

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2007**

The Committee of the Whole Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 4:05 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

William C. Billy Derrick, Chairman	Debra B. Debbie Summers, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	George H. Smokey Davis
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Telecommunication Committee Update (Goal 3) - Katherine Hubbard, County

Administrator – Ms. Hubbard gave preliminary feedback from the Telecommunication Committee. The Committee consists of: staff members; Ms. Hubbard, Larry Porth, Sheila Fulmer, several citizens; Mr. Monts, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Rosenborough, and Council members; Chairman Derrick and Mr. Jeffcoat. The committee has been charged with identifying the next level of telecommunications that could result in additional savings to the County. The primary focus is on wireless communications and the 800 mega hertz (mhz) communications. The committee has tackled the re-banding required by the Court System with Nextel and identified how to proceed with some upgrades to the 800 mhz system. It has challenged the departments of large 800 mhz users to meet with wireless carriers to discuss alternatives to using 800 mhz radios, partly because purchasing and maintaining 800 mhz radios is one of the most costly communication systems the County has with continued rising costs. The committee will meet on Friday, April 27th with a number of department heads to discuss alternatives they have to communications technology. The next issue for the committee will be combining wireless technology such as a PDA, cell phones, laptops and emails into one system. The committee has already identified roughly between \$10,000 to \$20,000 in savings but the largest savings has already occurred with changing the long distance carrier.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of March 27, 2007 - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the March 27, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Old Business/New Business - Revised Building Use and Naming Policy – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William C. Billy Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk