

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Emergency Management – Marion County:

Today, the Governor's request for a SBA Declaration for Marion County (due to the November 4th flooding) was approved. Home owners, renters, and small businesses in Marion and its surrounding contiguous counties will now be eligible to apply for SBA loans.

October Flood – NFIP:

The standard period of time for insureds with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to file a Proof of Loss is normally within 60 days from the beginning of the event. That 60 day period was set to expire on December 1, 2015.

Roy Wright, Administrator of the NFIP, and Director Farmer have been in contact over the last several days. Director Farmer requested the Proof of Loss Filing Period be extended at least another 60 days. Mr. Wright extended the filing period for the states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

Mr. Wright and Director Farmer have also agreed to revisit the issue again shortly after the first of the year to determine if the period would need to be extended further.

Correspondence – Refugees:

Hal has received a total of 1,015 pieces of correspondence about refugees with the majority "asking to ban Syrians and Muslims". David is finalizing a draft letter this week for the Governor's approval.

Legislative – Refugees:

Both House members and Senators are planning on pre-filing resolutions regarding the resettlement program based on the following concepts:

- (1) To stop all funding for the Obama Refugee Resettlement program in South Carolina;
- (2) To cease and desist from all placement of refugees in the South Carolina;
- (3) To suspend the resettlement program until conditions are met: SLED, DSS, DOE, LLR to investigate current impacts on the state.

The following entities have passed resolutions against the refugee resettlement program, some of which have been mentioned in previous updates:

- (1) Anderson County Council;
- (2) Berkley County Council;
- (3) Pickens County Council;
- (4) Greenville County Council;

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- (5) Greenville County Republican Women's Club;
- (6) Conservatives of the Upstate;

Note that GOP groups in Aiken and Spartanburg Counties are urging their County Councils to also pas similar resolutions as well.

Legislative – Abbeville:

The full committee of the House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force met today for a review of the Task Force's Findings as well as to hear reports from the following Subcommittees on:

- Transportation and Facilities Infrastructure
- Accountability (Academic and Financial), Continuous Improvement, and Leadership (District, School and Community)
- Educator Recruitment, Retention, Effectiveness, and Professional Development
- College and Career Pathways of High Quality Learning Opportunities in Elementary, Middle and High Schools
- High Quality Early Childhood Education and Family Engagement

The committee approved and amended the proposed recommendations that will be used to create a report to the Speaker and the House of Representatives regarding the *Abbeville* Supreme Court decision. The Task Force will meet again on December 16th to review a draft of the report. The final report will be delivered by the end of the year.

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