

Government Foundation Meeting
December 2, 2008

Trent Ashby called the meeting at the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:30 AM.

Attendees were Judge Paul White, Joe Rich, Stephen Raley, Dawn Glover, Jody Anderson, Dorothy Wilson, Kelley Holcomb, Paul Parker, Jim Wehmeier, Brenda Elliot, Susie Cardwell, and Trent Ashby.

Dorothy Wilson provided attendees with an update on the 2010 census count. The Complete Count program administered by the U.S. Census Bureau is behind schedule and the agency is still looking to hire trainers to train local contacts on how the Complete Count system will work in the upcoming census.

The latest draft of potential gubernatorial nominees from Angelina County was distributed to attendees. Trent reported to the group that the Subcommittee nominated to handle the development of the list had met a couple of times since the last Foundation meeting and that the consensus was to initially identify a small group of people that would be willing to serve on two or three high profile boards/commissions and approach them about serving. Identified as of key importance to Angelina County were TxDOT, TDHCA, TWDB, TP&W, ORCA, SFA Board of Regents, TCEQ, and anything having to do with energy issues.

The Foundation agreed a small cadre of people representing the community should travel to Austin and meet with Teresa Spears, Director for the Governor's Appointments Office, and hand deliver the consensus candidates for these key positions. Also, an emphasis should be put on our local effort to secure additional representatives on other statewide boards and commissions.

Beyond that meeting, Foundation members should work together to encourage individuals who have been identified on the potential nominees list to apply for appointments.

Jim Wehmeier then presented to the group a list of the state and federal legislative priorities for Angelina County. He encouraged everyone to let him know of anything that needed to be added to the list.

The next Foundation meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 in the Chamber boardroom.