

Government Foundation Meeting

August 11, 2009

Chris Moss called the meeting of the Vision 2020 Government Foundation to order at the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 AM.

In attendance were Jody Anderson, Trent Ashby, Mayor Jack Gorden, Kelly Holcomb, Jerry Huffman, Stephen Raley, Joe Rich, Jim Wehmeier, Dorothy Wilson, Susie Cardwell, with Chris Moss presiding.

Census: (Dorothy Wilson)

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

- General training is underway with a meeting at the Chamber on August 13th at 10:00 a.m. All are invited.
- Two bus routes are being established and packets are being prepared to give to kids on the first day of school to take to their parents.
- Questionnaires will go out in March
- Much time will be spend in north Lufkin and the Hispanic communities to educate them on the census.

Legislative Update: (Jim Wehmeier)

- Jim Wehmeier distributed invitations to the Elected Officials Reception on Thursday, August 13th, from 5:30 – 7:30 at the Pitser Garrison Civic Center. Local, state, and federal staff of our elected officials were invited and will spend the day touring, ending with the Reception and dinner. At this time, there are 7 attending from Congressman Gohmert's office, 2 from Senator Cornyn's office, 4 from Senator Nichols' office, 3 from Representative McReynold's office, and 2 from the Governor's Appointments office.
- There are three appropriations requests:
 1. Necessary upgrades to water resources
 2. Expansion of the Angelina County Nursing project
 3. Cassels-Boykin County Park project
- 59 North Highway Construction has been moved to the Transportation bill; this may be delayed.

Angelina & Neches River Authority Board (Jody Anderson and Kelly Holcomb)

- There are two new lift stations on the sewer system
- November 13th is the tentative goal for the plan for the 5-county area's use of the reservoir

State Board Appointments: (Trent Ashby)

The Committee needs to continue to work on more potential State Board appointees.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Vision 2020 Government committee will be on **October 20th at 7:30 a.m.** at the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce Board Room.