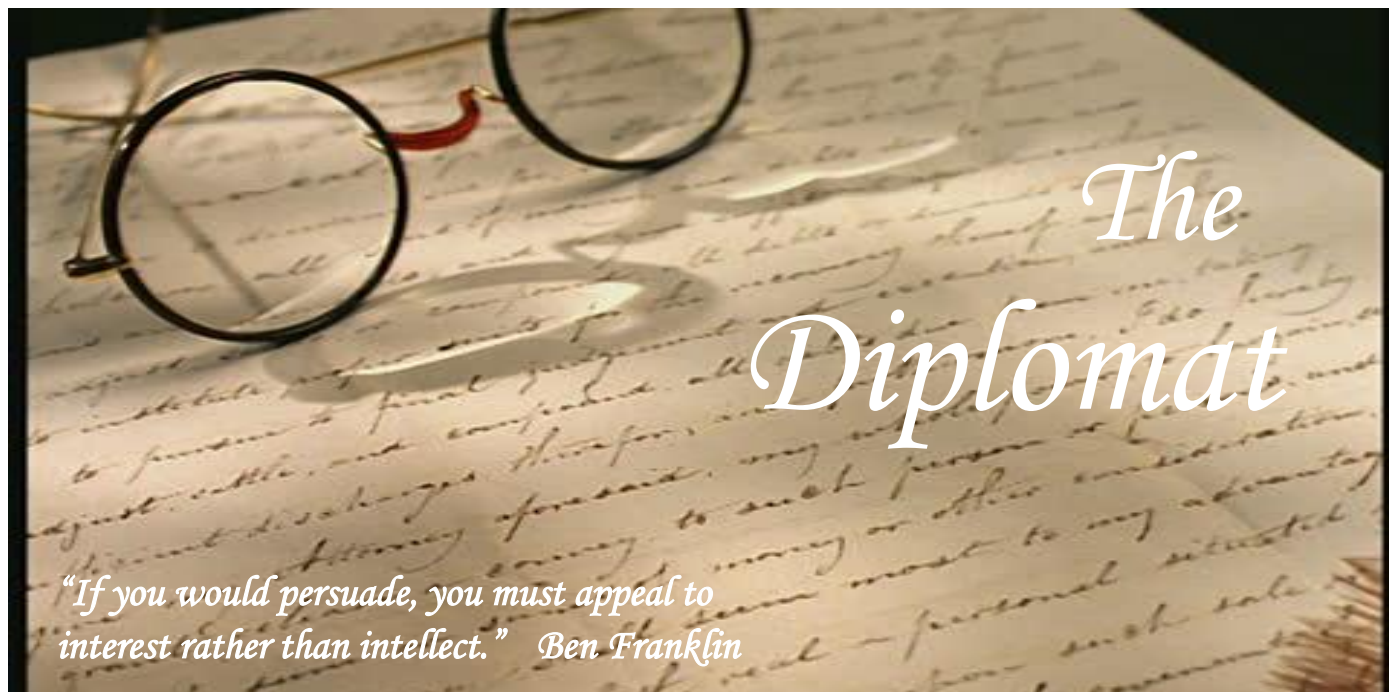


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Earlier this month Autauga County Commissioner Van Smith avoided a runoff winning the GOP primary legislative race for House District 42 with 57% of the vote. Smith will face Democratic candidate Kenneth Allison Sr. in the general election on November 5th. The District 42 seat that represents parts of Autauga and Chilton counties was left vacant after the passing of Rep. Jimmy Martin (R-Clanton).

In another special legislative election, former Montgomery County School Board member Charlotte Meadows received 55% of the vote to defeat Michael Fritz in a runoff to be the GOP nominee for House District 74, representing part of Montgomery. Meadows will face Democrat Rayford Mack in the November general election.

The City of Montgomery held municipal elections Tuesday. Twelve candidates were vying to replace Mayor Todd Strange who opted not to seek another term after 10 years at the helm.

Montgomery County Probate Judge Steven Reed led the pack with 42% of the vote followed by television executive David Woods with 24%. A runoff will be held on October 8th. General Ed Crowell finished 3rd with 12%, followed by attorney J.C. Love with 10%. Former Congressman Artur Davis ended the night with 4%.

TOLL BRIDGE

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To toll or not to toll has been the question of the month. The Mobile Bridge and Bayway Project was already in jeopardy after many prominent politicians came out against the idea of a toll to finance the \$2.1 billion project.

Wednesday, Gov. Ivey, who supported the plan, declared it “dead” after the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization, made up primarily of local coastal elected officials, removed it from their short term plan. “With the action taken today, there is no pathway forward, and this project is dead. Moreover, without a project, there is no need for a meeting on October 7th. I am thereby cancelling the Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority meeting,” said Ivey.

STATE SCHOOL BOARD GOP Conflict

Last legislative session the GOP controlled legislature approved a constitutional amendment, strongly supported by Senate President Pro-Tem Del Marsh (R-Anniston) and Gov. Ivey, that would replace the state Board of Education, which is currently elected, to a board appointed by the governor.

Last week the Alabama Republican Party passed a resolution, 64% to 36%, to oppose the constitutional amendment that will be on the March primary ballot putting the Republican Party in conflict with two of the state's most powerful Republican elected officials.



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