gas station/convenient store being the only active business in the area.
- Developers plan for mix use of development by reusing existing buildings for residential and mercantile.
- Project partially funded with Historical Preservation Credits, in addition to applying for any other available credits once designated.
 - > Historical Preservation guidelines warrants restoration of historical attributes of these Mill structures for example windows.
- Project site is very close to the trailheads bordering Conestee Lake

> Special Distressed Designation Recommendation

- The Economic Development Committee approved the designation as read by Rep. Mike Forrester, under pursuant section 1265.20 of 1976 as amended, committee approved the application for Special Distressed Designation of the area located along Spanco Drive and Conestee Road in Greenville, SC, as meeting the spirit and intent of the legislation.

Action Item Vote: The Board unanimously approved the Special Distresses Designation recommended.

ACOG’s Family Caregiver Support (FCG) Program

Ms. Michelle Anderson, Family Caregiver advocate, Ms. Amanda Mlinar, Family Caregiver Advocate

Ms. Anderson and Ms. Mlinar provided an overview of the Family Caregiver Program, which provides support to people taking care of seniors in their homes, to include Grandparents support program.

Most caregivers are unprepared for their role and typically have no knowledge of where to turn for assistance. The Caregiver Support Program works with caregivers to assist with knowledge, resources and services to assist unpaid caregivers in their roles. Caregiver advocates will work one on one with caregivers to provide the assistance that will provide them the most relief for their unique situation. The program relies on community relationships with providers, churches, senior expos, other senior related organizations to market the programs. Last fiscal year a total of \$829,367.14 in Respite Vouchers were awarded.

> Helps the following People

- Unpaid adults caring for someone who is frail or disabled (60 or older)
- Unpaid adults caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or a related illness
- Grandparents or relative caregivers (55 or older) raising a child 18 or younger

> Giving Caregivers Choices

- Respite services may occur in the home, at a senior day program, or short-term facility stay. Our advocates understand the importance of feeling comfortable with care providers therefore our caregivers are able to make the choice of the provider and what type of setting they wish for the care; \$1500 cap per year.
- Seniors Raising Children program to assist with generational barriers related to the needs of children residing with them. This program provides monetary support to engage children in summer/afterschool/academic programs that are normally beyond the caregivers affordability; \$1500 cap per year/per child with the ability to receive additional emergency funds, if deemed necessary.

> **FY19 - Family Caregiver Respite Allocations (by County)**

County	Allocated Funds	# Grants Awarded	# Clients Served
Anderson	\$ 77,708.06	78	86
Cherokee	\$ 23,804.77	25	25
Greenville	\$ 297,788.42	299	298
Oconee	\$ 35,274.69	44	38
Pickens	\$ 41,769.94	43	38
Spartanburg	\$ 144,240.94	157	126

Appalachian Council of Governments FY 2020 Work Program

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Mr. Pelissier presented the Work Program, which covers the agency's priorities and activities for the upcoming year. However, before discussing the Work Program, he gave an overview of ACOG's mission, goals, services of each department and the strides taken to get to its current state.

ACOG's rich and lengthy history began in 1965 and has grown into the vast organization known today. Each year ACOG increases its in-house resources, programs, and business affiliations to better service the uptick in needs for our counties, government agencies, communities, and the senior population it serves.

> **Appalachian Council of Governments Program Areas**

- Aging Services
- Grants Services
- Economic Development
- Planning
- Government Services
- Affiliated
 - > Small Business and Entrepreneurial Revolving Loan Fund
 - > WorkLink Workforce Development Board

> **Aging Services**

Help seniors, their caregivers and the disabled population maintain dignity and independence in their homes and community. ACOG is the designated regional lead agency for the development of a comprehensive, coordinated and cost effective long term care system.

