

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 12, 2005

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Cullum presided; Ms. Summers gave the invocation; Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending: M. Todd Cullum William C. Billy Derrick
George H. Smokey Davis Debra B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler Johnny W. Jeffcoat
John W. Carrigg, Jr. Joseph W. Owens

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth; Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Assistant County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/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.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Mr. Brooks recognized Sheriff Metts and Chief Rucker. Sheriff Metts presented lifesaving awards to Volunteer Firefighter Jerry Wise, Apparatus Operator Nolan Wessinger, Paramedic Ron Williams, and EMT Kevin Hartley. Also recognized were Paramedic Patrick Pianezza and Apparatus Operator Chris Porter who could not be present to receive their lifesaving award. The awards were presented in recognition for their effort in the rescue of Verno Huggins who was trapped in an access pipe of a septic tank.

Appointments - Planning Commission - Mr. L. Todd Sease - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to reappoint L. Todd Sease to the Planning Commission.

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

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Ms. Summers
 Mr. Owens Mr. Derrick
 Mr. Davis Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Carrigg

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that the following bids/purchases/RFPs (J, K, L, M, N, O, P) be approved.

Dell Servers - Library Services - Staff recommended the request for five (5) Dell servers for Library Services from the manufacturer, Dell, through State Contract Number 05-S6656-A11104. Funds are available from a net gain of \$100,000 after an increase in State Aid and the elimination of lottery funding. The cost of the servers including sale tax is \$20,448.10.

Hewlett Packard Printers - Library Services - Staff recommended the request for nine (9) Hewlett Packard printers for Library Services from the manufacturer, Hewlett Packard, through State Contract Number 05-56656-A11230. Funds are available from a net gain of \$100,000 after an increase in State Aid and the elimination of lottery funding. The cost of the printers including sales tax is \$12,118.98.

Thermal Receipt Printers - Library Services - Quotes were solicited for the purchase of thirty-six (36) thermal receipt printers for Library Services. The printers will replace aging and noisy dot matrix receipt printers that are used to provide the public with a list of what they check out and when the material is due. Funds are available from a net gain of \$100,000 after an increase in State Aid and the elimination of lottery funding.

Three (3) quotes were received. Staff recommended the award of the quote to Florida Micro as being the lowest responsible bidder. The cost including sales tax is \$7,155.68.

Canon MS-300 Microfilm Reader/Printer - Library Services - Quotes were solicited for the purchase of one (1) Canon MS-300 Microfilm reader/printer for Library Services. The microfilm reader/printer will replace the current microfilm reader/printer at the Batesburg-Leesville Library. The equipment will allow patrons to access newspapers and other documents on microfilm. Funds are available from a net gain of \$100,000 after an increase in State Aid and the elimination of lottery funding.

Three (3) quotes were received. Staff recommended the award of the quote to Palmetto Microfilm as being the lowest responsible bidder. The cost including tax and shipping is \$7,208.

Print Management System Software Licenses - Sole Source - Library Services - Staff recommended the purchase of print management system software licenses for Library Services to the sole source provider, Envisionware, Incorporated. The software licenses comprise of seventeen (17) client modules and six (6) release station software licenses. The software program manages printing of documents by the public from the County's internet and the libraries' standalone computers. The print management systems are for six (6) branches who currently do not have one. This has been deemed a proprietary provider and a sole source since LPT-One is manufactured by Envisionware, Incorporated and is only sold by Interface Electronics. Funds are available from a net gain of \$100,000 after an increase in State Aid and the elimination of lottery funding. The cost of the system including tax is \$7,710.44.

Function One Computer Hardware and Monitor Purchase - Information Services - Staff recommended the purchase of twenty (20) Dell computers and twenty (20) Dell monitors for

Information Services. The requested computers and monitors are to replace existing equipment in seven (7) County departments. The Dell computers will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Dell, through State Contract Number 05-S6656-A11104 at a cost of \$12,537.69 including tax.

Quotes were solicited for the purchase of the monitors. Three (3) quotes were received. Staff recommended to purchase the monitors from Florida Micro as being the lowest responsible bidder. The cost of the monitors including tax is \$2,171.06. Total cost of computers and monitors is \$14,708.75.

Function Two Computer Hardware and Monitors - Information Services - Staff recommended the purchase of thirty-nine (39) Dell computers and thirty-seven (37) Dell monitors for Information Services. The requested computers and monitors are to replace existing equipment in five (5) County departments that will provide newer technology and improve productivity. The Dell computers and monitors will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Dell, through State Contract Number 05-S6656-A11104.

