

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2004

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Davis presided; Chairman Davis gave the invocation; Mr. Carrigg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	George H. Smokey Davis	William C. Billy Derrick
	Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
	M. Todd Cullum	Jacob R. Wilkerson
	John W. Carrigg, Jr.	Bruce E. Rucker

Member not present: Joseph W. Joe Owens *

* Mr. Owens was not present due to an illness.

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Deputy 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.

Election of Officers - Chairman - Mr. Davis opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Jeffcoat nominated Mr. Davis; seconded by Mr. Derrick.

Mr. Davis called for further nominations; no further nominations were made. Mr. Davis called for the vote.

In Favor:	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	

Abstaining: Mr. Davis

Vice Chairman - Mr. Davis opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Rucker nominated Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson.

Mr. Davis called for other nominations; none were made. Mr. Davis called for the vote.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Cullum

Abstaining: Mr. Derrick

Appointment of Parliamentarian - Mr. Davis stated that the appointment of the parliamentarian will occur at the next meeting.

Plaques were presented to Chairman Davis and Vice Chairman Carrigg for their leadership during 2003.

Attendance - Calendar Year 2003 - Mr. Davis stated for calendar year 2003 there were four councilmen who had perfect attendance. Mr. Davis congratulated and presented a pen set to Mr. Derrick, Mr. Keisler, Mr. Jeffcoat, and Mr. Cullum for having perfect attendance during 2003. Mr. Davis also stated that Mr. Derrick has had perfect attendance for the past five years.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Mr. Smith Breeden, MB Kahn Superintendent, was recognized for all his hard work and cooperation during the renovations of the Administration Building and the construction of the Judicial Center.

Resolutions - Deputy Charles Jordan, Master Deputy Steve Collins, Lieutenant George Brothers, and Detective Jonathan Gabert - A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Derrick that the resolutions be adopted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Wilkerson
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Cullum

Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission - Designation for Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to Provide Transportation to Particular Sectors of the Elderly and/or Persons With Disabilities - Jay Criscione, Executive Director - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the resolution for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Carrigg
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Cullum

Central Midlands Council of Governments - Amendment to Central Midlands Council of Governments Creating Agreement - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the resolution for Central Midlands Council of Governments relating to minority appointments.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Cullum
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Wilkerson
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Carrigg

Appointments - Health Services District Board of Directors - Wayne D. Corley - A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Derrick to reappoint Mr. Wayne Corley to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Wilkerson
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Cullum

Temporary Sign and Permitting Committee - Mr. Keith Bush, Mr. Thomas Campbell, and Mr. Roger Griffin - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Derrick to appoint Mr. Keith Bush, Mr. Thomas Campbell, and Mr. Roger Griffin to the Temporary Sign and Permitting Committee.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Wilkerson
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Cullum

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the following bids be approved.

Construction of EMS Headquarters Facility - Public Safety/EMS - Bids were solicited and advertised for the construction of an 8,250 square foot pre-engineered metal building to serve as the EMS headquarters facility located on Ball Park Road. The project included landscape development, fencing with security gates, paving, water and sewer lines, new generators, and other site improvements. The County provided the necessary site preparation for this project. Six (6) bids were received. Staff recommended to award the contract to Moose Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$599,250.00.

Personal Dosimeters - Sole Source - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness/Communications - Staff recommended the purchase of twenty-five (25) Personal Dosimeters for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness/Communications to the sole source provider, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). These Personal Dosimeters provide accurate dosimetry readings for emergency workers who respond to the 10-mile emergency planning zone in support of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station and COBRA response. The cost including tax is \$10,248.00.

Clothing for Patrol Personnel - Term Contract - Sheriff's Department - Bids were solicited and advertised for a term contract for the purchase of clothing for patrol personnel for the Sheriff's Department. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend the contract for two (2) additional one year periods. Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended to award the contract to Wright Johnston, Inc. The estimated value of the term contract is \$47,229.00 including tax.

Ammunition - Sheriff's Department - Bids were solicited and advertised for a term contract for the purchase of ammunition for the Sheriff's Department. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend the contract for two (2) additional one year periods. Two (2) bids were received. Staff recommended to award \$20,550.46 to Lawmen's Safety and \$7,875.00 to Elmer Arms. Total cost including tax is \$28,425.46.

Motorola 800 MHZ Radios and Supplies - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of three (3) Motorola 800 MHZ Radios and Supplies for the Sheriff's Department through State Contract Number OIR2002.07. The cost including tax is \$15,168.07.

Request for Approval to Utilize Competitive Sealed Proposal Process for Jail Health Care Service and Food Service Contracts - Sheriff's Department - Staff requested authorization to use the Request for Proposals (RFP) process in order to seek competitive proposals from potential qualified bidders to provide health care service and food service for the Lexington County Detention Center. The current contract for health care service provided by Prison Health Services, Inc. and the contract for food service provided by ABL Management, Inc. expire July 1, 2004.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick stated he felt the County could cut costs in communications. He stated during presentations in the afternoon committee meeting there were several grants for the Sheriff's

Department that had approximately \$44,000.00 worth of communication equipment being considered.

Mr. Derrick made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to delete the Motorola 800 MHZ Radios and Supplies from the Bids/Purchases/RFPs.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Carrigg stated he remembered reading that these items ((3) Motorola 800 MHZ Radios and Supplies) are required for immediate communication with task force investigators and other agencies and for the safety of the investigators.

Chief Tim James stated one radio is for the Town of Irmo, which falls under the Multijurisdictional Task Force Grant. He stated the Town of Irmo will pay 25% and the remaining 75% is through the grant. He stated since the Town of Irmo works under Lexington County's radio frequency, it is purchased through the overall grant. He said the additional two (2) radios are through the Gang Grant for two officers who were hired approximately nine months ago. He stated at the time the officers were hired, the Sheriff's Department had two older in-house radios they were able to utilize. However, these two radios are needed to replace the two older in-house radios that have been absorbed.

Mr. Carrigg stated one is being paid for by the Town of Irmo and the other two are being paid for by

Chief Tim James stated the two additional radios are being paid through the Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force Grant.

Mr. Cullum stated when reviewing this request, he went back and reviewed all requests over the past year and stated over half of the County's RFPs are radio requests; not specifically the Sheriff's Department but general radio requests. He stated the County continues to build on the communication asset base and is not sure the County has an assessment yet indicating the need for these radios. He stated he did not want to jeopardize anyone's safety but is in hopes that staff is internally looking to see whether inventory is available for use. He stated it appears each meeting Council is spending \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00 in radios.

Mr. Rucker stated he has been on scenes when radios were very scarce and it is a scary situation, especially when you have peoples' lives in your hands. He said if you are a deputy on a domestic or multi-drug task force, you need the best communications you can have. He said he does not think Council is over doing this by voting for the radios. He acknowledged the County does allocate a lot of money for radios but communication is extremely important when it comes to law enforcement, public safety, ambulance or ambulatory care, and fire service.

Mr. Carrigg asked how long do radios last if used everyday?

Chief James stated the life expectancy is anywhere from eight to ten years and said the Sheriff's Department has some radios that have been in existence since the 800 MHZ radio system was implemented in Lexington County. He stated the life expectancy is very, very good. He said the County is very modest when it comes to communication equipment as some counties have 800 MHZ radios in their vehicles as well as a walkie-talkie. He stated the Sheriff's Department finds that it is good to have a walkie-talkie issued to every officer; whether he is in his car or not, he has it in his possession versus having to have one in the car and one on his side. However, he stated every officer is issued a walkie-talkie in order to be in direct communication with command.

Mr. Wilkerson stated the radios requested today are for new positions, but asked whether or not if some of the previous requests have been to replace old, worn-out units due to changes in technology or is the technology pretty much the same.

Chief James stated he could not recall when the Sheriff's Department has had to purchase a large quantity of radios to replace any that have worn out. He stated most of the purchases have been through grants. He stated whenever the Sheriff's Department applies for a grant that involves personnel, radios are a part of that grant. He stated several years ago, the Sheriff's Department obtained the COP's Fast Grant which consisted of twenty (20) officers; ten one year and ten the following year. He said at that time radios had to be purchased and since then, the Sheriff's Department has been trying to catch up from that grant.

Mr. Keisler stated he agreed with Mr. Rucker that communication is the main thing that officers need, as well as all public safety. He said to his understanding, he thought the Sheriff's Department still has a shortage of radios.

Chief James stated the Sheriff's Department does not have any walkie-talkies available to the reserve officers who dedicate and volunteer their time. He said off-duty officers will loan their radios to other personnel.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked for the amendment to be restated.

Mr. Davis stated the amendment is to delete the 800 MHZ Motorola Radios and Supplies from the original motion.

Vote on Amendment

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Cullum

Opposed: Mr. Davis Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Carrigg

The amendment fails.

Ordinances - Ordinance 03-13 - American Fiber & Finishing, Inc. - Multi-County Park Agreement - 2nd Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that Ordinance 03-13 be given second reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat

Ordinance 03-14 - Project Pet - Bower Parkway - 2nd Reading (Tentative Public Hearing 02/10/04) - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that Ordinance 03-14 be given second reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Wilkerson asked if Project Pet had received information from the grant application.

Ms. Denise Wilkinson, Board Member for Project Pet, stated they did hear from Maddie's Fund on Monday, January 12, 2004 and they have requested a conference call for the week of January 26, 2004.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Map Amendment M03-05 - Portions of Counts Ferry Road, Rocky Cove Road, & Quail Trail - 2nd Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Rucker that second reading be denied for Zoning Map Amendment M03-05.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Zoning Map Amendment M03-06 - 6172 Bush River Road - 2nd Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum that second reading be denied for Zoning Map Amendment M03-06.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, B. Rucker, Chairman - Revised Driver Record Policy - Mr. Rucker stated the Planning and Administration Committee convened on Tuesday, December 09, 2003 to discuss the Revised Proposed Driver Record Policy.

Ms. Doucett stated this proposed policy is to set the criteria for an acceptable driving record. The policy would apply to all current and former employees.

Ms. Doucett stated during the Planning and Administration Committee meeting on November 18, 2003, the Committee asked staff to make changes to add terminology that read: if driving is a part of your job description, then termination **would be** rather than **may be**. Ms. Doucett stated for further clarification, the proposed Revised Driver Record Policy terminology would read: **In the case of an employee whose job requires possession of a valid driver's license and who subsequently loses his/her driver's license, the employee will be terminated from employment.**

The Committee voted to recommend that full Council approve the proposed Revised Driver Record Policy with the following changes/additions.

(1) Item #2 under **Employees** - Any employee who has received 6 or more points against his license in any 12 month period, or 10 or more points against his license in any 5 year period be changed to **a 3 year period**.

(2) Add a provision regarding any charges received while in a Lexington County vehicle.

(3) In the case of an employee whose job requires possession of a valid driver's license and who subsequently loses his/her driver's license, the employee will be terminated from employment.

Mr. Rucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to adopt staff's proposed Revised Driver Record Policy.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Review of Zoning Ordinance Section 25.40 - Temporary Signs - The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, December 09, 2003 to discuss Zoning Ordinance Section 25.40 - Temporary Signs.

Ms. Coghill, Community and Economic Development Director, stated Section 25.40 of the Zoning Ordinance specifically addresses the following temporary signs: Special Event Signs (portable and windblown), Contractors' Signs, Real Estate Signs, (on-and-off premise), Garage/Yard Sale Signs, Temporary Subdivision Signs, Political Campaign Signs, Produce (home garden) Sale Signs, and Seasonal Signs.

Ms. Coghill stated each of these categories of temporary signs has maximum sizes and some have setback requirements from property lines and road rights-of-way. However, Special Event Signs are the only ones that require a permit to be issued before being placed.

Ms. Coghill also said while the temporary signs just described are allowed under the ordinance, staff and Council regularly receive complaints about temporary signs that are not allowed - those on poles/signs/trees and those in the road right-of-way. These are typically paper or corrugated plastic signs on a wood stake or nailed to a structure. Most are actually in SCDOT right-of-way.

The Committee voted to recommend the following in order to obtain input from business owners and citizens to create a workable solution for the use of temporary signs and permitting.

(1) Forming a committee comprised of nine (9) members (either a business owner or citizen) to create a workable solution for the use of temporary signs and permitting.

(2) Each Councilman selecting one appointee.

(3) For staff to work with the selected nine (9) appointees in order to establish a recommendation to Council.

(4) The formed committee be in place by the middle of January.

Mr. Rucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to adopt the committee report to create a Temporary Sign and Permitting Committee.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Keisler asked if banners are permissible across highways.

Mr. Rucker stated the Temporary Sign and Permitting Committee will be responsible for deciding what would be permissible and bring back to full Council for consideration.

Ms. Coghill stated typically the decision to allow banners would be up to who has maintenance of

the road. She stated most of Lexington County's requests have come on roads that are maintained by SCDOT.

Mr. Keisler stated the problem he has is that towns are allowed to put up banners where as organizations wanting to put up banners for events such as a horse show, Ducks Unlimited, etc. are not allowed.

Ms. Coghill stated staff would look into the problem regarding such banners and would work with the Public Works Department to see what examples or models are already in place.

Mr. Rucker asked staff to add display of banners to the Temporary Sign and Permitting Committee.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Jeffcoat

Justice, J. Carrigg, Chairman - Mr. Carrigg reported his committee met and discussed the following four (4) grant applications.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson to allow staff to move forward with the following four (4) grant applications.

Continuation of the Automated Finger Identification System (AFIS) Grant - This is a continuation of the Automated Finger Identification System (AFIS) Grant to provide funding for training expenses for the AFIS Specialist to travel to the manufacturer for training required on the AFIS equipment. The 25% match of \$1,450.00 will be provided by the LE/General Fund.

Continuation of the Multijurisdictional Forensic Drug Lab Grant - This is a continuation of the Multijurisdictional Forensic Drug Lab Grant to provide funding of the current chemist, equipment, operating supply costs and service fees. The 25% match of \$50,750.00 will be provided by the LE/General Fund.

Continuation of the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Grant - This is a continuation of the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Grant to provide funding for the equipment and operating costs for the operation of the reporting system. The 25% match of \$57,050.00 will be provided by the LE/General Fund.

Continuation of the Narcotic Multijurisdictional Task Force Grant - This is a continuation of the Narcotic Multijurisdictional Task Force Grant to provide funding of current personnel, equipment, operating supply costs and service fees. The 25% match of \$41,107.00 will be provided by the LE/General Fund.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

New Business - Request for Nine (9) Additional Officers for the Judicial Center - Mr. Carrigg stated Chief James has requested funds to provide urgently needed security to the Judicial Center. He stated additional officers are needed as the Judicial Center is much larger than the old courthouse. He stated nine officers had been protecting the 30,000 sq. foot courthouse but with the 100,000 sq. foot new Judicial Center nine (9) additional officers are needed.

Mr. Carrigg stated two proposals have been offered. (1) A stop-gap appropriation of approximately \$230,000.00 to provide funding through the end of 06/30/04 or (2) The County absorbing all costs for the fourteen (14) communications officers which would allow enough funds in the Sheriff's Department's budget to hire nine (9) additional certified officers to secure the Judicial Center.

Mr. Carrigg stated he and Chairman Davis attended a meeting regarding security and the consensus was that nine (9) additional officers are needed for the Judicial Center. He stated it is mandated by the South Carolina Supreme Court that a certified deputy be in every active courtroom.

Mr. Carrigg asked if Council wanted to (1) do nothing, (2) provide the \$230,000.00 through a stop-gap appropriation through the end of 06/30/04, or (3) fund the fourteen (14) communications officers. He stated no decision was reached by the Justice Committee but was looking to Council for a decision.

Mr. Davis stated there was no motion, but would open the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Cullum stated Council formed a space utilization committee tonight and felt this request was premature at this time until the committee has a chance to identify what space is going to be used. He stated he understands nine (9) additional officers will be needed without all space adequately assigned. He indicated after the space utilization study perhaps only six (6) additional officers would be needed. Mr. Cullum asked if there is an immediate need to make this decision tonight.

Chief James stated there is an immediate need for additional officers but the space utilization study could curb the amount of deputies that are needed. He stated we need to begin increasing the Judicial Center security force just based on how many courtrooms will be active compared to what was active this time last year. Chief James did agree that maybe we (the Sheriff's Department) do not immediately need all of the nine (9) officers but does believe that we need to start adding to the Judicial Center security.

Mr. Wilkerson asked for the total number of courtrooms that will be active.

Chief James stated he could not answer at this point what week or how many will be active but said they are looking at several more sessions in Family Court and probably one more session in General Sessions Court. He stated a visiting judge will be assigned within the next month to stay for the next six months and there will be several more courtrooms open and active during this time.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked Chief James if this request for the nine (9) additional officers is based on the additional courtrooms to be open and also asked if the usage is going to be immediate. Mr. Jeffcoat asked if the additional officers are for courtroom security only and not the security of the Judicial Center.

Judge Westbrook stated it is for the security in the courtrooms. He stated the Judicial Center is going to have eleven courtrooms versus four or five in the old courthouse. He stated in terms of active use of courtrooms, we usually ran one court at a time in the old courthouse in Circuit Court but now will be able to run four or five at a time. He stated Family Court used to run two but will now be able to run three or four at the same time. He stated we thought at the start there would be a lot of vacant courtrooms. However, that has changed as Court Administration will be sending more visiting judges. He said there were other changes outside the courtrooms i.e., security for the employee parking area. He also stated the Judicial Center is equipped with security elevators, cameras in the courtrooms and throughout the building which will require monitoring. He stated since 9/11 security has become a big factor in terms of construction of the Judicial Center.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked at the present time we don't have staff that can secure the courtrooms, cameras, parking, etc.

Judge Westbrook stated at this point he is not totally sure the Judicial Center is nine (9) deputies short but is in need of additional deputies. For example, he stated during court today a defendant experienced a seizure and had to be transported to the hospital which resulted in a loss of deputies assigned to that floor.

Judge Westbrook stated there is a need to address roll calls from the Solicitor's office. He stated Monday deputies had to be taken off the road to cover roll call and was told to expect approximately 800 - 1,000 people to appear on Wednesday for roll call.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$230,000.00 for nine (9) additional officers for the Judicial Center.

Mr. Cullum asked where the additional money will come from?

Mr. Davis responded from the fund balance, if there is money left over, if not from savings.

Mr. Derrick stated that he would rather see the space utilization study go forward to see if there is anything that can be done to consolidate security efforts and asked Chief James if there is an opportunity the County can hire temporary security to watch doors, etc.

Chief James stated the Sheriff's Department did look at Judicial Officers versus certified law enforcement officers and outside contractors, but said the cost would be approximately the same that it would cost to hire full certified law enforcement officers that would work for the County and be accountable to us. Chief James stated we were able to benefit from today's technology as cameras have been installed in holding cells versus having an officer, so the committee was able to narrow the request of officers to nine.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated he was looking to Judge Westbrook to see if there is something that could be done about the space realignment but said if we are talking about courtrooms being used, he could not see how to alleviate the need for the additional nine (9) officers requested.

Chief James stated the space utilization study, as he understands, is for offices and the like. He stated what he is talking about are the entrances, the exits, and active courtrooms. He stated the technology of the proximity cards are securing the offices and egresses.

Mr. Cullum asked how will the additional nine officers continue to be funded at the end of the budget cycle. Are they going to be funded through the Sheriff's Department's budget?

Mr. Davis stated the funding would be addressed during budget. He said he did not know whether an increase of millage would be required, or through the Sheriff's Department's budget, or take officers off the road.

Mr. Cullum responded we are discussing a possible millage increase to provide security for the Judicial Center.

Mr. Davis responded a millage increase would be needed to cover the cost for one full year.

Mr. Rucker asked how many entrances and check points are there into the Judicial Center.

Chief James stated there will be one point of entry for the public, which will have a conveyor belt and a scanner manned by two deputies, and an extra deputy to assist with the wand. He stated the extra deputy will also be used to respond throughout the building as needed. Chief James also said there will be another entry for County employees and judges under the building, which will have a deputy. There will also be deputies there who will be transporting prisoners to and from the correctional setting.

Mr. Rucker stated we not only need officers to protect the judges, the public, but to transport prisoners from the jail to the Judicial Center. He said with the number of courts in session, there will be twice the number of prisoners being transported. He stated these deputies will not only be for protection of the Judicial Center but to be utilized to transfer prisoners.

Mr. Wilkerson stated he has yet to receive an answer in regard to just how many deputies are needed.

Chief James stated during the security meeting, the committee showed the level of security that we (the Sheriff's Department) felt comfortable with and the placing of those people to include two deputies within the building at all times to be able to respond to the needs. He stated the level of security that the Sheriff's Department, the committee, and judges felt comfortable with meant that nine (9) additional deputies will be needed. He stated the security plan is not only to secure the Judicial Center but the Judicial Center processes; the transporting in, the transporting out, the monitoring of the screens, the monitoring of the jail cells, because there is a jail cell on every floor.

Mr. Carrigg asked how many deputies protect the courthouse in Charleston?

Chief James replied 76.

Mr. Carrigg asked how many is the Sheriff's Department going to have?

Chief James replied 18.

Mr. Wilkerson asked what is the size difference of the courthouses. How many courts run there?

Chief James stated Charleston's courthouse is 50% larger.

Mr. Cullum asked whether the Sheriff's Department is going to provide security for Probate Court or just for Family Court and Circuit Court?

Chief James replied all courts.

Mr. Carrigg stated he understands the Sheriff's Department will not provide a standing deputy for Probate Court, Master-in-Equity Court, nor Magistrate's Court unless there is a special request.

Chief James replied correct. He stated the roaming deputies will be able to assist should the need arise.

Mr. Carrigg stated the Sheriff's Department has an obligation to provide a standing deputy for any Family Court, Common Pleas, and General Sessions Court. Correct?

Chief James replied correct.

Mr. Cullum asked how often is Circuit Court held?

Mr. Carrigg replied it is ongoing.

Mr. Cullum stated, therefore, 20 days a month Circuit Court is held.

Mr. Carrigg stated occasionally Circuit Court will have an administrative week statewide when there

is no court for any judges. But, Lexington is running anywhere from two to three Circuit Courts at a given time and Family Court runs as many as you have Family Court judges.

Mr. Cullum stated then it will possibly be 8 to 11 active courtrooms daily.

Mr. Carrigg stated the court has a tremendous backlog of cases and Court Administration will send additional judges to hold court now that we have the additional courtrooms.

Mr. Wilkerson asked whether Council had prior knowledge regarding this request for the additional nine officers.

Mr. Carrigg stated he feels that everyone knew there would be a need for additional officers but until the Judicial Center was completed, was unable to justify how many were actually needed.

Mr. Wilkerson stated he realizes officers are needed and have to be funded but Council needs to have a chance to look at alternate ideas and plans before a final decision is made and stated this request was brought before Council today.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated the Judicial Center is now in operation and security is needed due to the size and the number of courts in session and Council is looking as if the County does not need to spend additional money.

Mr. Wilkerson stated he agreed with Mr. Jeffcoat, however, does not agree with the request being brought before Council the same day for a decision to be made. He stated he knows the additional security is needed but feels that the request should have been provided prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Wilkerson stated if courts are in session, he realizes deputies will be there regardless whether or not a decision is made tonight.

Mr. Rucker called for the question.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Opposed:	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler

Motion fails.

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - SCDOT Bid on Cannon Road - Mr. Derrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Carrigg to approve the SCDOT bid on Cannon Road in the amount of \$520,348.13.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Legal Closing - Portion of Davis Hite Place - Opposition to the proposed closing. No action was taken.

Radio Lane Extension - Railroad Conflicts - Mr. Derrick reported his committee met and discussed Radio Lane Extension - Railroad Conflicts.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to approve \$5,500.00 for materials to establish a dirt road extending from the end of Radio Lane to the back of the Pineglen Subdivision tying into the end of Bronte Road.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Lexington County Industrial Park - Mr. Jeffcoat stated his committee met and discussed the Lexington County Industrial Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson to approve the resolution to include Lexington County Industrial Park into the Multi-County Park.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Cullum

Presentations - Mr. Bud Tibshrary, Chairman, Greater Columbia Community Council and Mr. Preston Winkler, Executive Director, Greater Columbia Community Council - Mr. Tibshrary and Mr. Winkler gave a presentation of services that are offered through the Greater Columbia Community Council and made a request of \$50,000.00 from Council in order to expand its services to residents of Lexington County.

Mr. Winkler said the Greater Columbia Community Council tries to assist young people to make the right choices in their lives, either through education, intervention or prevention relative to gangs. He said even though the agency does not hire, they serve as a referral agency. He stated the agency has citizens from Lexington County coming to them asking for help in finding employment.

Mr. Jim Headley, Executive Director of S.C. Recreation and Parks Association (SCRPA) - Agency of the Year: Irmo-Chapin Parks and Recreation Commission and Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission - Mr. Headley presented plaques to Irmo-Chapin Parks and Recreation Commission and Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission as being named Agencies of the Year. Mr. Headley stated this is only the third time in the Association's 53-year history that two parks and recreation agencies have been honored from the same county during the same year. Mr. Headley stated Irmo-Chapin Parks and Recreation Commission won the outstanding Agency Award for class III, which is a population of 25,000 to 50,000 and Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission won the outstanding Agency Award for class IV, which is a population of 50,000 and over.

Mr. Wilkerson commended both agencies for their outstanding contributions to Lexington County.

Ms. Sandra Webb, P.O. Box 1318, Lexington, SC 29071 - Sign Ordinance - Specifically Banners - Ms. Webb was unable to attend.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Derrick to go into Executive Session to receive legal and contractual briefings.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Cullum

Chairman Davis reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Davis reported Council received the legal briefing during the Executive Session and discussed contractual matters and indicated one motion was to be considered.

Pelion Airport - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, second by Mr. Cullum to approve the changed purchase price of the Pelion Airport from \$250,000.00 to \$225,000.00.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
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Mr. Cullum Mr. Rucker
Mr. Derrick Mr. Wilkerson

Not present: Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Carrigg *

* Mr. Carrigg left early due to a prior commitment.

Old Business/New Business - Elimination of Long Distance Charges - Mr. Jeffcoat asked staff to investigate the possibility of eliminating long distance charges within Lexington County and to present findings to Council. This includes all residents of Lexington County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Black
Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Asst. Clerk to Council