- Services Rendered
 - > Information/Assistance & Referral > Nutrition (Congregate & Home Delivered meals)
 - > Senior Centers > Transportation > Family Caregiver > Benefits Counseling
- Continuing Services
 - > Legal Assistance > Senior Medicare Patrol > Long Term Care Ombudsman
 - > In-home Services > Volunteer Opportunities > Client Assessments
- FY 2020 Areas Of Emphasis
 - > Work closely with new providers in Anderson and Greenville Counties
 - > Look for growth opportunities in northern Greenville and Spartanburg Counties as well as the town of Blacksburg in Cherokee County
 - > Investigate funding options

> **Grant Services**

The objective of Grant Services is to assist local governments and other public and non-profit agencies in obtaining financial assistance for plans, projects and programs that contribute to community livability and economic growth. The roles of the grants department are consultant, liaison, problem solver, and project manager.

- Services Rendered
 - > Project Planning > Grant Management
 - > Project Development > Grant Application Preparation
- Project Emphasis and Projects Awarded FY 18-19 (Total \$3,280,728)
 - > ARC (*Projects not managed by ACOG)
 - \$305,046 Blacksburg Lime Street Trailhead
 - \$216,550 Cherokee County Hwy 11 Turn Lane *
 - \$459,963 SCC/readysc Workforce Training *
 - \$527,933 SCC Industry 4.0 Equipment
 - > CDBG
 - \$402,020 Anderson County/SSWD/LaFrance West Water Upgrade
 - \$315,250 Woodruff US 221 Sewer Force Main
 - > RIA
 - \$935,566 OJRSA Fair Play Sewer - \$118,400 Walhalla Interconnection

- Pending Projects

- > ARC

- \$500,000 City of Greenville Hudson Street Streetscape
 - \$500,000 Simpsonville Arts Center Renovation

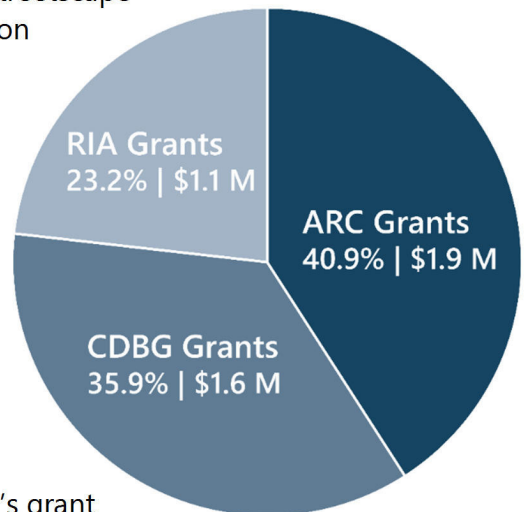
- > CDBG

- \$750,000 City of Easley/ECU
 - \$750,000 Inman Sewer Upgrade
 - \$592,500 Williamston Mahaffey Rd Sewer

- > EDA

- \$3,700,000 OJRSA Fair Play Sewer
 - \$473,000 Walhalla Interconnection

- > Total \$7,265,500



- Performance Measures – 2018 in review

- > 35,000 Residents are benefiting from this year's grant
 - > 26 Grant projects facilitated
 - > 163 Jobs created
 - > 21,500 sq.ft. of building renovations
 - > 2341 Students and workers trained and educated
 - > 3 Miles of water line infrastructure added in the region
 - > 8 Miles of sewer line infrastructure added in the region
 - > 5.3 Miles of new trails and sidewalks built in the region projects
 - > 130,950 Annual visitors are expected from the improvements

- > **Economic Development Services**

To support regional economic development through strategic planning and GIS-driven data and mapping services. Its main components are InfoMentum, economic development planning, special projects, and fostering entrepreneur friendly communities.

- Services Rendered

- > Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
 - > The Entrepreneur Friendly Toolkit
 - > Grant writing support for economic development projects
 - > Special projects

- Coming in FY 2020

- > 2019 CEDS Update
 - > Continue to develop the new Data Center

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- > Launch custom Data Centers for InfoMentum investors
 - > Recruit new investors for InfoMentum
 - > Identify potential new economic development planning projects
- > **Government Services**
- Provide technical assistance, policy guidance, and training to our local government officials and staff in an effort to help them improve internal administration and management procedures; increase their efficiency and cost effectiveness; and enhance service delivery to residents.
- Services Rendered
 - > Administration Services
 - > General Administrative Technical Assistance
 - > Training: Council/ Boards
 - > Training: Management & Employee Level
 - > Human Resources
 - > Organizational Development
 - Moving Forward
 - > Management and Supervisory Training Class is in demand again
 - > Interim administrative services are a new offering (not as intensive as the previous efforts with Doug Burns)
 - > Recruitment and hiring assistance are services we have seen a demand for and
 - > Technical Assistance for local government administration staff (budgeting, ordinances, procedures)
 - > Council Planning Retreats
- > **Planning Services**
- The objective of the Planning Services is to empower local governments to develop a vision for their future and undertake community development efforts to achieve that vision; provide services that facilitate growth and development; and help build regional partnerships that promote achieving community objectives.
- Services Rendered
 - > Transportation
 - > Community Development/Local Planning Assistance
 - > Natural Resources/Infrastructure
 - > Planning Education

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- FY 2020 Areas Of Emphasis
 - > Regional Freight Mobility Study
 - > Regional Travel Demand Model Program
 - > Supporting Local Planning Services and Community Development Efforts

> **Affiliated Programs**

AGOG's main affiliates are The Appalachian Development Corporation (ADC) and WorkLink Workforce Development Board (WDB).

- The Appalachian Development Corporation (ADC) has been a technical assistance and lending partner to businesses located in Upstate South Carolina since 1982. The ADC was organized primarily for the purpose of furthering economic development, job creation and retention and financially assisting in the growth and development of business concerns in six counties of Upstate South Carolina. The ADC now meets its purpose Statewide while concentrating on the Upstate. The ADC provides funding to small business statewide through programs in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the US Department of Agriculture. The ADC's participation is geared toward benefiting these areas, as measured by increased employment and payroll, increased sales volume, and increased tax base. The ADC uses funds available through government programs to help grow businesses in our communities.
- WorkLink Workforce Development Board (WDB) develops the link between employers and employees in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. A volunteer board of directors ensures that the local workforce development system is market-driven and responsible in meeting the employment and training needs of businesses and job seekers.

The board implements the "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014" in partnership with local service providers and through a comprehensive SC Works system that provides access points for employment and training services. The goal of WDB is to have a fully employed, skilled workforce, and to that end, we help job seekers find the tools to build their careers, and we work with businesses to hire quality employees. WorkLink funds programs for adults, dislocated workers, youth, and supports employers through On-the-Job and Incumbent Worker Training programs.

Action Item Vote: The Board unanimously adopted the FY2020 Work Program recommended by the Executive Committee.

Personnel Committee Report

Mr. E. Riley, Chair, Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Mr. Riley and Mr. Pelissier presented recommendations from the Personnel Committee for proposed changes to Personnel Policies regarding meal reimbursement and opportunity for employee merit increases in FY 2020. Mr. Pelissier lead with an organizational overview prior to presenting the recommendations.

> Organizational Overview

- The agency is composed of six program areas: Administration, Aging Services, Economic Development, Finance, Government and Planning Services, and Grants Services. Currently, the COG has 41 positions, including two part-time employees. These numbers do not include seven WorkLink positions. For payroll and budget purposes, they are ACOG employees but report to the WorkLink Board of Directors.

The consideration of changes to staffing is conducted as a component of the annual planning process. Changes could include the creation of new positions, the re-classification of positions on the agency's salary scale, or significant changes to position descriptions but for FY 2020, the Personnel Committee is not recommending any staffing changes.

> Employee Merit Increase

- For FY 2020, the Personnel Committee is recommending the continuation of the merit increase system provided by the COG over the past several years. The proposal is for the agency to provide for merit increases with an effective average of 2.5%, and a range of up to 5%. Fully successful employees would receive a 2% increase.

A non-fully successful employee would receive no raise, and an exceptional accomplishment would be required for a staff member to receive an increase of more than 2%. For a staff of 41 (not including WorkLink), typically up to eighteen employees receive an increase of greater than 2%, and around four to seven employees receive no increase.

Several factors are considered in formulating this recommendation. A primary item is what the agency can afford. The proposal would cost the COG roughly \$38,000 in FY 2020. Projected revenues will be sufficient to support the recommended increase. The agency can absorb this increased cost even though salaries represent only a component of the total personnel increases the COG will experience. ACOG pays 100% of the cost of health insurance for employees, as well as the minimum supplement for spouse and family, as provided by state regulations. It is anticipated that the health insurance cost will rise by 8% to 10% next year. Also, the agency's contribution toward employee retirement will rise every year through FY 2022.

For FY 2019, the employer contribution is 14.6% of salary. For FY 2020, that figure will rise to 15.6% and will ultimately top out at 18.6%.

As has been the case over the past few years, for employees with spouse or dependent health insurance coverage, any salary increase received by employees will be partially offset by higher insurance premiums. Likewise, the employee deduction for retirement is also rising each year.

Action Item Vote: The Board unanimously approved Personnel Committee’s recommendation to continue opportunity for employee merit increases in FY 2020 at 2.5% but not to exceed 5%.

> **Proposed Change to Personnel Policies – Meal Reimbursement**

- In 2016, ACOG adopted a meal reimbursement schedule that allows the following;

Breakfast-\$6.00 Lunch-\$11.00 Dinner-\$25.00 Total-\$42.00

In accordance with IRS regulations, meal reimbursements are provided only for overnight trips. The policy reduces reimbursable amounts for partial-day travel, and reduces the reimbursement if meals are provided as part of the meeting or conference, or if the hotel offers a complimentary breakfast.

Meal costs rise over time and can vary considerably by location. To address these challenges, staff and the Personnel Committee are recommending that the current policy be replaced with a statement that ACOG will follow the most recent meal per diem rates published by the federal General Services Administration. Currently those standard rates are;

Breakfast-\$13.00 Lunch-\$14.00 Dinner-\$23.00 Total-\$51.00

The federal schedule also provides premium rates for high-cost locations. A couple examples from Atlanta and Washington are shown below.

Atlanta Breakfast-\$16.00 Lunch-\$17.00 Dinner-\$28.00 Total-\$61.00

Washington Breakfast-\$18.00 Lunch-\$19.00 Dinner-\$34.00 Total-\$71.00

If ACOG makes the change to allow the federal reimbursement rates, the reductions for partial-day travel and for meals provided by the conference or hotel would remain in effect.

The recommended revised language for the policy is as follows;

7-4 Reimbursable Expenses

General: Except as noted below, employees who are on approved Council travel will be provided with a payment to cover meal expenses. The amount of allowable payment will be as provided in the most recently issued federal General Services Administration (GSA) Meals and Incidentals Reimbursement Guidelines, as published on the GSA website (www.gsa.gov). Pursuant to IRS regulations, reimbursements shall not be made for non-overnight travel. Receipts for meals are not required.

- a) **Trips within the Region:** Meals within the region are not eligible for payment unless they are a “working session” which is a meal/meeting at which Council business is conducted and must be approved orally in advance by the appropriate Program Director or the Executive Director. A working session typically requires one person to pay for the lunch of all participants.

Partial Day Reimbursement: For events in which an employee’s travel encompasses a partial day, payment for meals will be adjusted as noted:

No travel is required prior to 7:00 a.m.—payment is reduced by the per diem rate for breakfast.

No travel is required during any portion of the day between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.—payment is reduced by the per diem rate for lunch.

No travel is required after 7:00 p.m.—payment is reduced by the per diem rate for dinner.

Meals Provided with Registrations: For conferences, conventions, seminars, etc., in which a meal or meals are provided as part of the registration or attendance, the daily amount will be reduced by the per diem rate(s) for the meals that are provided.

Meals Provided by the Hotel: If breakfast or other meals are provided by the hotel, the daily amount will be reduced by the per diem rate(s) for the meals that are provided.

Action Item: The Board unanimously adopted the Personnel Committee’s recommendations for the agency’s current meal reimbursement schedule be replaced with a reference to base reimbursement on published General Services Administration schedules.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Ensley Feemster, Chair, Mr. Don Zimmer, Finance director

Mr. Zimmer presented Finance Committee the budget review, allocations of revenue in excess for FY 2019, and recommendations for the FY 2020 budget. Reassured the Board that the skewed percentages will smooth out in the FY 2019 expenditures after accrues are completed at the end of the Fiscal Year 2019. As the Board review recommendations of the Finance Committee for the FY 2020 budget, they can make assignment or reassign, designate or undesignated, or adjust reviewed items any time before action. Side-by-side comparison of FY 2019 and FY 2020 financial comparison shown on last page of Section 5 Board Packet.

- > Designation of FY 2019 Excess Revenue over Expenditures
 - Through the first eleven months of the year, the agency's FY 2019 financial performance has closely reflected budget forecasts. Overall projected revenues have risen by \$10,620, which is less than a 1% variance from the original \$4.2 million revenue figure. Only three line items show significant variance from budgeted amounts:
 - > CDBG and ARC Grants is reduced from by \$30,000, from \$289,000 to \$259,000.*
 - > Anderson HOME Consortium is increased by \$30,000, from \$35,000 to \$65,000.*
 - > Planning Service Contracts is increased by \$14,900, from \$64,500 to \$79,400.

* There is no actual reduction or gain to either line item. Previously, ACOG accounted for the administrative aspects of the program under the Anderson HOME Consortium line item and accounted for the operational aspects of the program under the CDBG and ARC Grants line item. For clarity, the entire program is now accounted for in the Anderson HOME Consortium line item and the revenue was transferred to that area.

- Several of the Expenditure line items show significantly higher numbers than projected. These include;
 - > 356% Supplies – Consumable and Non-Consumable
 - > 338% Computer Software, Licenses, Fees and Parts
 - > 144% Consulting and Other Outside Services
 - > 202% SCWC Facilities Costs
- All of these overages are related to WorkLink, the workforce development board serving Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. Since ACOG is the fiscal entity for WorkLink, its financial numbers are included in the ACOG budget; however, its budget is under the authority of its board of directors. Most of the increases result from a technology grant WorkLink received in the middle of the year.

As a result of the small increase to revenue and the stability of non-WorkLink related expenditures, the original Excess Revenue Over Expenditures figure is now projected to be \$56,620, which is \$10,620 higher than the original budgeted amount. The Excess Revenue figure is 1.3% of revenues, which places it in a desirable range. In response to a recommendation from the auditor several years ago to maintain a fund balance that equals six months of expenses, the COG has worked to achieve that goal. At the agency’s current expenditure level, the six-month figure would be \$2,075,104. An increase of \$56,620 would bring the overall fund balance to \$1,917,471.

- ACOG’s total current fund balance is as presented below.

Item	Amount
Assigned	
- Equipment Replacement	\$ 50,000
- Building Maintenance and Repair	\$ 200,000
<u>Unassigned</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,851</u>
Total	\$ 1,860,851

Note: This schedule does not include Prepaid Items, which are required to be presented in the audit as a component of fund balances. That amount will be determined at the end of the year. The amount will be set to account for items that have already been paid for. Therefore, it is not money that can be used for other purposes.

- The \$200,000 assigned to Building Maintenance and Repair acknowledges that a 21-year-old building requires maintenance and upgrades over time. Likewise, the \$50,000 assigned to Equipment Replacement is there to cover the unlikely but possible event of failure to a large equipment item.

As noted, the final FY 2019 Revenue over Expenditure figure is anticipated to be approximately \$56,620.

Action Item Vote: The Board unanimously approved Finance Committee’s recommendation as discussed for allocations of revenue in excess for FY 2019.

- > FY 2020 Budget, Schedule of Capital Items, Schedule of Consulting and Outside Services, and Schedule of Contractual Items
 - Projected total revenues equal \$4,674,039. Total expenditures equal \$4,663,782, resulting in a projected Revenue Over Expenditure figure of \$10,257.

This represents a revenue increase of \$467,211 from FY 2019 projections. The primary components of the increase include;

- > \$275,000 for a Freight Study that ACOG will conduct in partnership with SC DOT.
 - > A \$65,000 increase to the Aging Services Assessment program.
 - > A \$35,000 increase to the Aging Services Home and Community Based Services program.
 - > \$29,000 for Transportation Modeling, which is a new program ACOG will undertake in partnership with SC DOT.
 - > A \$23,832 increase to WorkLink funding.
 - > A \$14,250 increase to Government Service projects.
 - > A \$12,229 increase to the Senior Insurance Program.
 - > A \$8,250 increase to Government Service Training.
 - > A \$6,000 increase to the Volunteer Ombudsman program.
- Expenditure line items with significant increases include the following;
- > A \$308,525 increase to Consulting and Other Outside Services – \$200,000 is related to the Freight Study. \$51,625 is for Aging services, including emergency meals and home repairs. \$30,150 is for an updated financial management program. \$22,500 is WorkLink related.
 - > A \$77,392 increase to Personnel – Approximately half of this increase covers projected merit increases. Most of the remainder accounts for the Government Services Director position, which was filled for only six months in FY 2019.
 - > A \$66,257 increase to Fringe Pool – This accounts for State Retirement and Insurance rate increases.
 - > A \$40,700 increase to IT Maintenance Support – This reflects cost increases from the ACOG IT provider.
 - > A \$34,250 increase to Travel – The increase reflects the full implementation of the Aging Services Assessment program.
 - > A \$33,000 increase to Data – The InfoMentum program is switching to a subscription service for various operations. Although it will increase data costs, it will result in a corresponding decrease to consulting services.

Action Item Vote: The Board unanimously approved Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the FY 2020 budget.

South Carolina 2019 Legislative Update

Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Due to family situations, Ms. Ferguson was unable to present, however Mr. Pelissier requested Rep. Mike Burns, Rep. Mike Forrester, and/or Rep. Neal Collins to discuss pending legislation from the 2019 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments.

> Items of Interest

- Governor had vetoes during this legislative session
- Continuation of educational funding and Santee Cooper into next year's agenda
- Local government funding increase was passed in the House and Senate

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director, concluded the meeting with information on various topics.

- > Explained the limited attendance of ACOG leadership due to previously scheduled professional and personal engagements from current Board meeting.
- > No Board meeting July, next meeting August 23rd.
- > In previous years, ACOG has used Senior Catering as its food service provider in Anderson and Oconee Counties. Likewise Senior Solutions used Senior Catering for their Medicaid program but at a much larger scale than ACOG. Senior Solution partnered with a company called Valley to build a kitchen in the Senior Solutions facility in Anderson county. Subsequently, ACOG also switch to Valley for better quality and service at a lower cost. Unfortunately, the loss of volume for Senior Catering created increase in cost due to the switch to Valley, has created a cancellation of service for Newberry's Palmetto Active Daycare. Attempts to assist with resolve, was declined by Senior Solutions regarding transport of food to Palmetto Active Daycare for competition reasons instead of serving the seniors. The sentiments conveyed from Senior Solutions is not a representation of a public entity, as they would prefer to drive other companies out of business than to assist in the common mission of servicing the senior community. Mr. Pelissier informed the Board of the situation at hand.

The next Board Meeting will be at 10:30 am on August 23, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Joe Dill, Chairman

The South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments has complied with the Freedom of Information Act in scheduling and conducting this meeting