

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
March 26, 2013

Lexington County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

**Executive Session** - Mr. Banning reported Council did not finish all items in Executive Session during the Committee of the Whole and would be moving back into Executive Session later during the day.

Chairman Banning gave the invocation. Robert E. Baldwin, Army veteran of WWII, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	William B. Banning, Sr.	James E. Kinard, Jr.
	Frank J. Townsend, III	M. Kent Collins
	Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
	Johnny W. Jeffcoat	Kenneth Brad Matthews
	M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; John Fechtel, Deputy 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 on the following events he, Council members, and/or staff attended: March 13 - derelict mobile home meeting; March 14 - COG - Transportation Subcommittee meeting and the Lexington County Municipal Association Quarterly meeting; March 18 - met with Mrs. Henri Baskins with the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council. The Community Relations Council will hold its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Luncheon on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center at noon and will be presenting awards to USC President Dr. Pastides, Senator Courson, and Senator Setzler; March 19 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ambassadors for Economic Development awards at the Governor's Mansion; March 20 - met with the Town of Chapin regarding the Chapin Technology Park and with Mr. Sutton with Michelin; March 21 - Central SC Alliance Executive Committee Meeting; and March 26 - Annual Green Seminar.

**Administrator's Report - 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employee Banquet** - Mr. Mergo reminded everyone the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employee Banquet is Friday, April 5 at 6:30. The banquet will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

**FY2013-14 Budget Timeline** - Mr. Mergo provided a budget timeline for the FY2013-14 budget: April 23 - recommended budget presented to Council and first reading of the budget ordinance; May 28 will be 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the budget ordinance and public hearing; and 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of the budget ordinance on June 11.

**Town of Pine Ridge** - Mr. Mergo informed Council that he will be presenting the County's strategic plan

to the Pine Ridge Town Council on Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

**Quarterly Meetings with Municipalities** - Mr. Mergo said he met with some of the municipal administrators and will begin scheduling quarterly meetings to include County department heads where the County's services impact the municipalities so they will become familiar with the services the County provides countywide.

**FY13-14 Requested General Fund and Non-General Fund Budgets** - Mr. Mergo said the General Fund requested budgets for FY13-14 is \$122,207,964 and the special revenue and internal fund requests is \$58,213,595.

**Employee Recognition** - Mr. Mergo recognized Pfc. Mark Fuller and Sgt. Tanee Thomas of Public Safety/EMS for their work with the M.E.D.I.C. (Medics Encouraging Discipline In Choices ) program through the Juvenile Arbitration Program. The M.E.D.I.C. program is designed to educate teens in the community who are a high risk for drug and alcohol abuse.

**Library Service Bookmobile** - Mr. Mergo said he received a letter from a citizen who wanted him to know what exceptional employees Mary Lott and Susan Fort are. The citizen said they are kind, professional, efficient, and provide top notch service.

**Resolutions - Lexington County Solicitor's Juvenile Arbitration National Volunteer Week, Elizabeth L. Shockley, Billy R. Oswald, J. Larry Stroud, PharmD., RPh.** - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the resolutions.

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

**Appointments** - None.

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs** A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve Tabs U, V, W, X, and Y.

**Fiber Optic Lines and Installation - Information Services** - Staff recommended to procure fiber optic lines and installation for the facilities on Ball Park Road for Information Services from the Division of State Information Technology through State Contract Number 5400002613. The cost, including tax, is \$100,688.

**EOC/ECC Furniture and Workstations - 911 Communications Center/EOC** - Staff recommended the purchase of the EOC/ECC furniture and workstations for the 911 Communication Center from Business Interiors by Staples through State Contract Number 4400005846. Total cost, including tax, is \$114,837.97.

**Three (3) Replacement Automated Stretchers (Sole Source) - Public Safety/EMS** - Staff recommended the purchase of three (3) replacement automated stretchers from the sole source provider, Stryker Sales. This has been deemed a sole source as they are the sole vendor capable of providing the

units within South Carolina. Total cost, including tax, is \$44,918.56.

**Derrick Hollow Roadway Improvements - Public Works** - Bids were solicited for improvements to Derrick Hollow Road. The project consists of providing all materials, equipment, and labor to fine grade and surface using Type III Double Treatment Surface Course and 8" cement modified base for 5,663 linear feet of a County maintained road. Five (5) responsive bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to J & H Grading & Paving, LLC. Total cost, including tax, is \$227,221.75.

**Parking Lot Improvements at Edmund Landfill - Solid Waste Management** - Bids were solicited for improvements to the Edmund Landfill parking lot. The project consists of providing all materials, equipment, and labor for paving the parking lot. Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to The Lane Construction Corporation. Total cost, including tax, is \$182,663.80.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes - Strategic Retreat - Meeting of January 27 and 28, 2013** - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve the minutes of January 27 and 28, 2013 as submitted.

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

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

**Meeting of February 26, 2013** - Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the February 26, 2013 minutes as submitted.

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

**Ordinance - Ordinance 13-02 - Ordinance Amending Ordinance 12-08 Authorizing the Conveyance of 8.90 Acres, More or Less, to the Town of Lexington - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**- Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve first reading.

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Townsend

Mr. Collins	Ms. Summers
Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Matthews
Mr. Cullum	

**Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, D. Summers, Chairman - FY2013-14 - CDBG Program and HOME Program** - Ms. Summers reported the Planning & Administration Committee convened on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 to review the proposed FY2013-14 CDBG and HOME Programs.

Mr. Ron Scott, Community Development Director, presented a summary of funding recommendations for 18 CDBG and 3 HOME projects. It has been recommended by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to use the current FY2012-13 allocations for the CDBG (\$1,352,172) and HOME Programs (\$444,629) during budget preparations. Staff's proposal outlines expenses for the FY2013-14 CDBG Program at \$1,404,452 and the FY 2013-14 HOME Program at \$484,381. If approved, the proposed projects will be listed in the Annual Action Plan, which is due to HUD by May 15, 2013, and considered approved for the purposes of the County's FY2013-14 budget.

The Planning & Administration Committee voted to recommend that full Council approve staff's recommendations for the proposed FY2013-14 CDBG and HOME Annual Programs.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve staff's recommendations.

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

**Health & Human Services, B. Matthews, Chairman - Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer** - Mr. Matthews reported during the afternoon Committee meeting, the Committee discussed staff's recommendation to appoint Mr. Alex Flenniken as a Lexington County Code Enforcement Officer. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve staff's recommendation to appoint Mr. Flenniken as a Code Enforcement Officer.

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

**Special Recognition** - Mr. Keisler welcomed Mayor McCormick of South Congaree.

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

13-117 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$516,976 to establish a budget for the 1% Multi-Park Agreement proceeds received from Newberry and Calhoun Counties.

**Donation of Vehicle to Gaston Police Department - Sheriff's Department** - The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval during the Justice Committee. However, it was not reported out. The BAR 13-118 below was signed by Council authorizing the donation.

13-118 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$3,500 for the estimated value of a 2006 dead line vehicle with emergency equipment from the Sheriff's Department to the Gaston Police Department.

13-119 - An appropriation transfer of \$205,665. EMS is currently working on the Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) report and this transaction is to adjust their current budget to cover the costs associated with the project.

**Old Business/New Business - Proposed In-Sync Sign Ordinance** - Mr. Jeffcoat said he has received several calls from citizens regarding the posting of signs i.e. houses for sale, cash for homes, wood for sale, we buy junk cars, etc. in the intersections, on trees, etc. that are littering the County and wanted to know what is being done.

Mr. Banning asked that staff provide Council an update on April 9.

Mr. Mergo interjected to say that he has met with Ron Scott and Chris Folsom of Community Development and Charlie Compton of Planning and GIS regarding the County's sign ordinance. An e-mail has been sent to all municipalities inviting them to a meeting in April to see what potentially can be uniform countywide or not and make a recommendation. He said one of the challenges of those who put up signs is they do not necessarily know the municipal and county boundaries. He said once we get uniformity throughout the county then Code Enforcement will enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Banning said it is obvious that it (sign ordinance) is not being enforced because the areas he is seeing that are littered with signs are not in the municipalities; they are in the county.

**Executive Session** - Mr. Banning asked for a motion to go back into Executive Session to continue discussions on one personnel and six contractual matters.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session.

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

**Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session** - Mr. Banning reported as a result of Executive Session there was one motion to be considered.

**Ordinance 13-03 - Lease Agreement Between the County of Lexington and the Town of Lexington - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

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

Mr. Townsend  
Mr. Keisler  
Mr. Cullum

Mr. Collins  
Mr. Matthews

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.  
Chairman