



**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes / August 3, 2010 / Chamber Board Room**

**Attendance:** Jody Anderson, Trent Ashby, Susie Cardwell, David Collier, Jack Gorden, Trey Henderson, Kelly Holcomb, Jerry Huffman, Melinda Kartye, Roy Knight, Paul Parker, Carl Ray Polk, Joe Rich, Wes Suiter, Jim Watkins, Van Watson, Jim Wehmeier, and Dorothy Wilson.

Chairman Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and thanked all attendees for their time and attendance.

**APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES:**

The minutes from the July 1, 2010 meeting were approved.

Chairman Ashby turned the group’s attention to the any additional local priorities for both state and federal legislation and requests. He first turned to County Judge Wes Suiter to speak to the County’s priorities and requested that the County, City, and ISD lead us off and then others can add their thoughts.

**COUNTY PRIORITIES:**

Judge Suiter stated that the County’s list of concerns had not changed consisting of redistricting, unfunded mandates, and oil and gas valuations being at the top of the list.

**CITY PRIORITIES:**

Mayor Gorden expressed a concern in the lack of support and discussion of the I-69 Project both in Austin and Washington D.C., as well as locally. The Committee is still traveling and pending money, but no real results are being seen.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIORITIES:**

Lufkin ISD Superintendant Roy Knight shared additional information received in the newsletter from the Texas Association of Community Schools listing the “lightening rod issues” as

- 1) Redistricting.
- 2) Voter ID
- 3) Immigration
- 4) The Speaker’s Race

The Superintendent mentioned that 80% of the school districts will have layoffs. The school district will continue to work with the State Board of Education on curriculum issues such as not having the facilities needed to implement new rulings.

**VISION 2020 UPDATE/DISCUSSION:**

STATE APPOINTMENTS UPDATE:

Chairman Ashby announced the appointment of Martha Hernandez to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Trey Henderson confirmed that this is official. There are no other appointments at this time from the Governor’s Appointment’s Office. This will continue to be slow until the winter months, when the focus returns to appointments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kelly Holcomb

Keep an eye on HR 5088, a bill to remove “navigable” from the Clean Water Act. This would have a huge impact our water usage. The EPA wants to put the “teeth” back into the Clean Water Act.

Mayor Gorden

Texas A&M has some interest in establishing a graduate nursing program here at Angelina College.

Superintendent Roy Knight

LISD Students made an outstanding presentation in Washington, DC on their Habitat for Humanity project three of the students have received scholarship offers.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Chamber Board Room.