

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2011**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:16 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	William B. Banning Sr., V Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III	George H. Davis
Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
Johnny W. Jeffcoat	Kenneth Brad Matthews
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

Big Catch - Capital City Lake Murray Country, Miriam Atria, President/CEO - Ms. Atria presented information on upcoming fishing tournaments for Lake Murray. She reported that the Bassmasters Elite Series, a national event, will return to Lake Murray on May 12-15 and is scheduled to be televised on ESPN. Ms. Atria said whereas the Bassmasters might generate up to approximately 1,200 room nights, the American Fishing Tour has the potential for 7,000 room nights. The big catch is the American Fishing Tour, AOY (Angler of the Year) National Championship scheduled for October 2011 and will be broadcast on the World Fishing Network. Ms. Atria said it is not quite on the same caliber league as the FLW Forest Wood Cup but its right up there. The Tour will be a seven to eight day event and include Fort Jackson. For information only, no action taken.

South Carolina Artists Public Building Display Request - South Carolina Artists, Alexandra White, Coordinator - Ms. White presented a request to exhibit artwork around the County in public buildings. She reported the South Carolina Artists Group is a group of local artists who exhibit their work in public places in the community. Ms. Hubbard reported she has been meeting with Ms. White about using the Administration building as a pilot program for art displays. There is no cost associated with the exhibits. Ms. Hubbard said if Council is comfortable with the pilot program, she will have Ms. White return with additional suggestions for other County public buildings. Ms. White assured the Committee that the art work would be appropriate for public display by the County and the County will have the right to review and approve the pieces to be

displayed. Ms. Hubbard said as long as the Committee is okay with the project, she will have the County Attorney review the agreement between Lexington County and the S.C. Artists Group before moving forward with the pilot program for the Administration Building. She will arrange for Council to see the art exhibits once in place. For information only, no action taken.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Update - Building Services and Community Development, Mark Kerley, Building Services Manager and

Ron Scott, Community Development Director - Mr. Kerley and Mr. Scott presented an update on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program with a Power Point presentation. Ms. Hubbard reported staff is at a halfway point with the implementation of the EECBG Grant for projects taken from the County's capital improvement plan. Mr. Scott reported that the \$2,268,600 allocated to Lexington County has been used for energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits in building improvements for the County Courthouse, several fire stations as well as the lawn mower exchange program, and is working with the City of Columbia and Richland County on developing a long-term regional sustainable plan. Mr. Kerley highlighted a few of the projects currently underway for the 35 County buildings which include; the Auxiliary Administration Building, Central Stores, the Batesburg Magistrate Office, Fleet Services, Summary Court, and various Fire Stations. Staff presented an energy efficiency light bulb and window pane being used in the program. Mr. Kerley said staff plans to return in September after completing all the energy reporting with cost savings produced from the energy grant. The 2011 Energy and Fair Housing Expo is scheduled for Friday, April 29 at the Saluda Shoals Park and is in partnership with Lexington County, Richland County, and the City of Columbia. For information only, no action taken.

CMRTA Transition Plan Update (Goals 1,2) - Derrick Huggins, USC Associate Vice-President

for Transportation and Interim CMRTA Advisor - Ms. Summers introduced Mr. Huggins as the new volunteer Interim CMRTA Advisor. Mr. Huggins reviewed the plans for CMRTA as shown on the handout provided. He said he is putting together a Transformation Resource Leadership group to assist him to get off the paper and on the road. He said he plans to work closely with CMRTA and Lexington County through Ms. Summers and Mr. Ron Scott, Community Development Director. Mr. Huggins plans to return to the Committee with Ms. Summers and Mr. Scott with answers so the County can move forward with its transportation plans. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of February 22 and March 8, 2011 - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the February 22 and March 8, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement - None.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Banning to go into

Executive Session to discuss five contractual and three legal matters.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk