

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
April 24, 2012

Lexington County Council held its meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

**Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session** - Council went into Executive Session during the earlier Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss three contractual and one legal matter. Mr. Banning reported as a result of executive session, there were no votes to be taken.

Mr. Ron Scott, Director of Community Development, gave the invocation. Mr. John Clarke, Retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/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.

**Lexington High School Government Class** - Chairman Banning recognized students from Lexington High School attending as part of their government class assignment.

**Special Recognition** - Mr. Banning recognized Judge Bryan Jeffcoat, Magistrate Court Judge; County Auditor, Chris Harmon; and Former Lieutenant Governor, Bob Peeler, who were in attendance.

**Chairman's Report - June 12, 2012 Council Meeting** - Due to the State Primary Elections, Mr. Banning recommended the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting be cancelled and reschedule for Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to cancel the June 12, 2012 meeting and meet on Thursday, June 14, 2012.

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

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

**Council Members' Report/Comments** - Mr. Kinard reported he attended the following events: groundbreaking of the Swansea and Pelion Senior Center expansions. Also, he and several members attended the SCLen Meeting, Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event, and the Employee Banquet. Mr. Kinard also reported he participated in the USMC Mud Run and proudly reported that he and his team finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 1500 teams.

Mr. Banning reported he and Mr. Jeffcoat attended the West Columbia Riverwalk Music Festival and the Chapin Oyster Roast.

Mr. Townsend reported he attended the Pelion Library celebration event celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Lexington County Library.

**Presentations - South Congaree/Pine Ridge Branch Library Presentation** - Ms. Carol Clark, Branch Manager of the South Congaree/Pine Ridge Branch Library and several guests, presented a big "Thank You" card from patrons and students of the South Congaree/Pine Ridge Branch Library and Pine Ridge Middle School to Councilman Keisler in appreciation of his assistance with the construction of the new sidewalk in front of the library to the school.

Mr. Keisler thanked everyone for the special recognition, but said this was a team effort from the whole Council and without their support; this project could not have happened.

**Green Business Member Recognition - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator and Amanda St. John, Recycling Coordinator** - Ms. Williams and Ms. St. John recognized PHT Services, Ltd. as the newest member in the County's Green Business Program and presented Blake Carpenter of PHT Services, Ltd. with a Green Business certificate.

In regard to the Green Business initiative, Mr. Banning said two years ago Akebono had 26 pulls on their dumpster but because of participating in the recycling program, they only had four pulls last year.

**Resolutions - Buddy Mobley, Alex Boone, Caleb Henderson, and Tyler Moore** - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the resolutions.

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

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

**Administrator's Report** - Mr. Mergo recognized Sheriff James Metts and Debbie Gunter in the Assessor's Office for their 40 years of employment with Lexington County.

**Dedication of USC's Facility, The Coop** - Mr. Mergo announced the ribbon cutting for USC's Golf Practice Facility, The Coop, will be Monday, May 7, at 12:00 p.m. at 3209 Charleston Highway, West Columbia. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be on hand to present the County a very prestigious award for its efforts in redeveloping the Lexington County Landfill Superfund Site.

**Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator** - Mr. Mergo recognized the following members of the EECBG (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Team) - Ron Scott and Peatra Cruz, Community Development; Mark Kerley and Bob Hall, Building Services; Jeff Hyde, Angela Seymour, and Joe Marie Brown, Procurement; Adam Dubose, Finance; and Synithia Williams, Public Works/Stormwater.

Mr. Mergo said Mr. Scott Salvati with the US Department of Energy contacted Community Development to let them know how much he appreciated the EECBG Team. He said Lexington County was the only grantee that he did not have any comments on and praised them for doing a great job in executing the award.

**Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter** - Mr. Mergo recognized Amanda Jones, Community Development; Blake Day, Public Safety/Fire Service; Melissa Kelly, Sheriff's Department; Vicki Merritt, Library Services; and Ohoni Robinson, Treasurer's Office for the Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

Mr. Mergo presented a plaque and a pen and keychain set to Ms. Kelly as the Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. A pen and keychain set were also presented to Ms. Jones, Mr. Day, Ms. Merritt, and Ms. Robinson.

**Appointments - Boards and Commissions** - None.

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs** - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded Mr. Keisler to approve the following Bids/Purchases/RFPs (Tabs M and N).

**2012 Full Depth Patching Program - Public Works** - Competitive bids were solicited for improvements to the 2012 Full Depth Patching Program. The project consists of providing all materials, equipment, and labor to patch various Lexington County maintained roads. Three (3) responsive bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to C.R. Jackson for the amount of \$851,250.

**Western Shelter with Accessories - Sheriff's Department** - Staff recommended the purchase of a western shelter with accessories for the Sheriff's Department from Federal Government General Services Administration (GSA) under Contract Number GS-07F-8700C. The western shelter is an all hazards emergency facility; pre-packaged, portable, emergency field facility. Total cost of the purchase is \$39,304.29.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes - Minutes of February 28 and March 13, 2012** - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

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

**Committee Reports - Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Ordinance 12-07 - Ordinance Amending Section D(3) of Ordinance 07-18 so as to Allow the Potential Addition of Other Joint Park Property to be Subject to the Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Distribution Procedure as Set Forth in Section D(3) of Ordinance 07-18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Mr. Jeffcoat reported during the afternoon Economic Development Committee meeting, the Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Jeffcoat gave a quick overview of Ordinance 12-07. Mr. Jeffcoat said when the County's new industrial park, Saxe Gotha Industrial Park, was built County Council decided that the revenue generated from the park would be shared with the five school districts in Lexington County because taxpayers' dollars went toward paying for the industrial park. He said Councilman Kinard suggested that we should have something in writing that states as we have park(s) that are funded with taxpayers' money, that it would only be right that the revenue generated from the park(s) would be shared with the five school districts in Lexington County.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve first reading of Ordinance 12-07.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Matthews said it is a weighted average, so it is proportionate.

Mr. Banning said as the G.O. Bonds (General Obligation Bonds) are paid back to the County from those companies, the County would reinvest those funds to build, in this case, the Chapin Technology Park, and that property would also benefit the five school districts in Lexington County.

Mr. Davis said to his knowledge, Lexington County is the only county in the State of South Carolina that does this.

Mr. Cullum said he does not think that School District Two gets enough credit for what they did to allow this to actually happen. Because had it not been for School District Two to agree to this (sharing of the revenue with the five school districts), this would not have taken place. Mr. Cullum commended School

District Two for their forthright vision and action to make this happen.

Mr. Banning called for further discussion; none occurred.

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

**Public Works & Solid Waste Management, T. Cullum, Chairman - 2012 SCDOT Enhancement Grant Application** - Mr. Cullum reported the Committee met earlier today to review a request to apply for the 2012 SCDOT Enhancement grant to address a sidewalk need at Archers Lane/Crossbow Drive. The estimated cost for the project is \$241,666 and requires a 40% local match or \$96,666. SCDOT will fund the additional 60 % or \$145,000. The 40% local match will come from the “C” Fund Unclassified account (2700-121300-539900). The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve staff’s recommendation to apply for a 60/40 percent grant that is estimated at \$241,666 for a sidewalk project on Archers Lane/Crossbow Drive. The 40 percent match will come for “C” Fund Unclassified account (2700-121300-539900).

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion, no discussion occurred.

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

**Justice, S. Davis, Chairman - 2011 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Award Supplement II** - Mr. Davis reported the Justice Committee met this afternoon to consider a request to accept the additional award from the 2011 Local Emergency Management Performance grant (LEMPG). The additional grant award in the amount of \$7,237 requires a 50% local match, which will come from the salaries of the Emergency Management staff. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to accept the grant award.

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

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

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

12-104 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$7,237 to budget the 2011 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Supplement II award received for Emergency Preparedness.

12-105 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$30,109 for the Lexington Memorial Plaza. The Town of Lexington contributed \$25,000 and the Lexington Beautification Foundation contributed \$5,190.

12-106 - An appropriation transfer of \$378,800 for the closure of lifts 1 and 2 as part of the Landfill Stabilization Project.

**Old/New Business - Batesburg/Leesville Fire Service - Automatic Aid Agreement and Service Contract** - As an item of new business, Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement and the Service Agreement with Batesburg/Leesville Fire Service subject to approval of the contract as to form by our County Attorney.

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

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

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - Executive Session items were completed during the afternoon Committee of the Whole and there were no matters to be vote on.

**Adjourn** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.  
Chairman