The cost of the computers is \$27,578.29 and the cost of the monitors is \$4,979.81. Total cost including tax is \$32,558.10.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Network Core Hub Replacement - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of one (1) Enterasys Network Core Hub for the Sheriff's Department from Data Network Solutions through State Contract Number 04-S6261-A10265. The Network Core Hub is a vital component of the network for the Sheriff's Department. Due to the extreme age of the existing hub, the manufacturer will no longer cover the present equipment under a maintenance agreement. Funds are available through FY03 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Total cost including applicable sales tax is \$54,720.20.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve staff recommendation.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Derrick	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Tabled Item - Ordinance 05-02-B - An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004-05 - 3rd and Final Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick and seconded by Mr. Owens that the motion be brought off the table.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Ordinance 05-02-B - An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004-05 - 3rd and Final Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to delay Ordinance 05-02-B.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Chairman's Report - Mr. Cullum announced he had the opportunity and pleasure to attend the grand opening of Wendy's in Gaston on Wednesday, June 29 and the grand opening of the Family Dollar store in South Congaree on Thursday, June 30. He said he met with members of the River Alliance on Monday, July 11 to discuss the canal development on the former CCI site. In addition, he, Mr. Davis and Ms. Summers attended the Lake Murray Backup Dam Dedication on Thursday, June 23.

Administrator's Report - No report.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of June 13, 2005 (two meetings) and June 14, 2005 - Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick that the June 13 and June 14, 2005 minutes be approved as submitted.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Zoning Amendment - Zoning Map Amendment M05-07 - 2261 North Lake Drive - Announcement of 1st Reading - Mr. Cullum announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment

M05-07.

Committee Reports - Health & Human Services, J. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman - Citizens Corps Grant - Public Safety/Emergency Management - Mr. Carrigg stated during the afternoon committee meeting, members discussed the FY05 Citizen Corps Grant. He stated this is an \$8,196 federal grant with no matching funds to be used to establish, organize, and support a local citizens corps council and community emergency response team.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the FY05 Citizen Corps Grant application.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Owens

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - Paving a Portion of Northcutt Road - Mr. Derrick stated the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, June 28 to consider a recommendation from the Public Works Department to pave Northcutt Road.

Mr. John Fechtel, Director of Public Works, stated Ms. Donna Crumpton, Vice-President of D&T Steel Fabricators, appeared before the Public Works Committee on February 22 to request the portion of Northcutt Road leading to her business be paved due to heavy truck traffic. The road from Edmund Highway to D&T Steel Fabricators is approximately seventeen hundred (1,700) linear feet.

Mr. Fechtel recommended to the Committee that Public Works be allowed to undertake the project. Funding will be allocated from the Economic Development "C" Fund. The project would include approximately \$18,900 in asphalt, \$4,050 in sand-clay; and \$8,745 in storm drainage for a total cost of \$31,695.

The Public Works Committee voted to recommend that Council approve staff's recommendation and that Public Works be allowed to proceed with the project with funding allocated from the Economic Development portion of "C" funds.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve staff's recommendation and that funding be allocated from the Economic Development portion of "C" funds.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler

Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Carrigg

Ordinance 05-05 - Amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance and Zoning Text Amendment T05-04 - Recycling Centers - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that Ordinance 05-05 and Zoning Text Amendment T05-04 be given third and final reading.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Owens

Town of Swansea - "C" Fund Request - John Fechtel, Director, Public Works - Mr. Derrick stated during the afternoon committee meeting, members discussed a request from the Town of Swansea for \$50,000 in "C" Funds for their 20 percent match for the town's Phase III streetscape project. The streetscape project will run six blocks along U.S. 321.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the 20 percent match of \$50,000 for the SCDOT Enhancement grant for the Town of Swansea. The funds will be allocated from the County's "C" Fund Special Projects account.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Moratorium - Recycling Centers - Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to lift the moratorium on recycling and solid waste activities in the County.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

2005 SCDOT Match Program - Resurfacing - Mr. Derrick stated his committee met and discussed the 2005 SCDOT Match Program for resurfacing and to consider options provided by SCDOT for payment. The County's match is 50 percent or \$624,634.43.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the payments of \$156,158.61 in four quarterly installments.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Cullum stated it has been Council's practice not to take action on issues that are brought up on the same day, however due to time constraints and the summer schedule, action was necessary.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Roof Basket Works, Inc. - Fire Hydrant - Mr. Jeffcoat stated members of the Economic Development Committee convened on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, to discuss the possibility of assisting Roof Basket Works, Inc. with costs associated with the installation of a fire hydrant at 1546 Pisgah Church Road.

Mr. Terry Roof, President, stated in order for a fire hydrant to be installed, his company will have to install approximately 600 linear feet of six-inch water main and presented the Committee a cost estimate prepared by Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc. Total estimated cost including material and labor is \$30,075.00.

The Committee voted to recommend that full Council approve \$3,335.00 to cover the following material costs for the installation of a fire hydrant at Roof Basket Works, Inc.

- (1) \$925.00 in material cost to install a 16" x 6" tapping sleeve and 6" valve, test and tap the existing water main material
- (2) \$600.00 in material cost to bore thirty (30') feet of 12" casing under the road to include the excavation and closing of the bore pit
- (3) \$160.00 in material cost to bring 6" PVC pipe through the bore to the property side
- (4) \$1,650.00 for the cost of a fire hydrant with valve

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the cost of materials only in the amount of \$3,335.00 to assist Roof Basket Works, Inc. with the installation of a fire hydrant.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers

Mr. Carrigg

Mr. Owens

Committee of the Whole, T. Cullum, Chairman - Request for Qualifications - Professional Engineering Services/Road Design Projects - Public Works - Mr. Cullum stated during the afternoon meeting of the Committee of the Whole, the committee discussed the request for qualifications for professional engineering services for the County. He said the committee voted that the request be delayed until the August 23rd meeting for further study.

JET (Joint Emergency Team) Team - Mr. Cullum stated the Committee of the Whole met during the afternoon and discussed the formation and housing of the JET (Joint Emergency Team) Team at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion. The purpose of the Jet Team is to consolidate special operation functions of the Fire Service, Sheriff’s Department and EMS. The team will initially consist of nine members. There will be three shifts comprised of a paramedic, a law enforcement officer, and a firefighter. The team will work a 24-hour on and a 48-hour off rotation.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the request for the formation and housing of the JET Team at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Owens	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Opposed: Mr. Derrick

Fire Service Administrative Reorganization - Public Safety/Fire Service - Mr. Cullum stated the Committee of the Whole met during the afternoon to discuss the Fire Service Administrative reorganization by Public Safety/Fire Service. The request is to delete the Chief Administrative Officer’s position and replace it with a Senior Administrative Assistant I position.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the deletion of the Chief Administrative Officer position and the addition of a Senior Administrative Assistant I position.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Budget Amendment Resolution - A budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$21,575 was distributed and signed to appropriate funds for the Fire Service administrative reorganization.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat and seconded by Mr. Derrick that Council go into Executive Session to receive the legal briefing and to discuss contractual matters.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session.

6:00 P.M. - Public Hearings - Zoning Map Amendment M05-05 - 121 Pleasant Springs Court - Mr. Cullum opened the Public Hearing. Prior to moving forward with the public hearing, Mr. Cullum deferred the floor to Mr. Jeffcoat, representative for District 6.

Mr. Jeffcoat thanked everyone in attendance. He announced the applicant, Mr. John E. Cheatham had withdrawn his requests for Zoning Map Amendment M05-05 and M05-06 and read the following letter: "Please be advised that we are withdrawing our zoning request that is scheduled for the 6:00 meeting today. We will be submitting a different request shortly."

Mr. Jeffcoat stated after discussions with Mr. Jeff Anderson, County attorney, Council can choose to drop the request as Mr. Cheatham has or move forward for second reading on August 23, since tonight is only for a Public Hearing. He said Zoning Map Amendments M05-05 and M05-06 could be placed on the August 23 agenda for vote, either for or against. He said he feels confident by moving forward with second reading that we have the votes to vote the way you want it to go. Mr. Jeffcoat said if they come back with the same request they submitted before us tonight, it would be at least a year before they can resubmit a request to change that property. In addition, Mr. Jeffcoat said he received a phone call today from Ms. Rikard, an heir to the property, who said she was 100 percent against the property being rezoned.

Mr. Jeffcoat expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to represent District 6 and said he will "always try to remember that you put me in office and I will try to make sure that you remember that I ran for office to represent what you wanted so we can enjoy a better quality of life in this County and district." He said, "I may not always agree with you and you may not agree with me, but we are going to do what is best for the entire County and area.

Mr. Carrigg also thanked everyone in attendance and indicated he received many phone calls as well. He said even though he does not represent this area now, it was part of his old district and said that Council recognizes when a request is made that does not fit with the neighborhood and noted this is clearly one of those times.

Mr. Cullum noted 33 people had signed up in opposition and no one signed up in favor. However, no one spoke.

Mr. Cullum closed the public hearing.

Zoning Map Amendment M05-06 - Flamingo Road and Meredith Drive - Mr. Cullum opened the Public Hearing and noted the prior comments on Zoning Map Amendment M05-05 pertained to this hearing as well.

Mr. Cullum noted 30 people had signed up in opposition and no one signed up in favor. However, no one spoke.

Mr. Cullum closed the public hearing.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mr. Davis that Council go into Executive Session to continue receiving the legal briefing and discussing contractual matters.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Mr. Carrigg left during the legal briefing due to a prior commitment.

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Mr. Cullum said as a result of Executive Session, there were no motions to be considered.

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BAR's were distributed and signed.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$486,952 to restate revenues to increase collection station and transfer station service.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$254,676 for the Library State Aid fund due to state increasing the per capita amount. The State Library lottery allocation was deleted.

A supplemental appropriation decrease in the amount of \$141,900 to reduce appropriations based on the amount awarded by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for the Live Scan Fingerprinting System grant.

A supplemental appropriation decrease in the amount of \$329,186 to reduce appropriations due to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's denial of the Crime Scene Investigation grant.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$29,135 to provide additional grant match for the Multijurisdictional Task Force grant.

An appropriation transfer of \$77,999 to amend the FY2003 Local Law Enforcement budget.

A supplemental appropriation decrease of \$53,020 to reduce appropriations due to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's denial of the General Sessions case management coordinator.

Old Business/New Business - Mr. Jeffcoat asked that staff provide Council with an updated telephone list of each Council member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman