

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
February 22, 2011

Lexington County Council held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Kinard presided.

Rev. John Scahill, Sr., an Assistant Pastor at Grace Baptist Church, gave the invocation. US Army veteran C.T. "Redd" Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:     James E. Kinard, Jr.                     Frank J. Townsend, III  
                                   George H. (Smokey) Davis             Debra B. Summers  
                                   Bobby C. Keisler                         Johnny W. Jeffcoat  
                                   Kenneth Brad Matthews                 William B. Banning, Sr.  
                                   M. Todd Cullum

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.

**South Carolina Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Judge of the Year - Judge Scott Whittle** - Ms. Nikki Munn, Clemson Police Department and member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Association, presented the South Carolina Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Judge of the Year award to the Honorable Scott D. Whittle, Cayce Magistrates Court.

**Lexington Youth Baseball World Series - James Thompson, President - Lexington Youth Baseball** - Mr. James Thompson thanked Council for their support of the 2010 Dixie Youth World Series that brought in 16 teams from 11 southeastern states and 2 teams from Lexington County. He said they plan to bid on the 2013 Dixie Youth World Series. Mr. Thompson presented Council with a beautiful framed print of the first opening night of the 2010 Dixie Youth "O" Zone World Series event. Also, Mr. Thompson presented Mr. John Fechtel, Director of Public Works, with a framed print in appreciation of he and his staff helping with their signage.

**Lexington High School Government and Economic Class and Limestone College** - Chairman Kinard recognized students from Lexington High School attending as part of their economic and government class assignment and students from Limestone College studying local and state governments.

**Chairman's Report** - Chairman Kinard reported he, along with Messrs. Cullum and Banning attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in West Columbia last week. Also, Mr. Kinard delivered the opening remarks at the 2011 Tree Care Workshop held at the Lexington County Red Bank Crossing facility.

**Council Members' Activities and/or Comments** - Mr. Matthews reported he and some 35 residents of

Lexington County teamed up with Keep the Midlands Beautiful and cleaned up the area along Harbison Blvd. all the way down to Tram Road on St. Andrews. Mr. Matthews congratulated Irmo High School Varsity Basketball Team who was 24-3 for the season and wished them well in the playoffs. Also, he congratulated Deputy Dan Rusinyak for receiving the 2010 Deputy of the Year award.

**Administrator’s Report - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator - Phone Book Recycling Event** - Ms. Hubbard announced the County will be recycling phone books at all the Convenient Stations through March 31.

**Overtake Tanker - Hwy. 378 and 6** - Ms. Hubbard reported a tanker overturned at the intersection of Hwy. 378 and 6 early this morning and Public Safety and Law Enforcement personnel have been working throughout the day trying to clear the area. Because the roads may not be open during the commute home, Ms. Hubbard suggested everyone to find an alternate route home.

**Presentation of Check** - Mr. Anthony Keisler presented a check in the amount of \$27,555.57 to representatives of the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation for the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House.

**Presentation of Resolution Presented by Councilman Keisler - Anthony H. Keisler**- Councilman Keisler presented a framed resolution to Mr. Anthony Keisler recognizing him for his acts of benevolence and support toward the operation of the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House. Since 2004, Anthony has organized eight Lexington Benefit Runs and five Golf Tournaments and was instrumental in the selling of the Maltese crosses that, after expenses, raised over \$143,985.17 for the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House.

**Appointments - Health Services District - Dan E. Jones and George Herbert Holland** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to reappoint Mr. Dan Jones and Mr. George Holland to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

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

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

**Assessment Appeals Board - Theodore “Ted” Hayne, IV**- Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to appoint Mr. Therodore Hayne, IV to the Assessment Appeals Board. Mr. Hayne filled the vacancy vacated by Mr. Brad Matthews who was elected to County Council.

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

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

**Board of Zoning Appeals - Mark Bostic** - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to

reappoint Mr. Mark Bostic to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

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

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Two (2) Marked Vehicles and Accessories (Grant) - Sheriff's Department -**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the vehicle purchase and installation of emergency equipment and accessories. The vehicles will be purchased from Benson Chrysler through South Carolina Contract Number 4400002964 and the emergency equipment and accessories from Dana Safety Supply through South Carolina State Contract Number 4400001051. Total cost, including tax, is \$50,706.63.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 25, 2011** - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

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

**Committee Reports - Health & Human Services, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Highway Safety Enhanced**

**DUI Enforcement Grant Application** - Mr. Jeffcoat reported the Committee met and discussed the Highway Safety Enhanced DUI Enforcement grant application. The application in the amount of \$149,482 requires no County match. The funds, if awarded, is for the continuation of the two DUI officers' salaries, equipment and operation expenses. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve staff's request to submit the grant application.

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

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

**Public Works, T. Cullum, Chairman - Bitternut Court Relocation of Utilities** - Mr. Cullum reported the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, to review Public Works' request for the relocation of Bitternut Court utilities. Below is the Committee Report:

Mr. Fechtel reported Bitternut Court was previously approved for paving under CDBG funds. However, the paving plans called for the relocation of utilities which put it out of the CDBG realm. Staff recommended allocating \$78,659 from the Public Works Unclassified Road Paving Program which would allow Bitternut Court to be paved with CDBG funds.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations to allocate \$78,659 for the relocation of utilities.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve staff's recommendation to allocate \$78,659 from the Unclassified Road Paving Program.

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

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

**Budget Amendment Resolutions** - The following two BARs were distributed and signed:

11-086 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$30,000 in the Public Defender's Office to cover the increase in the number of cases of indigent defense they are handling.

11-087 - An appropriation transfer of \$34,774 to establish a budget for the annual employee awards banquet.

**Old Business/New Business** - None

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - Mr. Kinard reported Council concluded executive session consisting of one personnel, one contractual and five legal matters during the afternoon Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session** - As a result of Executive Session there were no motions to be considered.

**Motion to Adjourn** - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to adjourn.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Banning
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Ms. Summers  
Mr. Davis  
Mr. Jeffcoat  
Mr. Cullum

Mr. Townsend  
Mr. Keisler  
Mr. Matthews

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.  
Chairman