

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
September 25, 2012**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Vice Chairman presided until the arrival of Mr. Banning, Chairman.

Members Attending:

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

*Arrived after the meeting was already in session.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtel, 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.

Capital City/Lake Murray Country New Tourism Advertising Campaign - Miriam Atria, President/CEO - Ms. Atria presented Capital City/Lake Murray Country's newest tourism advertising campaign. She described the expanded advertising campaign which includes a national campaign with a traveling billboard, their 30th magazine edition, iPhone "Where's Willie?" app, a new song featuring Lake Murray, major fishing tournaments and much more. For information only, no action taken.

Resolution R12-7 - Declaring the Intention of Lexington County, SC (the Issuer) to Reimburse Itself for Certain Expenditures With the Proceeds of Debt to be Issued by the Issuer – Resolution R12-7 is a request for funds to construct and equip an emergency 911 operations center and to promote industrial and economic development in Lexington County.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve Resolution R12-7.

Discussion followed regarding fulfillment of the emergency operations center and the possibility of using Co-op utility funds for the Batesburg-Leesville industrial area. The Committee requested that the Batesburg-Leesville mayor be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on where the town is with the industrial infrastructure.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Davis
 Ms. Summers Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum

Ordinance 12-12 - Authorizing the Issuance, Sale & Delivery of G.O. Bonds Not Exceeding \$26 Million (\$5.575 Million Refunding of Series 2006B Bonds and Issuance of \$3 Million for EOC Center Construction and \$17 Million for Economic Development) - 1st Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 12-12.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Davis
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Ms. Summers
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum

Mr. Davis wanted the public to know the County is saving over \$700,000 through this process.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter.

In favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Jeffcoat
 Ms. Summers Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Davis
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum

Mr. Banning reported out of Executive Session with no motions to be considered.

Old/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk