

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
June 14, 2012

Due to the Primary, Lexington County Council held its meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2012 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

**Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session** - Mr. Banning reported during the Committee of the Whole, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss two personnel and three contractual matters but were unable to conclude. Therefore, Council will need to go back into Executive Session later during the meeting. At this time, there were no motions to be considered.

Councilman Kinard gave the invocation. Vietnam Veteran Edwin Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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; John Fechtler, Director of Public Works/Assistant 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.

**Chairman's Report** - Mr. Banning reported over the past several weeks he has been all over the County in his race for Treasurer and has much respect and appreciation for the services that EMS, Fire Service, Sheriff's Department and employees provide and do in this county.

Mr. Banning reported he attended Airport High School's Senior Award Event on Friday, May 25 and presented a \$2,500 scholarship from the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) to Ms. April Nicole Chaffins.

**Presentation - American Lung Association's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fight for Air Climb Award Presented by Melissa Goforth, Regional Manager** - Ms. Goforth recognized the "Lexington County Challenge Team" as the winner in the American Lung Association's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fight for Air Climb. The "Team" climbed the 25-story Capital Center Building in Columbia wearing full firefighting gear to raise money for the American Lung Association. The "Lexington County Challenge Team" members were: Captain Chris Ballington; Apparatus Operators Patrick Parks, Tony Feraci, and Rollie Reynolds; Volunteer Firefighter Brandon Bower; and Firefighters Kyle Markey, Jeremy Lewis, and Nick Shelton. The "Team" was the leading fundraiser for the event raising \$3,020. Captain Ballington was the leading individual fundraiser with \$2,180. The "Team" also had the fastest team time of 22:58.41.

Ms. Goforth presented the “Team” with the Fight for Air trophy and presented each member with a medallion.

**Recognition of Elected Officials** - Mr. Banning recognized Sheriff Metts; Treasurer, Jim Eckstrom; Councilmen Johnny Jeffcoat, Jim Kinard and Bobby Keisler, Councilwoman Debbie Summers, Coroner Harry Harman, and Registrar Debbie Gunter on winning their primary.

**Council Members’ Report/Comments** - Mr. Jeffcoat thanked his friends and supporters for their confidence in re-electing him to be their Council representative.

Ms. Summers reported she attended Palmetto Girl’s State at Presbyterian College and served on the panel. She noted there were over 605 attendees.

Mr. Banning announced that Councilman Kinard’s daughter, Jenna, was a member of Palmetto Girl’s State.

Mr. Keisler thanked his friends and supporters for placing their confidence in him during the primary.

**Administrator’s Report** - Mr. Mergo thanked all the department heads, employees, and those who use the County’s website for their patience as we work together to get through this critical issue with our computer system. He noted the County experienced a catastrophic server disc drive failure around 9:00 p.m. Friday.

**Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator** - Mr. Mergo recognized Louise Kaminer, Custodian with Building Services. Mr. Mergo reported he received a letter from Attorney Jake Moore saying he has never seen anyone work as hard at her job as Ms. Kaminer does. He also noted that she is always polite, courteous and engaging whenever he sees her.

Mr. Mergo recognized Ms. Louise Monts. Ms. Monts’ supervisor, Mike Moore, received a letter from SBA Network Service expressing their appreciation for the extraordinary service Louise provided that enabled them to meet a critical deadline. They went on to say she was very knowledgeable, professional and responsive to their needs.

**Summer Council Meeting Schedule** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard that Council meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of July and August (July 24, and August 28) and cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of July and August (July 10 and August 14). Of course, the Chairman can call a special meeting, if the need arises.

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

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

**Library Services 100th Anniversary Resolution** - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to authorize staff to have ten additional resolutions framed so each branch will have one to display.

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

**Resolutions - Judge Richard W. Chewning, III, Lexington County Public Library System’s 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, William A. Kennedy, J.D. Whitehead, M.D., and Vicki Shealy** - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve all five resolutions.

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

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

**Appointments** - None.

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs** - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the following bids/purchases/RFPs (Tabs P & Q).

**Grounds Maintenance for all Libraries - Term Contract** - Bids were solicited for grounds maintenance for all Lexington County Libraries. The term of the contract will for the initial period of one (1) year with the option to extend the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year periods, if deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Two (2) responsive bids were received. Staff recommended the award to the lowest bidder, Backplace Landscaping DBA US Lawns. The annual cost of the contract is \$38,980.

**Cell I (Lifts 1 & 2) Final Grading & Stabilization at Edmund Landfill - Solid Waste Management** - Bids were solicited for Cell I (Lifts 1 & 2) final grading and stabilization at the Edmund Landfill. Six (6) responsive bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the total base bid to C. Ray Miles Construction Company for the amount of \$361,299.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes - Meetings of April 24, May 8, and May 15, 2012** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the April 24, May 8, and May 15, 2012 minutes as submitted.

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

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

**Ordinances - Ordinance 12-05 - Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a FILOT by and Among Lexington County and AVTEC to Provide for an Incentive, to Include the Inclusion of the Company in a Multi-County Park, Granting of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits (SSRC's) & Other Matters Related Thereto - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading-** Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve third and final reading.

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

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

**Ordinance 12-06 - An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as amended - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-** Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve second reading as amended.

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

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

Opposed:        Mr. Kinard                 Mr. Townsend  
                      Mr. Keisler

**Committee Report - Justice, S. Davis, Chairman - Paul Coverdell Grant Application -** Mr. Davis reported the Justice Committee met on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, to review an application request from the Sheriff's Department for the Paul Coverdell Grant. Following is the Committee Report:

Colonel Allen Paavel presented a request to apply for the Paul Coverdell Grant in the amount of \$23,900. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to purchase Forensic Lab Module software and an evidence cart.

The Justice Committee voted unanimously to recommend that full Council approve staff's request to apply for the grant.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve.

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



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.  
Chairman