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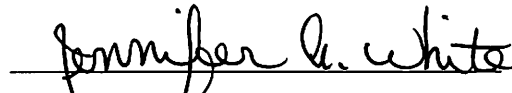
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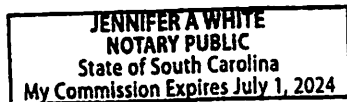


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Oconee council chairman says he won't miss job

Thrift expects
new leader
in place for
meeting with
delegation

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Joel Thrift does not expect to be leading Oconee County Council as its chairman when the group attends a meeting Jan. 12 with the legislative delegation at the Gignilliat Community Center.

Thrift indicated he expects someone else to hold the gavel as council

chairman when a vote is taken to elect new officers at council's first meeting of 2015 on Jan. 6. Finishing up his fourth year as chairman, Thrift said he wouldn't miss the job.

"It takes a lot of time, it takes a lot of effort, it takes a lot of preparation to be ready for it," Thrift told The Journal on Friday.

However, if for some

unexpected reason he's asked to serve as chairman again, Thrift said

he would consider it.

"I'd like for us to finish some of these projects we started," Thrift said.

"We don't need any

setbacks. We just need to move forward. We've



Thrift

made some good progress and got some good things in the making. We just need to continue that."

Thrift said he's already responded to an invitation by State Rep. Bill Sandifer, R-Seneca, for a joint meeting between council and the legislative delegation. Other delegation members are Rep. Bill Whitmire, R-Wal-halla, and Sen. Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla.

Sandifer told The Journal he picked Jan. 12 for the meeting because it comes after councilwoman-elect Edda Cammick is sworn into office Jan. 6 and before lawmakers formally go into session in Columbia on Jan. 13.

"I was trying to put it in that window between the two, and this seems to be the most appropri-

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ate time," Sandifer said.

The joint meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public, but Sandifer said it's not his intent that the public will participate directly.

"I am very hopeful that council will accept the invitation, because I think it's beneficial for everybody to do this on a periodic basis," Sandifer said.

Thrift said he expects the other members — Paul Cain, Cammick, Reg Dexter and Wayne McCall — to respond individually to the delegation's invitation.

Sandifer said with the shift in council with Cammick coming on board, the time is right to hear council's concerns and how the delegation might be able to help.

Sandifer

"(The members of the delegation) are all going in with an open mind ready to talk about issues, and it's not my intent that anybody be allowed to make it a one-issue meeting," Sandifer said. "That's just not the intent."

Two hot-button items likely to be taken up are included in a communication sent this week by the board of directors of the South Carolina Association of Counties to Gov. Nikki Haley and to state lawmakers.

Counties, including Oconee, are calling on the state to give full statutory funding to the Local Government Fund — a distribution of money from the state to local governments based on a formula that includes population. The SCAC estimates that full statutory funding would require an increase of around \$90 million.

"In order to achieve restoration of this important source of property tax relief for our citizens, SCAC supports legislation that would achieve a phased-in full funding of the (LGF) within three years," the organization wrote to state leaders.

Of equal concern to counties is their fear of any legislative effort to transfer maintenance responsibility of roads from the South Carolina Department of Transportation to local governments. SCAC drafted a resolution it sent to state leaders expressing its opposition to efforts to transfer state-owned roads to local governments.

"Counties do not have the financial resources to fund the necessary maintenance costs on the roads within the state system," SCAC wrote.

The association asserts that over the past 50 years the General Assembly's approach to state infra-

structure has included the intake of secondary roads into the state highway system and claims that only about 10 percent of those roads are in good condition.

Sandifer said funding the upkeep of state roads is a major expense that lawmakers must deal with.

"We're confronted with, one, more automobiles on the road, but more automobiles that are far more fuel-efficient and do not require as much gasoline or diesel ... and because of that we can see a revenue shift or decrease on the motor vehicle fuel tax," he said.

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