

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)**  
Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center, 1101 Desoto Blvd.  
Friday, December 7, 2018, 8:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Members Present**

Pamela Avila  
Michael Dollar  
Greg Jones  
Keith Keck  
Jerry Yeric  
David Whitlow

**Committee Members Absent**

Curt Malone  
Bob Hebert

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

Mike Medica  
Bob Shoemaker

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

None

**POA Liaisons**

Tom Weiss – Board Chair  
Lesley Nalley – POA CEO

**Other POA Board Members**

Bob Cunningham

**Justices of the Peace**

Jim Zahnd, Saline County

**School District Liaisons**

Melissa Speers, Jessieville (absent)

**Press**

Lewis Delavan, Village Voice

**Others Present**

Maxine Klein

**OPENING OF MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Michael Dollar called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**Introductions:** Guests – Maxine Klein

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 2, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Comments:** Chamber is looking for new Executive Director.

**POA REPORTS**

**Governance Report –Tom Weiss**

- Discussed results of voting – the Articles and Declarations changes did not pass

- Expressed appreciation for number of people who got out and voted

**Lesley Nalley**

Chief Member Experience Office position – posted and beginning interview process

**GAC SUB-COMMITTE REPORTS**

**Broadband – Greg Jones**

Suddenlink has completed construction in one of the neighborhoods in the Village. Plans for 5 other projects still moving forward.

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

District 11 – 90% in the Village, as referenced in his Election Report.

Discussion about strength of Village voter base – not being leveraged. Leverage weakened by fact that Village straddles 2 counties.

Lesley Nalley asked about goals for GAC going forward.

**J.P. COMMENTS**

**J.P. Report Saline County – Jim Zahnd**

Still working on 2019 budget. New court in 2019 will have 4 new members.

Thanked residents in the Village and the Chamber for the work they did on the CTE Issue

**SCHOOLS**

**Superintendent of Schools/Jessieville – Melissa Speers**

Semester ending. Middle and high school afterschool program moving forward. Two college courses will be available to students and adults. Still working on sewage agreement. District has purchased 2 mobile hot spots for school buses. Ag shop is close to completion. Working on funding for Ag Mechanics for next school year.

**REMINDERS AND CALENDAR**

The next GAC meeting will be Friday, January 4, 2018, at 8:00 AM, Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 am.