

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)**  
Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center, 1101 Desoto Blvd.  
**Friday, May 3, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Members Present**

Pamela Avila  
Greg Jones  
Jerry Yeric  
David Whitlow  
Curt Malone

**Committee Members Absent**

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

Bob Shoemaker

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

None

**POA Liaisons**

Mike Medica – Board Liaison  
Lesley Nalley – POA CEO

**Other POA Board Members**

None

**Justices of the Peace**

Keith Keck, Saline County  
Larry Raney, Garland County

**School District Liaisons**

Melissa Speers, Jessieville (absent)  
Dr. Michael Murphy, FLSD

**Press**

Lewis Delavan, Village Voice

**Others Present**

Maxine Klein – HSV Resident  
David Childs – HSV Resident  
Paul Mefford – HSV Resident

**OPENING OF MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Pam Avila called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**Introductions:** Guests – Maxine Klein, HSV Resident; David Childs, HSV Resident; Paul Mefford, HSV Resident

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 5, 2019 meeting were approved as amended.

**SCHOOLS**

**Dr. Murphy - Superintendent of Schools/Fountain Lake**

- Reported on end of year activities for high school, including graduation at the Convention Center

- Reported on status of millage election preparations, including streamed forum.
- Willing to speak to small groups about millage proposal

## **POA REPORTS**

### **Lesley Nalley – POA CEO**

- POA one of sponsors of Habitat for Humanity
- Talked about natural gas pipeline rupture outside the Village the previous night.
- Question about an alert system in the Village. There currently isn't one, although one was proposed a number of years ago.
- Mentioned "Code Red" system, discussed a system that pushes information out to cell phones similar to what weather service does currently.

### **Mike Medica – POA Board Liaison**

- Announced he has been designated as Board Liaison to GAC
- Discussed 2-day Board retreat earlier in the week
- Related Board liaison assignments for various committees
- Danville Road almost finished, should take off pressure on Balboa Gate. Finish date is predicted to be end of May.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- Thanked Jerry Yeric for his study of the 2019 Board elections and the Voice for publishing Jerry's work
- Welcomed Jim Zahnd back as member of GAC
- Noted new start time of 9:00am for future GAC meetings

## **GAC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Broadband – Greg Jones**

- Suddenlink now offering 1Gb service in Village
- Question was asked about coverage by Suddenlink and AT&T. Greg noted that neither will share specific information

### **Hot Springs and Garland County – Jerry Yeric**

No additional report beyond written submitted report

### **Tri-Lakes – David Whitlow**

No additional report beyond written submitted report

## **J.P. COMMENTS**

### **J.P. Report Garland County**

- Still challenges with new jail – finding staff.

- Expanding spay/neuter clinic offering to include microchips.

**J.P. Report Saline County**

Written report

**Old Business**

A question about the status of the Census letter that has been discussed at previous meetings. The Chair explained that the letter was in Lesley Nalley's hands for placement on POA letterhead and then distribution for the appropriate signatures, including both county judges. The Chair further explained that the letter had been delayed, which turned out to be a positive event because new information has come to light on the correct HSV boundaries. The letter has now been updated, signed by Nalley and Avila and Nalley will reach out to both judges for their signatures.

**REMINDERS AND CALENDAR**

The next GAC meeting will be Friday, June 7, 2019, at 9:00 AM, Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:03am.