

Anderson County Charter Commission

The Anderson County Charter Commission has met four times since the November 2016 election. At the initial, organizational meeting in December members elected and swore in V.L. Stonecipher as Commission Chair and Bob Smallridge as Vice-Chair. Commission members emphasized the importance of encouraging and providing the opportunity for area residents to bring their ideas to the committee throughout future deliberations.

At the January meeting a motion passed to have Anderson County elected officials and department heads attend Charter Commission meetings to speak about their departments. They are asked to share suggestions they have about possible changes to the structure or operation of Anderson County Government. In February, the Commission heard from Gary Long, County Road Superintendent, and Tim Shelton, Register of Deeds. During the March meeting Jeff Cole, County Clerk, Hal Cousins, Clerk & Master, and William Jones, Circuit Court Clerk, addressed the Commission and responded to questions. Other county officials will be invited to speak at future Commission meetings.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on April 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the third floor of the Anderson County Courthouse and are open to the public.

~Bob Smallridge, Observer, Commission member