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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

The Missouri Legislature convened on January 9, to begin the process of setting the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year as well as to consider pending legislation. Bills may originate in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, except for Budget bills, which are required to start in the House. To

become a law, a bill must first pass a committee hearing before being debated by the legislative body as a whole. To pass, a bill must receive support from a majority of the members in both the House and Senate. Once passed, bills then go to the Governor for signature.

The following bills have been introduced for the 2008 legislative session and relate to activities of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission. To follow the progress of these bills, simply go to <http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx?pid=26> and enter the bill number you wish to find.

Sponsor	Bill Number	Summary
Salva	HB 1335	Specifies that lease or rental agreements made for public buildings or facilities are public records.
Wood	HB 1336	Removes villages from a certain incorporation procedure for cities and towns and increases the required number of signatures on a petition to incorporate.
Muschany	HB 1338	Prohibits any state entity from closing a state highway with a certain traffic volume for a continuous period exceeding 60 days.
Portwood	HB 1349	Changes the laws regarding property tax rates.
Roorda	HB 1453	Allows any county to retroactively apply planning and zoning regulations to certain subdivisions of land.
Nolte	HB 1467	Limits the increase in assessed valuation of residential property by the percentage of increase in Social Security benefits for the elderly and disabled who own and live in their principal residence.
Hobbs	HB 1568	Establishes the Regional Economic Development Initiative which allows tax credits for donations to regional economic development organizations.
Young	HB 1663	Changes the standard for violation of the Open Meetings Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, by a governmental body from knowingly to negligently.
Sandler	HB 1712	Changes the laws regarding emergency services.
Walsh	HB 1732	Establishes the Public Service Accountability Act which requires most public bodies to analyze the costs and benefits of privatizing any service valued at \$25,000 or more.
Griesheimer	SB 729	Creates the Missouri County Planning Act.
Scott	SB 949	Modifies provisions of law relating to rural empowerment zones.
Bartle	SB 793	Would allow MoDOT and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) the option to construct toll roads provided a constitutional measure is passed by the Missouri voters (SJR 31).

WARNING SIRENS

The Mid Mo RRC staff is researching the need of warning sirens for communities in our region. At present, we are investi-

gating a variety of grant sources to assist in funding, but we need your help in determining the need. In particular, the need of smaller

towns and villages in the region. Please contact the Mid Mo RPC office if your community is in need of a warning siren.

Calendar

February 6 - Area F Homeland Security Oversight Committee. 1:30pm. Meeting to be held at Cole County Fire Station #4. 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City. Contact the Mid MO RPC at 573.657.9779 for additional information.

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday- Mid-MO RPC offices closed.

February 13 - Mid MO RPC Economic Development Advisory Council. 10:00 am. Meeting will be held at the Columbia Regional Airport. For additional information, contact Colleen Vollman, MMRPC at 573.657.9779 or colleenvollman@mmrpc.org or see www.mmrpc.org.

February 27 - Mid MO RPC Board of Directors. 5:00pm. MMRPC Office in Ashland. For details contact Lisa Nichols 573.657.9779 or lisanichols@mmrpc.org or see www.mmrpc.org.

Announcements

Electronic Waste- Recycling

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources coordinates a stakeholder group that has put in place a framework for reusing, refurbishing and recycling electronics waste. Color computer monitors contain an average four pounds of lead and should not be thrown in the trash. Other electronics waste such as TV's, circuit boards, lap top computers, and cell phones contain toxic constituents. Visit www.ecyclemo.org to find reuse and recycling options for electronics waste and www.mmswmd.org for a list of companies accepting electronic waste in the region.

Missouri Main Street Quarterly Workshop *February 27-28- Jefferson City*

The program for the quarterly meeting is "Sustainable Funding- Myth or Reality"?, with guest speaker Donna Harris of Heritage Consulting. Harris will review fundraising tools and methods, in particular for commercial district revitalization. This program is of interest for anyone concerned about improving the health of downtowns or neighborhood business districts. For registration information call Phyllis at MMSC- 417.33.3014 or email: momainstreet@aol.com

Missouri Economic Development Council *Winter Conference March 4-5*

The Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) Winter Conference is scheduled March 4-5 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. MEDC is a state-wide, not-for-profit association of economic development professionals and community leaders. Created in 1979 to provide a unified voice for economic development, MEDC offers its members programs in professional education, legislation and marketing. For additional conference information, check the MEDC website at [http:// www.showme.org](http://www.showme.org) or call 573.636.7383.

Sustainable Development for Small Communities

On April 16, 2008, the Mid-MO RPC and Ameren UE will be sponsoring a Round Table Event at the Courtyard Marriot in Columbia that focuses on retail development in small communities. The Economic Development Advisory Committee believes that an event such as this will

have a positive impact on smaller communities in the region. There will be two sessions, in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30, and in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30. A panel comprised of local retailers and developers will be invited to discuss the following topics with questions and

answers throughout: 1) Is your community prepared for retail development? 2) Factors that determine a good site and 3) How to initiate contact with site selectors and developers. Watch The Current and our website, www.mmrpc.org for more information.

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