

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 22, 2008**

The Committee of the Whole Committee met on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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

Absent:

* George H. Smokey Davis

*Mr. Davis was not present due to medical reasons.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy 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.

Master-In-Equity Staffing Request - Master-In-Equity - The Honorable James Spence – Judge Spence presented a request for additional staff for the Master-In-Equity office. During the budget process the Master-In-Equity did not have the opportunity to appeal. Judge Spence reported that the Master-In-Equity's work has steadily increased over the years. Since 1990, the office has been maintained by the Judge and two employees who currently manage 1075 cases per year and approximately 82 foreclosures per month. Judge Spence indicated that their caseloads will continue to grow and remain high due to the increased population, industry and housing in Lexington County. Judge Spence is requesting approval for an additional administrative assistant for the Master-In-Equity office at \$42,234 annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for an additional position for the Master-In-Equity office and would come from the General Fund.

Ms. Hubbard, County Administrator, apologized for the oversight in not presenting the Master-In-Equity's request during the budget process as the Master-In-Equity's office was not present during the Budget Worksessions.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Derrick reconvened the meeting in open session and reported there was one motion to be considered.

Franchised Solid Waste Collection/Disposal - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director – Competitive bids were solicited and advertised for a term contract to provide the households of the unincorporated areas of Lexington County, within established service areas – three, six and seven – with curbside, or optional backyard collection of household garbage and curbside collection of yard waste and recyclable materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to go with the lowest bidders qualified for service areas three, six and seven of Lexington County for Solid Waste Collection/Disposal services.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Kinard was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Strategic Visioning Update - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator – Ms. Hubbard presented a Power Point presentation on the County's Strategic Visioning Goals for July 2008. Below are highlights on the following goals:

Goal One – Provide for public services to citizens of Lexington County – Champions: Jim Kinard, Billy Derrick and Bobby Keisler with Joe Mergo as staff support.

- Animal Services – Public/Private Partnership
- Curbside Collection – Pilot Project
- Communications Center/EOC
- Red Bank Crossing Renovation
- Capital Improvement/Replacement Plan
- Fire Station Staffing
- Other Objectives: Reduce jail population – Jail Overcrowding Staff Committee; Increase LCSD & EMS staff to meet demands for service; Urgent Care transport initiative; Airport upgrades (lighting and NAVAIDS); Enhancement of website and other electronic services

Goal Two – Manage growth to meet needs of Lexington County – Champions: Smokey Davis, Billy Banning and Todd Cullum with Katherine Hubbard as staff support.

- Saxe Gotha Industrial Park
- Reduce Landfilled Wood Debris
- Increase Recycled Commodities
- I-20 Corridor Water & Sewer
- Lexington Connector
- Land Use Plan Update
- No objectives listed

Goal Three – Provide innovative financial management - Champions Johnny Jeffcoat, Debbie Summers and John Carrigg with Larry Porth as staff support.

- Curbside Collection – Pilot Project
- Alternate Road Paving – Pilot Projects
- Local Option Sales Tax Review
- Other Objectives: Vehicle and equipment auctions; Census completeness; Energy consumption; Airport – funding for partial apron rehab; Reduce and maintain worker's compensation experience modifier

The next update is planned for October 2008. The Council's Annual Strategic Visioning Retreat is scheduled for November 2-3, 2008. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of June 12, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the June 12, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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