

Government Foundation Meeting

June 9, 2009

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

In attendance were Nathan Gann, Mayor Jack Gorden, Jerry Huffman, Chris Moss, Stephen Raley, Todd Kassaw, Paul Parker, Joe Rich, Jim Wehmeier, Dorothy Wilson, Susie Cardwell, and Trent Ashby presiding.

Legislative Update: (Jim Wehmeier)

Jim Wehmeier distributed a review of the items in legislature that are pertinent to East Texas with emphasis on the Emergency Management bill to fund the operation of a disaster supply and staging site in Lufkin.

Census: Dorothy Wilson)

Dorothy gave an update on the status of the Census with the following information.

- The materials for the school districts will not be available, but they are trying to get some materials translated to use in the school districts. (La Lengua is running an ad each week about the census.)
- They are in the process of putting together lists of homeless people.

State Board Appointments: (Trent Ashby)

Trent Ashby reported that since January, six special appointments from Angelina County have been made to State Boards. They include the following:

Jody Anderson – Angelina & Neches River Authority
Tom Gann - Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Trey Henderson – Texas Ethics Commission
Jamie Hensley – Texas Real Estate Commission
Barbara Mathis – One Call Board
Rodney Moore – Texas Public Financing Authority

There is still a need for representation from East Texas and Trent requested that names of any potential board members be forwarded to him as soon as possible for the upcoming September 1st expiration of terms. Those newly appointed will be selected in June and July, so there is a sense of urgency to locate those people interested in serving on state boards and send their names on to Austin. Trent requested those

names be sent to him as soon as possible. The three types of applicants they are in greatest need of are: (1) rural, (2) younger than 50 years, and (3) female.

New Government Foundation Chairman

Chris Moss of Advanced Financial Group was introduced as the new Chairman for the Vision 2020 Government Foundation and will begin presiding at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Vision 2020 Government committee will be on **August 11th at 7:30 a.m.** at the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce Board Room.