

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 14, 2014**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Banning, Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

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

Reel Tourism - Miriam Atria, President/CEO - Ms. Atria provided an update on Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board's "Reel Tourism." She thanked Lexington County for the support they receive through the Accommodations Tax Funds. Ms. Atria reported during the last seven months Lake Murray has been featured on national and worldwide television through the Oakley Bass Tour, the Forest Wood Cup, Travel Therapy by Karen Schaler, and most recently on Syfy Network's Haunted Highway featuring the Lake Murray Monster. Council is invited to participate in the Forest Wood Cup scheduled for August 15, 2014. She said their website has been redone with 2,300 pages of information promoting Lake Murray Country also under the name of South Carolina's Jewel. Ms. Atria continued with highlights of upcoming events including a new seven-day event called Red White and Boom celebration for the 4th of July. She concluded with a video clip from their website with images from Travel Therapy by Karen Schaler. For information only, no action taken.

Meeting of November 12, 2013 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the November 12, 2013 minutes as submitted.

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

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss four legal/contractual matters.

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

*Mr. Matthews left during the session due to a family emergency.

Old Business/New Business - None.

The Chairman will report out of Executive Session during the 4:30 Council meeting.

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