

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Derrick presided.

Yvonne Derrick, Chaplain at Lexington Medical Center and Associate Pastor of Spring Hill AME Church gave the Invocation.

Holley Hutto, Student Council Vice-President and Junior Class President at Pelion High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending: William C. Billy Derrick James E. Kinard, Jr.
 George H. Smokey Davis Debra B. Summers
 Bobby C. Keisler Johnny W. Jeffcoat
 John W. Carrigg, Jr. William B. Banning, Sr.

Not Present: M. Todd Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present due to illness.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance 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.

Chairman's Report - Mr. Derrick reported he had the opportunity to welcome several representatives from several of the municipalities for a Tree Care Workshop on January 29. On January 30-31 he attended the S.C. Counties Workers' Comp Trust meeting in Myrtle Beach and reported the County received an award for an exercise EMS conducted. In addition, attended an open house for Hahl, Inc. on February 5.

Lewis Rucker - Mr. Derrick, on behalf on Council, extended condolences to Chief Rucker and his family for the loss of his father, Lewie Rucker.

Lexington High School Government Class - Mr. Derrick recognized students from Lexington High School attending as part of their government class.

Administrator's Report - Ms. Hubbard recognized Ms. Myra Reece, Chief Bureau of DHEC Air Quality; John Fechtel, Director; Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager; and Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator, of Public Works for helping the County in attaining the 1997 8-hour ozone standard under the EAP's Early Action Compact Agreement .

In addition, Ms. Reece presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Council and staff for their leadership in accomplishing this very difficult and important objective.

Solid Waste Management Website - Ms. Hubbard said earlier during the Solid Waste Committee meeting, staff gave a Power Point presentation on the new Solid Waste Management website. The new website provides additional information for the public about the County's site locations, what items can and cannot be disposed of at these locations, staff contact information, and information regarding recycling.

Fire Service Recruit Class Graduation - Ms. Hubbard reported the County's first Fire Service Recruit Class Graduation will be Friday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Gilbert/Summit Library Dedication - Ms. Hubbard reported the dedication of the Gilbert/Summit Library Branch addition will be Sunday, February 24 at 3:00 p.m.

South Region Service Center- Ms. Hubbard reported the open house for the South Region Service Center has been set for March 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Janice Bell, Interim Procurement Manager - Ms. Hubbard recognized and thanked Ms. Bell, for serving as the Interim Procurement Manager and wished her well in her new position with the State. Ms. Bell has accepted a position with the Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation.

President's Day - Ms. Hubbard reported Monday, February 18 the County's administrative offices will be closed for President's Day.

Employee Recognition - Employee of the 4th Quarter 2007 - Nominees for the Fourth Quarter were: Crystal Trimnal, Telecommunication Operator, Public Safety/Communications; Synithia William, Environmental Coordinator, and Kenneth Bickley, Heavy Equipment Operator II, Public Works.

Ms. Hubbard presented a plaque to Mr. Bickley as the Employee of the Fourth Quarter and Certificates of Excellence were presented to Ms. Trimnal and Ms. Williams.

Employee Recognition - Ms. Hubbard recognized the following employees in Public Safety/Communications: Jennifer Leighton, Assistant Supervisor; Shane Lovell, Shift Supervisor; Crystal Trimnal, Kimberly Peloso, and Ashley Wardlaw, Telecommunications Operators.

Ms. Hubbard said Nikki Rodgers, Communications Coordinator, received an e-mail from Master Deputy Stoner commending the employees for helping him and his partner locate a suicidal male and praised them for an outstanding job.

EMS Paramedics Graduates - Ms. Hubbard recognized the following employees who graduated from the Midlands Paramedic Program on December 12, 2007: Michael Beale, Bobby Braham, Crystal Campbell, Kristia Chapman, James Forsyth, Toyanna Frye, LeeAnn McCaskill, and Justin Thames.

South Carolina Midlands Emergency Medical Service Regional Awards - Ms. Hubbard recognized the following employees who were chosen by the South Carolina Midlands Emergency Medical Service as the recipients of the EMT-Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic of the Year awards. The employees were: Mark Goudelock, Paramedic; Ryan Myers, Intermediate; and Ashley Hiott, III, EMT-Basic.

Resolutions - A Regional Watershed Stormwater Education Strategy and Chief Chris Garner - Mr. Kinarad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the resolutions.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Davis
 Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

Appointments - Health Services District - James Irby Shealy - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to reappoint Mr. James Shealy to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Davis Ms. Summers
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

Health Services District - William E. Stillwell - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to reappoint Mr. William Stillwell to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Davis Ms. Summers
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

Library Board - Mechelle Vining Mabry - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to appoint Ms. Mechelle Mabry to the Library Board. Ms. Mabry replaces Mr. Fremont Huggins.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Davis Mr. Kinard
 Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

Building Code Board of Appeals - Marvin Smith - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to reappoint Mr. Marvin Smith to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Smith represents the Gas/Mechanical sector.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler
 Ms. Summers Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Davis Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

Board of Zoning Appeals - Ms. Jane Cook - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to appoint Ms. Jane Cook to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Cook replaces Mr. Stevan Amick.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Health Services District - Thad H. Westbrook, Esq. - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Davis to reappoint Mr. Thad Westbrook to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Health Services District - Lyman Whitehead - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Banning to reappoint Mr. Lyman Whitehead to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Prior to the consideration of the Bid/Purchases/RFPs, the Economic Development Committee Chairman asked that item Q – Golden State Foods Road & Rail Spur be consider during the Economic Development Committee reports.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard that the following Bids/Purchases/RFPs (Tabs P and R through 3) be approved.

Irrigation System/Boring Piping - Administration Building/Judicial Center - Building Services - Bids were solicited and advertised for the boring and piping for an irrigation system to be installed at the Administration Building and Judicial Center. Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Southern Installations as the lowest responsible bidder. Total cost including tax is \$10,361.03.

Servers, Software, Personal Computers, and Monitors - Information Services - Staff recommended the purchase of two (2) multiple-application servers, seventeen (17) Dell Optiplex 330 personal computers, and fourteen (14) 17" flat panel monitors and software for various departments for Information Services. The requested equipment will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Dell, through State Contract NASPOWSCA #A63307. Total cost including tax is \$39,352.78.

Security Locks - Cayce/West Columbia Library - Library Services - Bids were solicited bids for security locks for the Cayce/West Columbia Library. Four (4) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Triangle Safe & Lock as the lowest responsible bidder. Total cost including tax is \$6,972.23.

EMS Supplies (Bid No. B08037) - Public Safety/EMS - Competitive bids were solicited and advertised for EMS supplies for Public Safety/EMS. Bidders were allowed to submit bids on one or a multiple of items, depending on the products that they can provide. Seven (7) bids and four (4) no bids were received. Staff recommended multiple awards to the following lowest bidders meeting specifications: Henry Schein, Inc. - \$4,649.83; Southeastern Emergency Equipment - \$14,137.51; Moore Medical - \$2,801.93; Tri-Anim Health Services, Inc. - \$173.94; School of Health - \$845.13; and Suncoast Surgical - \$218.28. Total cost including tax is \$22,826.62.

EMS Supplies (Bid No. B08039) - Public Safety/EMS - Competitive bids were solicited and advertised for EMS supplies for Public Safety/EMS. Bidders were allowed to submit bids on one or a multiple of items, depending on the products that they can provide. Ten (10) bids and two (2) no bids were received. Staff recommended multiple awards to the following lowest bidders meeting specifications: Henry Schein, Inc. - \$5,150.25; Southeastern Emergency Equipment - \$8,909.70; Tri-Anim Health Services, Inc. - \$1,140.80; Moore Medical - \$205.11; and Bound Tree Medical - \$7,617.90. Total cost including tax is \$23,023.76

MCI Trailer and Related Accessories - Public Safety/EMS - Competitive bids were solicited and advertised for a MCI trailer and related accessories for Public Safety/EMS. Two (2) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Southeastern Emergency Equipment as the lowest responsible bidder. Total cost including tax is \$45,491.05.

One Portable Conventional Repeater with Accessories - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Staff recommended the purchase of a portable conventional repeater with accessories for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness from the manufacturer, Motorola, through State Contract Number #OIR2002.07. Total cost including tax is \$22,712.37.

Homeland Security Equipment - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Requisitions were received for the purchase of Homeland Security Equipment from Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness. Staff recommended the purchased of the equipment from the manufacturer, American Technology Network Corp., through the Federal 1122 Program/General Services Administration contract numbers GS-35F0201K, GS-07-F0060H, GS07F-5787R, and GS-07F-0169M. The purchase of the equipment will be processed through the County of Greenville, as they are the program administrator for the Federal 1122 program. Total cost including tax is \$102,929.13.

