

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2008**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:35 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; Joe Mergo, Deputy 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.

Request for Outside Agency Funding for the Burton Center - Felton Burton, Executive Director – Ms. Linda Gault, Operations Director for the Lexington County Operations, and Ms. Wendy Derrick, Day Programs Coordinator for the Williams Street Day Program, represented the Burton Center for Disability and Special Needs. The Burton Center was established in 1971 and is a non-profit, multi-county agency, providing services for over 1,200 people with disabilities and special needs in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lexington, McCormick and Saluda counties employing 450 staff members. They have been in Lexington County for three years. The Lexington facility serves 82 adults with 12 on a waiting list. Ms. Gault said the Burton Center is required to attract a 25 percent local match of \$96,000 in order to receive federal and state funding to operate their day programs and is requesting \$15,000 from Lexington County. The local match comes from donations, county appropriations and United Way, currently they receive contributions from; Greenwood (\$15,000), Edgefield (\$18,000), McCormick (10,800), and Saluda (\$7,000). The Burton Center's request will be considered during the FY2009/10 budget session. For information only, no action taken.

Clemson Extension 2009-2010 Budget Increase Request - John Oxner, Lead County Extension Agent – Mr. Oxner presented a request for an increase in the Clemson Extension FY2009/10 Budget. Clemson Extension is requesting an increase of \$30,000 to hire a full-time permanent 4-H and Youth Agent which is a half share of \$60,000 through Clemson University Public Service Activities Funds. At a minimum, they are asking for a match of \$15,000 to partner with Richland County to provide a 4-H Agent for Lexington and Richland counties. In

addition, they are requesting a ten percent increase for the Ag Science Associate position funded by Lexington County, which has not had an increase since 2001. The Clemson Center's request will be considered during the FY2009/10 budget session. For information only no action taken.

Old Business/New Business – 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