

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2014

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the second floor conference room of the courthouse.
2. Roll Call: Committee members in attendance included Edwin Kelley, Fred Erwin, Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton, Ron Yadro, and Don Gardner. Edward Wenger and Larry Neuens were noted as excused. Also in attendance was Legislative Advisory Committee Coordinator, Margie Yadro.
3. Approval and/or revisions to the current agenda. Moved by Gardner, seconded by Erwin, motion passed to approve the current agenda as posted.
4. Approval of the March 4, 2014 Legislative Advisory Committee Minutes. Wahlstrom-Stratton motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented, supported by Gardener. All were in favor.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. County Board action on resolutions and bills: Kelley reported that SB 589 and SB 622 were both supported by the Florence County Board of Supervisors. Wahlstrom-Stratton noted that she had corresponded with Tiffany's Office regarding SB 589 (related to the total number of schools days, and for state aid for summer classes), who confirmed that the bill passed both houses but was not yet signed by the governor. Senate Bill 622 (regarding creation of a grant program for teachers employed in sparsely populated school districts) did not pass, but she felt should be pursued.
 - B. K-12 Education Reform: Yadro reported that bills related to school funding or programming have been either signed, are waiting, or dropped, as this current legislative session goes into recess.
 - C. Replies from Departments/Outside Agencies: After review of department responses, Erwin reports that legislators are planning to attend upcoming area Town's Association meetings. He will provide meeting minutes for any further legislative support requested. Kelley suggested meeting coordination with the regional ANSWERS Committee and the School District of Florence County.
6. **New Business –**
 - A. Legislative action on bills of interest to Florence County: Kelley reads off a list of bills that were acted upon by the Legislative Advisory Committee and Board of Supervisors. The list will become a planning tool for the next session.
 - B. Agenda Items for April ANSWER Committee Meeting: suggestions included public forest land/treaty rights, invasive species/weed control, railroad, PILT payments, and US Forest harvesting formulas. Chairman Kelley will develop the agenda.
7. Update from Legislators: There were none in attendance.
8. Group discussion/any other action on legislative business: R. Yadro would like representatives to address school finance in the fall. Wahlstrom-Stratton felt a joint meeting before the November election would be helpful.
9. Future meetings: Gardner motioned to leave the planning details to the pleasure of the Chairman, supported by Wahlstrom-Stratton. All were in favor.
10. With all business complete, Gardener motioned to adjourn, supported by R. Yadro. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro, Legislative Advisory Committee Coordinator