

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
May 28, 2013

Lexington County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

Executive Session - During the afternoon meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Council went into Executive Session to discuss five (5) contractual matters and receive briefing on State mandates.

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

Councilman Matthews gave the invocation. Mr. Benny Boggess, veteran of the U.S. Army, 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; 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.

Mr. Banning announced the County is being lived streamed on the County's website and broadcast on Channel 2.

Chairman's Report - Mr. Banning reported he and Councilman Jeffcoat and Councilwoman Summers had the honor to participate on the Honors Flight.

Presentations - Lexington County Economic Development Ambassador of 2012 - Robert Wilkins, Jr. Presented by Chuck Whipple, Economic Development Director - Robert Wilkins, Jr. was presented the 2012 Lexington County Economic Development Ambassador award by County Council and Chuck Whipple, Economic Development Director. Mr. Wilkins has long been a strong proponent of a skilled and talented workforce that is essential for the continued economic growth of Lexington County.

Columbia Metropolitan Airport Update - Dan Mann, Executive Director - Mr. Mann was proud to announce the Columbia Metropolitan Airport is self-sufficient. He said for FY12, the airport was up 2 percent, the first positive year since 2005. He reported their airport cargo is up 2.58 percent, and they do more cargo than any other airport in the state. Mr. Mann said the airport has 1,500 employees at the complex with a payroll of \$44 million and 46 businesses. He said the economic impact of the airport is estimated to be \$421 million.

Presentation of Resolutions - Mr. Cullum read the resolution honoring Specialist Thomas Caughman; Lieutenant Almar Fitzgerald; Private First Class Kalin Johnson; Sergeant Luther Rabon, Jr.; Lance Corporal Joshua Torrence; Sergeant John Meadow, II; and First Lieutenant Ryan who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Cullum presented a framed resolution to the families of those in attendance.

Administrator's Report - None.

Employee Recognition - Mr. Mergo recognized Ed Lundeen, Director of Veteran Affairs and staff for what they do to take our veterans.

Mr. Mergo recognized Vivian Smith, Kyle Shealy, and Michael Hilderbrand with Building Services and Robbie Derrick with Community Development for their hard work to improve the County's landscape.

Summer Meeting Schedule - Summer Schedule - Mr. Townsend made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to cancel the first meeting of July and August (July 9 and August 13) and meet the second meeting of July and August (July 23 and August 27).

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

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

Appointments - Boards and Commission - None.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve Tabs O & P.

Professional Auditing Services - Finance - A Request for Proposal (RFP) process was utilized to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide financial auditing services for the County of Lexington. The term of the contract shall be for the next three (3) calendar years, with the option to extend four (4) additional one (1) year periods, if deemed to be in the County's best interest. Proposals were received from three (3) firms. The Committee recommended the award of the contract to Brittingham, Brown, Prince, & Hancock, LLC. at an annual cost of \$55,000.

Inmate Medical Services - Sheriff's Department - A Request for Proposal (RFP) process was utilized to solicit proposals from qualified vendors to provide Inmate Medical Services for the Sheriff's Department. The contract will provide quality comprehensive services, including medical, dental, and mental health care services. The term of the contract shall be for the initial period of two years with the option to extend three (3) one (1) year periods. The Committee recommended the award of the contract to Correct Care Solutions for a total cost of \$2,886,097 per fiscal year.

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

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

Presentation of Resolution - Mr. and Mrs. Rabon were not able to be present for the initial presentation of the resolution honoring the Lexington County Heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Cullum read the resolution and presented a framed resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Rabon in honor of their son, Sergeant Luther Rabon, Jr.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of April 23, 2013 - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Text Amendment #T13-021 - 2nd Reading - Mr. Townsend made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve second reading.

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

Ordinance - Ordinance 13-04 - An Ordinance Approving the Conveyance of Real Estate From the County of Lexington to Broad River-Friarsgate, LLC - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve third and final reading.

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

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

Committee Reports - Justice, J. Kinard, Jr., Chairman - State Homeland Security Program Grant Award - Mr. Kinard reported during the Justice Committee, the Committee received a request from the Sheriff's Department to accept the State Homeland Security Program Reimbursement grant award in the amount of \$2,792. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to purchase buoy lights for the Buffer Zone Protection System for the Saluda Dam site. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

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

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

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

Health & Human Services, B. Matthews, Chairman - Letter of Promulgation - Lexington County Emergency Operations Plan- Mr. Matthews reported during the Health & Human Services Committee, the Committee met to consider the approval of the Letter of Promulgation. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council to adopt.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to adopt the amended plan (Letter of Promulgation) of the Lexington County Emergency Response Plan.

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

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

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BARs were signed:

13-133 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$2,792 for the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department was awarded the Homeland Security Grant and this transaction is to establish a budget for the award.

13-134 - An appropriation transfer of \$45,857 for the Sherriff's Department. The tables and chairs that was part of the FY10 JAG award were less than the original amount budgeted; therefore, they have increased the number of tables and chairs to be purchased.

Old Business/New Business – None.

Recess Council Meeting - Mr. Banning recessed the Council meeting until the 6:00 p.m. public hearing.

Reconvene Council Meeting - Mr. Banning reconvened the County Council meeting.

6:00 P.M. - Public Hearings - Council members present: Banning, Kinard, Townsend, Collins, Summers, Keisler, Jeffcoat, Matthews and Cullum.

Ordinance 13-05 - An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 - Mr. Banning opened the public hearing.

In Favor:

Mr. C. Grant Jackson, 512 Towns Road, Columbia, SC 29202 - I come to you this evening both as a Lexington County resident and as a representative of the Navigating from Good to Great Foundation. I want to thank you Council first of all from hearing from the Navigating from Good to Great Foundation a couple of weeks ago and for taking the step of including us in the budget. We are very appreciative of that and the passage of the budget. I know that Lexington County has a tremendous reputation for fiscal responsibility, and I know that you would not have put money in this budget for our organization if you did not believe that we can do what we say we are going to do, and we will do that. I will be very brief. There are two items that we are working on that I think are tremendous interest to you. One is our effort in regional cooperation, which actually Lexington County helped spearhead. The other, is an effort we are working on – an Economic Development Marketing Initiative for the region. And interestingly, I know that we just had an article in the Regional Business Journal about the tech park in Chapin. And this initiative will indirectly impact that property and the ability to attract companies to that property because what this initiative does is – we are looking at a way to market directly to tech companies, entrepreneur companies – those kind of businesses that are more interested, perhaps, more interested in the quality of life and what you can do in a region and how that region may help their companies grow rather than necessarily building some land. Building some lands are important, but for some companies, the place that they do business i.e. the chance to go to Lake Murray and be involved with all the initiatives and all the activities there are just as important as having a really good workforce and really good properties to build on. Once again, I urge a passage of the budget. I would like to thank you for including us in this budget and thank you very much.

Mr. Banning announced no one else signed up in favor and closed that portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Banning opened the public hearing for those in opposition.

Mr. Banning announced no one signed up in opposition; therefore, closed the public hearing.

Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 - Ordinance 13-05 - An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget as Amended for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 - 2nd Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve second reading.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Mergo said one thing that has not been addressed is the Budget Policies. We are adopting the same holidays as the State and the only change he wanted to bring to Council's attention is in the Administrative Policy Section regarding reorganization. **Any Departmental reorganization of existing positions that result in additional personnel or operating cost, all those requests of reclassifications, will all come to County Council.** That is the only change in all of the Budget Policies.

Mr. