

## Angelina County Legislative Priorities for 2007

1. **Continued support and enhancement of the Lufkin State School.** Jim Watkins and Jerry Huffman are heading this group. [Sen. Committee on Finance, Senator Ogden Chair, 512/463-0307.](#) [Sen. Nelson \(and or staff\) -- Chair of Health Human Services, new Chair of House Human Services Committee-- state school/ mental authority issues](#)

### Human Services

CHAIR: Rose, Patrick  
VICE-CHAIR: King, Susan  
CBO: Davis, John  
SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Davis, John  
Herrero, Abel  
Naishtat, Elliott  
SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Eissler, Rob  
Hughes, Bryan  
Parker, Tan  
Pierson, Paula

### Public Health

CHAIR: Delisi, Dianne White  
VICE-CHAIR: Laubenberg, Jodie  
CBO: Jackson, Jim  
SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Coleman, Garnet  
Delisi, Dianne White  
Olivo, Dora  
SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Cohen, Ellen  
Gonzales, Veronica  
King, Susan  
Truitt, Vicki

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Nelson, Chair  
Deuell, Vice-Chair  
Janek  
Nichols  
Patrick  
Shapleigh  
Uresti  
West  
Zaffirini

2. **Development of a Mental Health hospital or facility.** Judge Suiter and Curt Fenley will coordinate this group. [Sen. Committee on Finance, Senator Ogden Chair, 512/463-0307.](#) [Sen. Nelson \(and or staff\)-- Chair of Health Human Services, new Chair of House Human Services Committee-- state school/ mental authority issues](#)

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CBO:	Jackson, Jim	<b><u>SERVICES</u></b>
SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:	Coleman, Garnet	Nelson, Chair
	Delisi, Dianne White	Deuell, Vice-Chair
	Olivo, Dora	Janek
SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS:	Cohen, Ellen	Nichols
	Gonzales, Veronica	Patrick
	King, Susan	Shapleigh
	Truitt, Vicki	Uresti
		West
		Zaffirini

3. **Economic Development support for Angelina County.** Trey Henderson and Jim Wehmeier will work with this area. [Sen. Committee on Finance, Senator Ogden Chair, 512/463-0307.](#) [Sen Janek \(and or staff\) -- Chair of Eco. Dev. and Emerging Technology.](#) [new Chair of House Economic Dev Committee-- general eco dev issues \(Ritter backed Pitts\) Ag Commish Staples-- water issues, biomass bill support, etc.](#)

### Economic Development

CHAIR: Deshotel, Joe  
 VICE-CHAIR: Straus, Joe  
 CBO: Kolkhorst, Lois  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Deshotel, Joe  
 Dunnam, Jim  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Morrison, Geanie  
 Ortiz, Jr., Solomon  
 Veasey, Marc

### Business & Industry

CHAIR: Giddings, Helen  
 VICE-CHAIR: Elkins, Gary  
 CBO: Darby, Drew  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Bailey, Kevin  
 Elkins, Gary  
 Solomons, Burt  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Bohac, Dwayne  
 Castro, Joaquin  
 Martinez, Armando  
 Zedler, William "Bill"

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
 EMERGING  
 TECHNOLOGIES  
 & ECONOMIC  
 DEVELOPMENT**

Janek, Chair  
 Estes  
 Harris  
 Lucio  
 Watson

**BUSINESS &  
 COMMERCE**

Fraser, Chair  
 Harris, Vice-Chair  
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 Estes  
 Janek  
 Lucio  
 Van de Putte  
 Watson

4. **Establishing a plan to protect East Texas Water Rights, particularly Sam Rayburn access.** Paul Parker, Trent Ashby and Rod Pittman are heading this effort. [Sen. Averitt and/or staff \(chairs natural resources\)-- water issues, Ag Commish Staples-- water issues, biomass bill support, etc. Rep. Puente-- Chair of Natural Resources-- water issues,](#)

Natural Resources

CHAIR: Puente, Robert  
 VICE-CHAIR: Hamilton, Mike  
 CBO: Gattis, Dan  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Gallego, Pete  
 Hilderbran, Harvey  
 Puente, Robert  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Creighton, Brandon  
 Guillen, Ryan  
 Laubenberg, Jodie  
 O'Day, Mike

Land & Resource Management  
 CHAIR: Mowery, Anna  
 VICE-CHAIR: Orr, Rob  
 CBO: Zerwas, John  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Callegari, William "Bill"  
 Cook, Robby  
 Pickett, Joe  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Davis, Yvonne  
 Geren, Charlie  
 Ritter, Allan

Environmental Regulation

CHAIR: Bonnen, Dennis  
 VICE-CHAIR: Hancock, Kelly  
 CBO: Lucio III, Eddie  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Kuempel, Edmund  
 West, G.E. "Buddy"  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Driver, Joe  
 King, Tracy

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Averitt, Chair  
 Estes, Vice-Chair  
 Brimer  
 Deuell  
 Duncan

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
 AGRICULTURE, RURAL  
 AFFAIRS &  
 COASTAL RESOURCES**

Estes, Chair  
 Hegar  
 Hinojosa  
 Jackson  
 Uresti

5. **Funding for Evacuation Hub and road improvements.** Mayor Gorden and Paul Parker are to head this group. [Sen. Committee on Finance, Senator Ogden Chair, 512/463-0307.](#) [new Chair of Appropriations-- probably Rep. Chisum-- funding for disaster mitigation fund, Gov. Deputy Chief of Staff Phil Wilson-- grant application, disaster bill, funding for mitigation fun](#)

**Transportation**

CHAIR: Krusee, Mike  
 VICE-CHAIR: Phillips, Larry  
 CBO: Harper-Brown, Linda  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Haggerty, Pat  
 Hill, Fred  
 Krusee, Mike  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Deshotel, Joe  
 Harless, Patricia  
 Macias, Nathan  
 Murphy, Jim

**Energy Resources**

CHAIR: Hardcastle, Rick  
 VICE-CHAIR: Farabee, David  
 CBO: Crownover, Myra  
 SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS: Corte, Jr., Frank  
 Crabb, Joe  
 SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS: Chisum, Warren  
 Gonzalez Tourelles, Yvonne

**TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY**

Carona, Chair  
 Watson, Vice-Chair  
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 Ellis  
 Nichols  
 Shapiro  
 Shapleigh  
 Wentworth  
 Williams

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FLOODING & EVACUATIONS**

Gallegos, Chair  
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