Three 1500 GPM Pumpers, Two 1500 GPM Tankers, and One Wildland Firefighting Vehicle - Public Safety/Fire Service - Bids were advertised and solicited for three (3) 1500 GPM pumpers, two (2) 1500 GPM Tankers, and one (1) Wildland Firefighting vehicle for Public Safety/Fire Service. The bid document was set up to provide pricing for pumper equipment as an option. The new tankers carry 1500 gallons of water instead of 1000 gallons, which in some cases reduces the number of tankers that are needed to obtain necessary water supply. Two (2) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the pumpers, optional equipment, and tankers to KME Fire Apparatus for a total cost of \$1,428,569.56 and to award the Wildland Firefighting vehicle to Crimson Fire at a cost including tax of \$90,081.00. Total cost for all equipment, including optional equipment and tax is \$1,518,650.56.

Replacement Motorgraders - Public Works - Competitive bids were solicited and advertised for three (3) replacement motorgraders for Public Works. Three (3) bids and two (2) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Van Lott, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder. Total cost including tax is \$560,222.04. There will be a 10-year buy-back agreement in the amount of \$72,000 for each motorgrader.

Fleet Vehicle Additions - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of two (2) new Ford

Crown Victoria patrol sedans for the Sheriff's Department. The vehicles will be purchased from Vic Bailey Ford through State Contract Number 08-S7611-A13381. The vehicles will require the purchase and installation of emergency equipment and accessories. The emergency equipment will be purchased from Dana Safety Supply/DBA Palmetto Distributors through State Contract Number 04-S6457-A10614 and the installation will be provided by Light-N-Up through County Contract Number C05011-02/09/05B. Total cost including emergency equipment, installation, and tax \$45,286.40.

One 800 MHZ Radio with Accessories - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of one (1) 800 MHZ radio with accessories for the Sheriff's Department from the manufacturer, Motorola, through State Contract Number OIR2002.07. Total cost including tax is \$5,490.34.

Three Accurate Compactors - Sole Source - Solid Waste Management - Staff recommended the purchase of three (3) Accurate compactors for Solid Waste Management to the sole source provider, Amick Equipment Company, as they are the only authorized dealer for South Carolina. The compactors will be installed at the County's collections sites. Total cost including shipping, installation, tax, and one-year manufacturer's warranty is \$96,212.97.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 8, 2008 - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the January 8, 2008 minutes as submitted.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg

Ordinance - Ordinance 07-11 - An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that Ordinance 07-11 receive third and final reading.

Mr. Derrick opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard asked Ms. Hubbard to recap the projects that Council has approved and/or will be asked to consider during the FY2008-2009 budget.

Ms. Hubbard provided information on the following projects: The Communications Center and the new Operations Center's current budget is \$1.7 million; however, the plans have not been received from the architectural and engineering firms. The renovations to the Red Bank Crossing are estimated to be \$4 million. Again, the plans have not been received from the architectural and engineering firms. Also, staff will be presenting a vehicle replacement plan, a capital replacement plan for the County's buildings, repairs and maintenance, and an Information Technology capital replacement plan that will all come in as part of the budget process; budget requests are due by Friday, February 15. In addition, there are airport capital projects, grant matches, which are tied to the general fund and the \$1.5 million supplemental

public/private partnership for animal control currently being discussed. Also, there are a number of alternate road paving strategies that were discussed during the afternoon Public Works Committee and it was suggested that \$750,000 from the general fund balance be allotted for those projects. The Telecommunications Committee discussed the pending conversion of 800 MHZ radios to P25 technology, which is estimated to be between \$1 and \$1.5 million. Also, there was discussion to look at a pilot Wi-Max project. In the long term there have been several projects mentioned as budget requests within the next five years. The West Region Service Center, which is a combination of the Magistrate, EMS, and the Sheriff's Department; the renovation of the DSS complex on Gibson Road; the expansion of dog kennels at Animal Services; and the moving of the Lexington Magistrate to the old courthouse. There has also been discussion about long-term planning for a fire station at the Carolina Eastman exit and the Gaston Library project. Also, there are some pending closeout costs for the C&D landfill at the Edmund site. The estimates for the closeout is estimated to be \$2.5 million within the next three or four years.

Mr. Kinard said he estimated the above recap to cost over \$11.5 million and was concerned of the limited resources Council has due to the millage caps State Legislature put in place that prohibits Council from raising millage levels over a certain amount, but said Council is elected to make tough choices. Mr. Kinard said his priorities are with economic development, law enforcement, paving issues and, above all, keeping the County's bond rating where it's at. He said you can't do that if we spend the fund balance, which is about \$10 million that has been accumulated over a 20 year period. He said he would like to see Council move slow and, if we approve \$1.5 million for this particular issue, we are going to knock out several other projects; so we need to be sure what we are doing here. Again, he said he understands the passion on both sides but that's why Council has to make these tough choices.

Mr. Davis thanked Chairman Derrick for allowing him additional time, due to his absence, to study the issue and review the minutes from the public hearing before the final vote. He said he was impressed with the passion of those who spoke. Mr. Davis said he tried to study the issue on an economic basis because he feels that is one of the ways Council has to make decisions and said if we can take 1200 pets out of our population every year then the return on the \$1.5 million is going to come between the fifth and tenth year and it is going to be by significantly decreasing the current Animal Control budget. And because of that, feels it is a wise investment. He said it is a partnership with another County (Richland) and in partnership with another provider. Mr. Davis did say, "If there is ever a time that the service provider comes back to this Council and does not perform their contractual needs and asks for operating money, I'll be in the audience or I'll be up here screaming, because we cannot allow that if we are going to save any money in this process." Mr. Davis said because it is an economically feasible activity that he feels will improve the quality of life in the entire region, he plans to support the project.

Mr. Derrick failed to mention that Mr. Cullum is not hedging on this issue but is home sick with the flu.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked Mr. Mergo how many animals were taken in at the County's animal shelter.

Mr. Mergo replied, the current population is 198. On a yearly basis, the County averages close to 10,000.

Mr. Jeffcoat said he does not know if there is a way to immediately see a return on the investment but feels Council has to make decisions based on the future. He said he feels this may be what we consider to be a "sleeper" if Council does not pay some attention to it now because we will have to pay a lot of attention to it in the future. He said he feels good about the opportunity to use other peoples' money to help solve our problem and thinks in the long run it will be an excellent investment for the citizens of Lexington County.

Mr. Keisler said he thinks the concept is a good thing, but is concerned with spending \$1.5 million with budget time coming up and departments going to want money and we (Council) will have to raise

millage. He said he feels that it is not fair to the taxpayers at this time, because we pay enough taxes in this County. He said he finds it hard to support this project and then have to turn around and support a tax increase. He said he was just looking out for the taxpayers.

Mr. Davis said he did try to make an amendment to do away with any tax increase connected to this project, but it did not pass.

Mr. Carrigg said the one thing he saw is the County is investing in bricks and mortar; we are investing in a real asset that will not go away. He said some times the little annual expense will cost a lot more than a one-time capital expense, and sees it as an opportunity to partner with an organization that is going to provide volunteer work and help us serve our community, especially since we are doing it with another government and with another private entity, and feels it is a wise use of taxpayers' money.

Mr. Banning said he agreed with Mr. Carrigg in that it is a good opportunity to partner with a private industry and with a fellow county and, hopefully, do something really positive that long-term will have a positive effect on our community.

Ms. Summers said she appreciates the way Council is able to discuss and take to heart each others' comments. Ms. Summers said during the recap of projects under consideration from Ms. Hubbard, one project mentioned was for our pets. She said if we don't allow someone to help us with that problem, we are going to address that every year and we are going to have to grow that part of government. She said she preferred not to grow that part of government but to do something different and allow those funds to slowly be a smaller part of our budget and said she is definitely in support of the project.

Mr. Derrick reiterated that this vote is only for the \$1.5 supplemental appropriation. The County will still have to take action on the RFP (Request for Proposals) RFP and the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Lexington and Richland County.

Mr. Derrick asked for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

Opposed:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	

Motion passes.

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - FY 2008-09 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - Mr. Jeffcoat reported the Committee met to review and consider the proposed eligible projects for the Community Development Block grant funding that was recommended by the CDBG Advisory Committee and Community Development staff.

The FY2008-09 Recommended Projects are as follows: Town of Lexington - \$395,000 - Gibson Road Sidewalk; City of West Columbia - \$40,000 – Alexander Road Sidewalk Phase II; Habitat for Humanity - \$135,000 – Leica Lane Affordable Housing; Central Midlands Council of Governments - \$30,000 – Lexington County Needs Analysis; Sistercare - \$27,000 – Pick-up Truck and Trailer; Town of Gilbert - \$58,000 – Main Street Property Clearance; Town of South Congaree - \$140,000 – Pine Street Paving; CMCOG/Midlands Workforce Development Board - \$11,988 – Lexington Economic Advancement Project; Lexington-Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC) - \$19,500 – Women's

Community Residence Van; City of Cayce – \$206,249 – State Street Streetscaping Phase III; City of West Columbia - \$220,000 – Triangle City Façade Improvements; Joint Water and Sewer Commission - \$75,000 – Pelion Area Sewer Study; Town of South Congaree - \$44,000 – Sewer Study; and City of Cayce - \$50,000 – Senior Center Feasibility Study.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the recommended projects for the FY2008-09 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Derrick opened the meeting; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

FY2008-2009 HOME Investment Partnership Program - Mr. Jeffcoat said the Committee discussed the Home Investment Partnership Program. The program provides formula grants to states and localities that can be used to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people. The County's FY 2008-09 Home Program allocations from HUD is \$541,471, with an additional \$208,529 match provided by the State House Finance and Development Authority for a total of \$750,000. The grant requires a 25 percent match, excluding the amount spent on administrative cost or \$168,750.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the acceptance of the FY2008-09 Home Investment Partnership Program grant.

Mr. Derrick opened the meeting; no discussion occurred.

Mr. Derrick stated, if approved, this will be pre-approving a \$168,750 appropriation for the FY2008-2009 budget.

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg

Justice, B. Banning, Sr., Chairman - Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant Award - Mr. Banning reported during the afternoon, the Justice Committee met to consider the acceptance of the Palmetto Pride Enforcement grant award.

The Palmetto Pride Enforcement grant award is in the amount of \$2,688 that will be used by the Sheriff's Department to purchase 15 digital cameras to be used by deputies to document cases of littering. The grant requires no County match.

Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve acceptance of the grant.

Mr. Derrick opened the meeting; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers

Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Carrigg

Health & Human Services, J. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman - Burton Center - Designation for Burton Center to Obtain Funds to Transport Persons With Disabilities and Special Needs Through the State Mass Transit Assistance Program - Mr. Carrigg reported his committee met during the afternoon to consider a request by the Burton Center to approve a resolution designating the Burton Center as a transportation provider for the Elderly or Persons with Disability in order to obtain funds through the South Carolina Department of Mass Transit assistance program. The 80/20 grant match is the responsibility of the Burton Center. There is no match required by the County.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the resolution.

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

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

Not Present: Mr. Banning*

*Mr. Banning was not present when the vote was taken.

2007 Supplemental Local Planning Grant (SLPG) Award, 2007 Deobligated Local Emergency Management Planning Grant (LEMPG) Application, State Homeland Security Grant Program (RMAT) Award, and a SC Department of Parks Recreation & Tourism Product Development Grant Program from River Alliance - Mr. Carrigg reported the Health & Human Services Committee met during the afternoon to consider the acceptance of the 2007 Supplemental Local Planning Grant (SLPG) Award and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (RMAT) Award and allow staff to move forward with the submittal of the application for the 2007 Deobligated Local Emergency Management Planning Grant and the SC Department of Parks Recreation & Tourism for a Product Development Grant.

2007 Supplemental Local Planning Grant (SLPG) Award is in the amount of \$12,485 that will be used to purchase equipment (computers, desks and chairs) for the Lexington County Emergency Operations Center. The grant requires a 50 percent County match. The required in-kind match will come from a portion of the salaries of the emergency coordinator and secretary.

State Homeland Security Grant Program (RMAT) Award is in the amount of \$50,000 that will be used to procure rapid deployment tentage that is HVAC conditioned. There is no County match.

2007 Deobligated Local Emergency Management Planning Grant (LEMPG) Application is in the amount of \$25,000 will be used to purchase equipment (projectors, LCD TV monitors, and computers) for the Lexington County Emergency Operations Center. These funds are from unused funds that are left over from the regular grant cycle. The grant requires a 50/50 percent in-kind match that will come from a portion of the salaries of the emergency coordinator and secretary.

SC Department of Parks Recreation & Tourism Product Development Grant Program Application from The River Alliance - The grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 is to establish a 12,000 Year History Park that links the Congaree Creek's 300 acre site to the Three Rivers Greenway. The grant requires a 32/68 percent match. Note: The County will amend the application to reflect Under Funding – Applicant - (Leave Blank) and Under Partners – The River Alliance - add \$3,150,000 or 68%.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve acceptance of the two grant awards and the permission to submit the two grant applications.

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

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

Not Present: Mr. Banning*

*Mr. Banning was not present when the vote was taken.

Solid Waste, J. Kinard, Chairman - Palmetto Pride Grant Award - Mr. Kinard reported his committee met to consider acceptance of the Palmetto Pride Grant award. The award is in the amount of \$8,000 to be used to purchase heavy-duty cardboard boxes and lids to convert them to recycling containers for special events and create a toolkit to help event coordinators implement successful solid waste management practices at special events. There is no Council match required.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve acceptance of the award.

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

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

Not Present: Mr. Banning*

*Mr. Banning was not present when the vote was taken.

Economic Development, S. Davis, Chairman - Bids/Purchases/RFP - Golden State Foods Road & Rail Spur - Competitive bids were solicited and advertised for the Golden State Foods road and rail spur. The project includes the construction of a new roadway approximately 1,200 feet long to access Golden State Foods from Barr Road. The project consists of mobilization, clearing, grading, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter, and seeding. Nine (9) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Hinkle Contracting Corp. as being the lowest responsive bidder. Total bid for the project, based on estimated quantities is \$1,034,399.00.

Mr. Davis made a motion that we approve the bid award for the rail spur and road project, contingent on Golden State Foods agreeing to an amendment to our agreement with Golden State. This amendment will provide for Golden State to increase its investment from \$5 million to \$9.5 million. In return, Lexington County will increase its grant toward the road and rail spur by \$63,000 and Golden State shall be responsible for all further bid costs overruns for this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Davis
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Kinard
 Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

Committee of the Whole, B. Derrick, Chairman - Building Use and Naming Policy - Mr. Derrick reported the Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, to review the proposed Lexington County Building Use and Naming Policy.

The Committee discussed in depth as to whether to remove the entire section of the **Building Naming** or a portion of the section.

The committee recommended removing only the following paragraph in the **Building Naming** section:

“A public building or part of a public building owned by the County may not be named for any living person who has served as a County/State/US elected official, officer, or employee unless at the time of the naming the person to be honored does not currently hold a public office and has not occupied public office for at least five (5) consecutive years.”

The committee also recommended that verbiage be included that “any building naming is subject to Council’s approval.”

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that full Council adopt the proposed Lexington County Building Use and Naming Policy as amended.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to adopt the proposed Lexington County Building Use and Naming Policy as amended.

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

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Davis
 Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning

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

08-077 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$50,000 to budget the additional award from the Supplemental State Homeland Security Grant program. The \$50,000 will be added to the \$325,000 already allocated in the fund.

08-076 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$8,000 to budget the Palmetto Pride Grant award received for Solid Waste Management.

08-075 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$2,688 to budget the Palmetto Pride Grant award received for the Sheriff’s Department.

08-074 - An appropriation transfer of \$53,367 to move the budget from three captains positions and move the budget to pay the new battalion commanders positions for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Old/New Business - None.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Mr. Derrick stated Executive Session will consist of one personnel matter, two contractual matters, and six legal matters.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to enter into Executive Session.

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Mr. Derrick reconvened the meeting in open session and reported Council discussed the personnel, contractual, and legal matters during the Executive Session and indicated there were no motions to be considered.

Public Service Announcement - National Deed Service, Inc. - Mr. Derrick reported National Deed Service, Inc. has sent out mailings to individuals indicating they could receive their property deeds for \$59.50. However, he said an individual can receive a certified copy of their deed by contacting the County's Register of Deeds' office. The cost of the certified deed will be for the cost to make the copy plus \$1.00 to certify the document.

Motion to adjourn - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to adjourn.

In Favor:	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Kinard	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	

Not Present:	Mr. Carrigg*	Mr. Jeffcoat*
	Mr. Banning*	

*Messrs. Carrigg, Jeffcoat, and Banning were not present when the vote was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

William C. Derrick
Chairman