

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORKSESSION MINUTES
May 21, 2013**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, at 12:30 p.m. to begin deliberations for the FY2013-14 Recommended Budgets. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman, presided.

Chairman Banning asked for a moment of silence for the State of Oklahoma before he gave the invocation.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.
Kent Collins
Bobby C. Keisler
M. Todd Cullum

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman
*Frank J. Townsend, III
*Debra B. Summers
K. Brad Matthews

*Mr. Townsend and Ms. Summers arrived after the worksession was already in progress.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; 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.

The Budget Worksession video for this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Lexington County Video Web Portal at www.lex-co.sc.gov.

FY 2013-2014 Budget Worksession

Mr. Kinard recommended Council match the State's one percent merit pool and use the additional funds for some of the requests presented and allow CPI for the Sheriff's Department. With the combination of the reduced merit pool and CPI it would allow the Sheriff's Department what they have requested. He said this would fund the positions that Council has committed with the Sheriff at a little over \$1.1 million. Mr. Kinard said the rest of the items Council has discussed and carried forward can be covered with the savings from reducing the merit pool from three percent to one percent. He recommended taking the contingency of \$90,000 in Economic Development and use that funding to distribute to the outside agencies.

Chairman Banning asked Mr. Kinard if this was his motion or discussion.

Mr. Kinard confirmed this was his motion.

Mr. Cullum seconded the motion on the basis for discussion. He said he was not certain that some of us are prepared to vote at this point and understands where Mr. Kinard is coming from. Mr. Cullum said he would like to see Council go through the reconsideration list to identify the needs, deduct from the merit pool and then go from there.

Mr. Collins said Councilman Kinard is talking about a one percent state merit pool but you have to compare apples to apples as it relates to state employees. He said their insurance may not have gone up as much as the County's has in the past few years. Mr. Collins said we want to be sure we employ the absolute best people for the citizens of Lexington County and would agree that we need at least a three percent merit pool as recommended by the County Administrator.

Ms. Burnett cited the motion to consider the one percent merit pool, use the additional funds for some of the other requests, CPI for the Sheriff's Department, and \$90,000 for the Economic Development Fund to fund some of the outside agencies with a slight increase in millage.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard confirmed the motion as long as we end up with \$1.1 million at the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Matthews said he tends to be right in the middle of them. He said he would prefer to consider each and every item line by line. He said while three percent is very noble, one percent is too little and he would prefer a two percent merit pool and use some of the savings to offset what we are actually considering on the list.

Mr. Cullum, as Parliamentarian, said he suggests considering amending the motion or he would like to withdraw his second.

Mr. Kinard withdrew his motion and Mr. Cullum withdrew his second.

- **Dickerson Center for Children**

Motion:

Mr. Cullum made a motion to approve \$45,000 for the Dickerson Center.

Being no second Mr. Cullum withdrew his motion.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve \$35,000.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Matthews suggested funding come from the one percent merit pool reduction, reducing the pool from three percent to two percent.

Mr. Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer, reported the difference would be \$609,736.

Mr. Mergo confirmed the total General Fund cumulative reduction at \$609,736 but that incorporates County Ordinary, Fire Service and Law Enforcement. He said the funding for the Dickerson Center would come from County Ordinary.

Mr. Cullum asked for the breakdown in the three funds.

Mr. Mergo responded \$305,110 for County Ordinary, \$217,252 for Law Enforcement and \$87,374 for Fire Service.

Mr. Cullum asked does the three percent represent \$2.2 million.

Mr. Mergo replied no sir, the \$2 million, including special revenue funds, is \$1,986,613.

Mr. Matthews suggested the \$35,000 for the Dickerson Center be funded out of the one percent merit pool reduction. This would give the employees a two percent raise.

Mr. Keisler said he would like to support this but does not want to reduce the three percent merit increase for employees. He supports the CPI and Population increase.

Mr. Jeffcoat said the CPI and Population increase will not put us where we would normally be if we were fully funded by the State. He said the State continues to cut funding for the County.

Staff provided a visual aid with the budget figures for FY13-14.

Mr. Mergo reported there is a state statute on how local government funding should take place and a funding formula within the statute advises the Legislature how much money is to be allocated and it is actually based on the previous year's actual expenditures, not on how much revenue they end up bringing in. He said over the past five years the County continues to be cut somewhere around \$2.5 to \$3 million every year, depending on what that distribution is. Mr. Mergo said this year, based on the funding formula, Lexington County should receive approximately \$12 million (\$12,321,137) in Local Government Funds but when the House sent their approved budget to the Senate, it was a reduction of \$2,407,650 from what the funding formula requires and the version from the Senate Finance Committee is actually a \$3,352,501 reduction in the Local Government Fund. Mr. Mergo said if you look at what Act 388 has done to the local governing bodies, you are limited on your ability by law to be able to go up by the CPI and the Population adjustment. In 2008 there was no CPI and for this year is 3.5 percent you can go up.

Chairman Banning asked the Clerk to restate Mr. Matthew's motion.

Ms. Burnett confirmed the motion is to take \$35,000 out of the one percent merit pool from County Ordinary for the Dickerson Center.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor:	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend

Opposed:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Keisler

Absent: Ms. Summers

Tied, motion failed.

Chairman Banning reported Council is back to the Dickerson Center.

Mr. Matthews suggested Council move down the list then return to the Dickerson Center.

Mr. Cullum suggested taking this as a group and discussing all the new programs. He asked if there were any objections of the numbers that make up the \$1,106,236.

New Programs:

- **E Procurement and Animal Shelter**

Chairman Banning reported the E Procurement program is needed to manage all the projects we have going on and feels it would be money well spent.

Chairman Banning reported the County has agreed to work the cities of Cayce and West Columbia to move forward with this project. The County will receive a \$250,000 contribution split between the two municipalities (Total cost \$359,243).

Mr. Mergo reported of the \$50,786 requested for the E Procurement \$29,050 is a one-time cost. He said if Council wanted to fund the \$29,050 out of the fund balance it would be a good use for a one-time expenditure.

Chairman Banning asked if there was any opposition for E Procurement or the Animal Shelter; no opposition.

- **Public Defender**

Mr. Matthews asked if the \$127,806 for the Public Defender was for one or two positions.

Chairman Banning confirmed it was for two positions.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Matthews to fund the Magistrate Court position (\$65,153).

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Townsend	

Opposed:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Collins
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	

Motion failed.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to fund both positions at \$127,806.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Collins Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Cullum

Opposed: Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend
 Mr. Matthews

Motion passed.

• **E Procurement and Animal Services**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve both new programs for E Procurement and Animal Services.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend
 Mr. Collins Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Cullum

Absent: Ms. Summers

• **Fund 2000 Economic Development**

Mr. Jeffcoat suggested changing Central Alliance from the requested amount of \$50,000 to \$25,000; River Alliance at \$51,000; USC Incubator at \$25,000; Community Open Land Trust reduced to \$15,000; and Engenuity at \$25,000.

Mr. Kinard replied that he would prefer to take all of these out of the Economic Development contingency fund of \$90,000 then discuss the distribution.

Mr. Jeffcoat requested to postpone discussion on Fund 2000 Economic Development at this time.

New Positions

• **County Council**

Motion:

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to change the County Council request for an Administrative Assistant, Grade 8 full-time position to a part-time position.

Mr. Banning added it would be from \$48,234 full-time to \$19,394 for a permanent part-time position in the Council office.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Collins
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews

Absent: Ms. Summers

• **Building Services, Communications, EMS and Probate**

Mr. Cullum reviewed the following new positions for Building Services, Public Safety/Communications, Public Safety/EMS, and the Probate Office: Project Dispatch Clerk, Building Services (\$53,909); Four Call Takers, Public Safety/Communications (\$178,080); Three EMT Crew Members at a Grade 10 (\$165,017) and One Pier Officer at a Grade 15, Public Safety/EMS (\$69,400); and one Estate Clerk II, Grade 7, Probate Office (\$43,386).

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to accept the numbers presented to Council for \$53,909, \$178,080, \$165,017, \$69,400 and \$43,386 just for the new positions.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Keisler asked if the two deputy coroner positions had been removed from the list.

Chairman Banning confirmed.

Mr. Poston reported the total for the new positions listed above was \$509,792.

Mr. Kinard asked if staff could review the Pier officer position after one year to see the savings and see if it justifies itself.

Mr. Matthews suggested Council consider reducing the new positions by eliminating one each. He said it still adds personnel and helps the departments but it does not hit the taxpayer as hard.

Chairman Banning responded the problem with the four call takers is you need four for one shift. They cannot do it with just three.

Mr. Matthews then suggested for Council's consideration to leave the call takers but reduce the three EMT positions to two.

Mr. Cullum responded again that would be a shift problem.

Mr. Banning confirmed the total cost for the new positions listed above at \$509,792.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Cullum
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend
 Mr. Collins Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat

Opposed: Mr. Matthews

Absent: Ms. Summers

Position Changes

• **Animal Control & Veterans Affairs - Reclassification**

- Animal Services - One sergeant - Grade 10 (\$6,835) change from Grade 7 and Veterans Affairs - One clerk - Grade 4 (\$22,540) from part-time to full-time position.

Motion:

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve both position changes.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Collins
 Mr. Matthews Mr. Cullum

Absent: Ms. Summers

• **Law Enforcement**

Motion:

Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to support the \$1,118,017 presented for the Sheriff's budget.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Cullum asked if the \$1,118,017 was the equivalent of the CPI and the Population.

Mr. Mergo confirmed.

Mr. Cullum asked if that comes up to 3.5 percent.

Mr. Mergo confirmed it was a 3.5 percent increase of their current millage rate and the number of mills is 1.111 mills (\$4.45 per \$100,000 value of a 4 percent assessed property).

Vote on Motion:

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Keisler

Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard
Mr. Townsend	Mr. Collins
Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum

Absent: Ms. Summers

• **Solid Waste Management - New Programs:**

- Access Improvements - Sandhills Collection Center (\$281,700) and Solid Waste Landfill Operations - Two Heavy Equipment Operators - Grade 7 (\$107,233)

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the access improvements at the Sandhills Collection Center (\$281,700).

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard asked since the \$281,700 is a one-time expense could it come from the Solid Waste fund balance or General Fund.

Mr. Mergo responded in the Administrator's recommended budget Solid Waste's items deemed most pressing were funded out of the Solid Waste Management fund balance. He said he would feel comfortable if the County took the funds from the Solid Waste Management fund balance.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Cullum amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve funding from the Solid Waste fund balance.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked why were two additional heavy equipment operators needed.

Mr. Eger, Solid Waste Management Director, justified the request due to the heavy amount of maintenance (cutting more grass and maintaining slopes) required at the land field by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Mr. Kinard recommended approving one position this year and, if there is a need, to fund the other position next year. Mr. Jeffcoat concurred.

Chairman Banning asked the Clerk to repeat the motion.

Ms. Burnett reported there is a motion with a second to fund \$281,700 for the Sandhills Collection Center out of the Solid Waste Management fund balance.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Cullum

Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
Mr. Collins	Mr. Keisler
Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Matthews

Absent: Ms. Summers

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve one heavy equipment operator at a Grade 7 for \$53,616.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Matthews	

Opposed: Mr. Cullum

Absent: Ms. Summers

• **Fund 2000 - Economic Development**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the following amounts for Fund 2000 - Economic Development: Central Alliance \$25,000; River Alliance requested \$51,000; USC Incubator \$25,000; Community Open Land Trust \$15,000; Engenuity \$25,000; Navigating Good to Great Foundation \$25,000 for a total of \$166,000.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard reported the total for the above is up to \$166,000. He suggested Council use the \$81,000 Economic Development contingency fund and the remaining balance from General Fund balance.

Chairman Banning recused himself from the vote explaining he is on the Engenuity Board and contractually affiliated with the Lexington Chamber who is funded by the Navigating Good to Great Foundation.

Amendment to Motion:

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Kinard to fund \$81,000 from Economic Development contingency and the remaining \$85,000 from the General Fund.

Vote on Amendment:

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

Abstained: Mr. Banning (see attached abstention form)

Vote on Amended Motion:

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

Abstained: Mr. Banning (see attached abstention form)

• **Dickerson Center for Children**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve funding for the Dickerson Center at \$40,000.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Matthews asked how the \$40,000 would be funded.

Mr. Kinard said he does not want to raise taxes and have it as an ongoing millage because it is a contribution agency. He said if we fund the Dickerson Center it would have to come out of the General Fund.

Mr. Mergo said currently the Dickerson Center is funded out of General Fund balance from the revenues produced.

Mr. Cullum asked where it has been funded from in the past.

Mr. Mergo responded it has been funded from the General Fund millage from the revenue that is produced from the General Fund millage.

Mr. Cullum said he maintains that is where it should continue to get its funding.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Collins
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler

Opposed:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Matthews	

Motion passed.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel issue.

Vote on Motion:

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

Chairman Banning reported out of Executive Session with no motions to be considered. He said there was one correction to be made for Fund 2000 - Economic Development.

- **Fund 2000 - Economic Development - Correction** - Mr. Kinard reported the funding for Fund 2000 - Economic Development should have been \$85,000 from Economic Development contingency and \$81,000 from the General Fund. The numbers were backwards for the original motion.

Corrected Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve \$85,000 from Economic Development contingency and \$81,000 from the General Fund.

Vote on Motion:

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

- **Fire Service**

Mr. Cullum said Council was discussing using contingency funds for equipment purchases in Fire Service's long range plan. He said he thought we may be coming up short if we do not do the CPI and Population. Mr. Cullum said Council looked at some of the other positions that were recommended for the training captain, the fire inspector and the planning officer and if Council took those monies we could put that \$228,000 towards contingency as a swap for the funding.

Chief Cox provided justification for the additional training captain and fire inspector.

Mr. Cullum asked if these were curtsey fire inspections?

Chief Cox responded Council adopted the International Fire Code a number of years ago. He said properties are inspected on a yearly, two-year or three-year basis and is a mandated inspection schedule by the International Fire Code. Chief Cox discussed a proposed fire inspection fee as a possible revenue source in the future.

Chief Cox explained the Fire Service training needs and how it would help with the reduction of the ISO rating for lower insurance premiums. He reported if Fire Service gets CPI alone, based on their projects, the first year they would be in the red for \$71,000 but will have built up a cumulative surplus of approximately \$1.5 million. He said Fire Service could offset that first year deficit with the cumulative surplus.

Mr. Kinard asked was this CPI for the next few years.

Chief Cox replied the projection for the entire plan given two years ago was based on a minimum of a three percent increase each year.

Mr. Cullum asked if Fire Service gets the three percent CPI increase each year they will have enough funding to start equipment purchases in the FY14/15 budget year.

Chief Cox reported with the CPI and Population by FY16/17 when Fire Service starts buying apparatus again and, if Fire Service maintains an average of a three percent increase each year, we will have built a surplus of \$2.4 million.

Mr. Cullum asked is Fire Service not going to make any type of major capital replacements or any major equipment purchases.

Chief Cox responded no.

Mr. Cullum said vehicles will be excluded.

Chief Cox replied yes, they have been excluded for the past two years.

Chief Cox reported Fire Service is in very good shape with equipment and actually has been able to reduce the fleet from 101 to 91 by eliminating surplus equipment.

Mr. Mergo reported Fire Service would continue to build up a surplus if they continue to get three percent each year.

Mr. Cullum asked about the volunteer program.

Chief Cox responded Fire Service has 20 volunteers waiting now to start a class in June and online classes are available to them. He said Fire Service is constantly trying to make it easier for them to obtain as many training hours as possible.

Chairman Banning reminded Council that we asked Chief Cox and his fire team to bring us a strategic plan, which they did, and Council has an obligation to either throw their plan in the trash or support him and fund Fire Service.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve CPI and Population for Fire Service (includes the Irmo Fire District).

Vote on Motion:

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Collins	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews

Opposed: Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend
 Mr. Cullum

• **Funding for State Mandated Agencies**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to not fund any state mandated agencies.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat said he thinks if Council does this, Council can take the funds needed to run the County and not have all the problems we are having with all these discussions. He said Council should just let the State pay for their own agencies and we pay for the County's agencies.

Chairman Banning asked the Chief Financial Officer what that amount totals.

Mr. Matthews asked if Council could get a legal opinion from the County Attorney on the motion.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss one legal issue.

Mr. Collins asked which state agencies this includes.

Chairman Banning responded all state agencies.

Mr. Jeffcoat said if Council does this and takes the money that the County is spending to fund state agencies then we can run our County in a very conservative way. He said we do not have to have CPI or the Population necessarily every single year. Then we can sit on this panel and say we do not have any tax increases like they do downtown at the State House. He said the State does not have any increases because all they have to do, if they need services, is just shift it down to the counties.

Vote on Motion:

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

Chairman Banning reported out of Executive Session with one motion to be considered. He said while Council was in Executive Session they received a legal briefing from the County Attorney who needs time to research the information.

Mr. Jeffcoat said Council is requesting the total number of dollars the County spends for state agencies and the funding received last year from the State to pay for the state mandated agencies.

Mr. Mergo reported in the current budget year, Council would be spending \$10,885,038 on state mandated agencies. He said there is actually a book that has been put out about all the mandates the County is responsible for funding. Mr. Mergo said last year under the Local Government formula Lexington County should have received \$11,843,715 of which, as passed by Senate, we received \$8,495,623 of reoccurring Local Government fund money resulting in a revenue shortfall. Mr. Mergo referred to the chart and said the Local Government Fund is not funding the mandated cost that we are spending on the state agencies the County is required to fund.

Chairman Banning said he wanted to point out not all state agencies are on the list. He reported there are more such as the Department of Environmental Control's (DHEC's) mandate to the County to take care of waste in the County. He said that is a state mandate, not the County's decision. Chairman Banning said we could shut down the whole Solid Waste Division which is about an \$8 million.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Townsend to table Mr. Jeffcoat's motion until Council receives the full legal review from the County Attorney as to what Council can legally do.

Chairman Banning confirmed that the County Attorney will have a public report for the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Vote on Motion to Table:

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Collins
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Matthews	

Opposed:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Jeffcoat
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• **Accommodations Tax Fund:**

Chairman Banning recused himself from the Accommodations Tax Fund since he is affiliated with the Lexington Chamber.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to delete the \$12,000 for the State Museum and reallocate to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce for their new ad program "Loving Lexington."

Vote on Motion:

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

Abstained: Mr. Banning (see attached abstention form)

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to delete the \$25,000 for the Columbia Metropolitan Visitor's Bureau and place into a contingency fund.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend
 Mr. Collins Mr. Matthews

Opposed: Mr. Jeffcoat Ms. Summers

Abstained: Mr. Banning (see attached abstention form)

• **2605 - Emergency Telephone System E-911**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve Fund 2605 as recommended.

Vote on Motion:

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

• **CPI and Population for FY13/14 Annual Budget**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Ms. Summers to increase CPI and Population for the FY13/14 Annual Budget (across the board) for the County's General Fund, Library and Solid Waste Management.

Chairman Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard asked for a budget recap of what we would be required to fund and where we are with the budget.

Mr. Mergo asked are we talking about County Ordinary, Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Solid Waste.

Chairman Banning said he was under the impression that Council just voted for Fire Service and Law Enforcement.

Chairman Banning said all we are talking about is adding CPI and Population for the General Fund.

Mr. Mergo responded that would include the Library and Solid Waste Management.

Mr. Cullum said the question is, again to follow up with Mr. Kinard, if we are going to do CPI and Population for the Sheriff's Department and Fire Service, those are two targeted areas for CPI and Population only. He said if we throw in the rest of the budget there is going to be a number associated with the mill, do we not know what that mill is?

Mr. Poston reported the General Fund County Ordinary is \$857,346 and the CPI and Population for County Ordinary would generate \$827,198.

Chairman Banning said that is the number Council has agreed upon. He confirmed Council has already voted on the Sheriff and Fire Service budgets. He said that does not cover the County Ordinary. Chairman Banning said CPI and Population only generate \$827,198.

Mr. Mergo suggested to get to the \$857,346 recommended by Council take the CPI and Population allocated to increase the Library and Indigent Care and put that towards the County Ordinary to fund the \$857,346.

Mr. Cullum suggested taking the money out of the three percent merit pool.

Chairman Banning responded he would not want to do that to the County employees.

Mr. Keisler asked what is the total tax dollar increase.

Mr. Poston reported the tax increase would be \$12.15 on a \$100,000 home across the board.

Mr. Jeffcoat called for the question.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Collins
	Mr. Keisler	

Opposed:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum

Motion passed.

There being no further business, the budget worksession meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING AND DELIBERATING

I am hereby asking Council to excuse me from voting and deliberating on the matter of the May 21, 2013 Budget Worksession for Engenuity and Lexington Chamber of Commerce because of a potential conflict of interest because of the following: Currently sit on the Engenuity Board and contractually affiliated with the Lexington Chamber who is funded by the Navigating Good to Great Foundation. I am furnishing this statement to Council and I request that this statement be printed in the Minutes of this meeting.



William B. Banning, Sr.

Date: 5-21-13