

POA Governmental Affairs Committee
(GAC)
2010 – 2011 Annual Report

In April 2010 the Committee consisted of Tom Arwood, Tom Bryant, Rosemary Rogers, Dick Breckon, Larry Frazer, Bob Shoemaker, Jerry Yeric, John Gallagher, Keith Brown, and Jim Zahnd. The Board Liaison was Mike Misch, Staff Liaison Linda Mayhood and the Voice reporter Holly Daste. County J P's who attend were Tom Lish Saline County, Larry Griffin Garland County. Permanent Ex-officio members were John Lands school liaison and Al Behm Water and environmental issues Liaison.

Mike Misch is the Board Liaison and Linda Mayhood is the Staff Liaison. Linda recorded all meetings and with the support of Suzette Tadlock, POA executive secretary we have had excellent minutes from all meetings.

Eight GAC meetings were held at the Coronado Center on the first Friday after the first Wednesday each month. Two meetings were held at our local Schools, Fountain Lake and Jessieville. (This is our second year to be hosted by our schools which provides a briefing and tour on the school status this year)

The committee at their first meeting of the New Year, April, reelected Tom Arwood as Chairman and Jim Zahnd as Vice Chairman for the 2010 – 2011 year. The committee continued to support the concept of having members who live in one of our counties, work with that (same) county organizations and officials. Jim Zahnd continued to organize support for Saline County and Tom Bryant continued as overall supervisor of Garland County. Chairman Tom Arwood continued to serve on the Executive Board of the Saline County Economic Development Corporation. (SCEDC).

This year also started with two GAC members holding positions, Jim Zahnd was elected to the Saline County Hospital Board and Jim Owens(past GAC Member) as a Commissioner for the Saline County Airport.

To set the direction for the committee in direct support of the POA Board of Directors it established the following set of goals as the base line to evaluate meaningful accomplishment during the year.

Governmental Affairs Goals for 2010 -2011

I.COUNTY AND CITY RELATIONS

1. Continue strong relations and increase involvement with Garland County and Hot Springs organizations and officials, including but not limited to the

Garland County Economic Development Organization, Hot Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and the Hot Springs Advertising & Promotion Commission.

(Tom Bryant, Keith Brown & Rosemary Rogers)

2. Work with Saline County Officials to develop and establish (early) voting in a satellite facility to serve HSV and surrounding Saline county residents.
(Jim Zahnd)
3. Sponsor functions for local, state and federal officials to improve relationships and promote HSV priorities , primarily through:
 - Prepare a plan, and an agenda and establish a location for the 2010 Legislative luncheon and develop an attendee list
 - Plan for the post Legislative session action review and establish a location to host the meetings. (Bob Shoemaker)
4. Establish locations and reserve times to support candidate forums in HSV after 2010 primaries.
5. Continue to work with census officials to assure all Garland and Saline County HSV residents are included in the 2010 census.
(Tom Arwood, Keith Brown)

II. STATE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1. Update POA position white papers and provide them to public officials and governmental agencies for consideration and action. Have the white papers prepared or updated with POA Board approval prior to the Primaries in the Fall of 2010.
White Papers:
 - Federal Legislative Issues 2010 to include:
 - FEMA Funds for Public Assistance
 - Funding for Completion of Martin Luther King Expressway
 - Arkansas Legislative issues 2010 to include:
 - Enhance State Programs to attract Retirees to Arkansas
 - Provide funding for highway transportation projects in Garland County
 - Provide necessary funding for improvements to state Highway 5 from Benton to Hot Springs Village
 - Support for local solutions to Watershed Management

(Tom Arwood, Tom Bryant, Linda Mayhood)

2. Gain improvements to highways serving HSV
 - Promote improvements in all highways serving HSV by Communicating with elected Officials, Metro Plan, and the State Highway Department.
 - Continue to monitor and report on all highway projects currently In the planning, design or construction phase of development serving HSV, HWY 5 improvements to Benton, and Hot Springs loop extension to Hwy 5 & 7 junction.
(Paul Pool)
3. Develop stronger working relations and interface to cultivate contacts Within:
 - a. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to identify and understand any outside environmental influences which could impact HSV:
 - * The Department of Parks and Tourism working with the Directors and legislators to promote HSV as a prime retirement location.

III. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

1. Obtain FEMA public assistance funding for HSV disaster infrastructure damages.
 - b. Work with elected representatives, state officials, county judges and FEMA to promote and seek funding for the future declared Events
 - c. Request clarification of existing rules and regulations

IV. Health and Welfare

1. Continue to work with local health care providers to enhance village services.
2. To support and assist local efforts in the development of an affordable, reliable and efficient system of public transportation for HSV residents.
 - * Attend meetings of HS Transportation Committee
 - * Work with the Committee on development of a Business Plan to provide public transportation to HSV residents
 - *Coordinate communications with public officials on Transportation

Plan and needs.

April '10

JP Griffin reported the new 911 equipment will benefit the Village.

Tom Bryant attended the Little Rock Metroplan meeting and retreat. Enhanced our relationship with the Mayors and Highway Commissioner Scott Bennett.

Dick Breckon attended the Hot Springs Metroplan meeting.

Jim Zahnd reported on the favorable status of the Saline Hospital
Tom Arwood reported on the status of the Saline County Economic Development Corp

Tom Arwood arranged for St Joseph Hospital to bring the new Robotic surgical equipment to the Village for a demonstration

Paul Pool reported on a good meeting he had with Dan Flowers on Highway 5 & 7 maintenance and future planning.

May '10

Jim Zahnd and Jerry Yeric passed out the draft of the current "White Papers" for committee review prior to submitting the to the POA Board for approval.

Bob Shoemaker and Dick Breckon discussed the planning for the upcoming candidate forums. GAC will sponsor one for each county and one for the State and Federal candidates. Dates to be determined.

Tom Arwood advised that the GAC will also host a meeting with all the newly elected representatives for State and Federal before they go into session to update them on our concerns and issues (White Papers)

Jim Zahnd and Linda Mayhood will make the arrangements for hosting our Representatives and key State officials in the Capital for a luncheon for the GAC committee and POA Board of Directors with the Village Manager.

John Gallagher reported the "Scat" (Village Transportation Service) is well received and going very well.

John Lands advised that the GAC is set to hold their June meeting at Fountain Lake School and the August meeting at Jessville School.

June '10

Meeting at Fountain Lake School, John Lands introduced Kristie Campbell, Dir. for Curriculum and Instruction. She gave an excellent brief on all the schools and the Principal gave the GAC members a tour of facilities.

Jim Zahnd reported the final product of the "White Papers" and they will present to the POA Board for approval on 16 July.

Bob Shoemaker reported on final arrangements for the candidate forums.

Garland County, 4-6PM Wed ,15 September at Coronado Center

Saline County, 4-6PM Thursday 23 September at the Quachita room.

Arkansas Senate and House candidates, 4-6PM 30 September in the Quachita room.

Larry Frazer reported on his attendance at the Bryant and Benton Gov't Affairs meetings and the County Quorum Court.

July '10

Tom Bryant and Tom Arwood met with Dave Byerly in Hot Springs about a position on the GACDC board.

Bill Linam. Tom Arwood and Linda Mayhood met with the Highway and Transportation Department of the Little Rock MPO to discuss future plans on Hwy 5 .

With the loss of Al Behm, George Bollier has agreed to take the ex-official position on Water and environment.

The Fairplex planning in Benton was presented and GAC recommended to the Village that they support it.

August' 20

Jessieville School Superintendent George Foshee gave an excellent brief on the schools status and future. This included a plan to increase the millage to raise \$5M for construction this fall (It did pass!)

JP Griffin reported that Glazier Peau road will be widened and repaved.

Committee member Rosemary Rogers departed from the GAC for personal reasons and was replaced by Lee Solomon

September '10

GAC and POA Board members had a table at the annual Hot Springs Leadership Prayer breakfast.

Linda Mayhood, Tom Arwood and Jim Zahnd met with Wayne Miller of UALR to get the Economic study of Hot Springs Village started on an update to include the results of the new census when completed and reported.

Lee Solomon presented his results of an indepth look into the new Flood Plain data and the impact on Hot Springs Village. This will be a major action item for the GAC this next year.

George Bollier gave feed back on his review of the planning on waste water. He believes the expenditure of \$6M is not really needed at this time to be in compliance.

October ' 10

Lacey Ekberg the new Hot Springs Village/Chamber Executive Director attended and provided her concept and plan for promoting HSV. She will attend GAC meetings this year as it is important for the GAC to stay abreast on the promotion of HSV.

Bob Shomaker and Dick Breckon did an outstanding job in setting up the three candidate forums and they were well attended and a benefit for all voters in HSV

November '10

Harv Shelton of the POA Water Committee jointed the GAC as a liaison with the GAC.

The planned breakfast for all the new elected officials representing HSV has been firmed up on 29 Nov with GAC, POA Board, General Manager and the reporters from the Voice attended. Linda Mayhood had this well set up.

The State Capital Luncheon was held January 18, 2011.

Tom Bryant is in charge of arranging a Golf day in the Village for our State Legislators on May 6, 2011.

JP Griffin and Keith Brown is arranging a Luncheon for all the newly elected officials in Garland County and Hot Springs.

December '10

Three members of the GAC elected to be reappointed for three more years, Dick Breckon, Jerry Yeric and Larry Frazer.

January' 11

The GAC members met with their respective areas of responsibility and reported that most are in the process of reorganizing due to a major shift in elected officials after the election.

February '11

The GAC reviewed the luncheon held at the Capital and believed it to be the best one ever hosted. We had a very large attendance from the Lt Gov down of officials and everyone of our representatives.

Our new Representative contacted us to set up a meeting of our newly elected officials, 3 Senators and 2 representatives in the Village to discuss what is going on in the session at this time. This is a first for them to contact us.

A meeting was held with the Blue Ribbon Panel (Highway Planning) with Jim Zahnd, Paul Pool and Tom Bryant attending. They updated the members of the panel on the correct information on the Village. We have been informed that they will update their planning. This is important for future highway planning.

George Bollier is working with Saline County on the newly identified Flood Plain.

We have a new challenge in that Garland county has passed a "fee" on Storm Water runoff. JP Griffin and Tom Arwood is working this with the new county Judge Davis.

March '11

The meeting with our representatives was of benefit as the GAC provided a strong paper on the need for strong effective retirement and relocation for Arkansas to push. As a result our representative sponsored a bill to identify this as a major issue for the State to foster.

Summary:

This has been one of busiest years for Gov't affairs do to the election at all level and the stronger involvement we have developed with our surrounding counties and cities.

These positions are now filled by GAC members:

Tom Arwood – Saline County Economic Development executive Board, (Will turn this over to Jim Zahnd in April), Garland County Economic Development Board, (new in January), 50's of the future in Hot Springs, Saline County Veterans Memorial board.

Jim Zahnd – Board member of Saline County Hospital, Saline County economic Development Board (appointed in February and will replace Tom Arwood on the executive board in April)

Tom Bryant – Board Member of MPO Little Rock

Dick Breckon and Paul Pool – MPO Hot Springs and Garland County

Jim Owens (past GAC committee) Member of Airport Commission Saline County.(We are looking for a replacement for Jim Owens as Judge Lanny Fite, Saline County would like HSV to fill it)

Per a request by Judge Lanny Fite we will now fill a position on the Central Arkansas Water council that will represent all of Saline County and HSV. George Bollier has agreed to take the appointment. This will certainly let us stay ahead of any water considerations affecting the Village.

Per a request by the Hot Springs Mayor and City Manager at the last GCEDC meeting to Tom Arwood we will provide a advisor to assist as they work through their current issues on water and a new plant. Gerald Allen, a 40 year experienced water expert a Village resident accepted the request from Tom Arwood and will be assisting them.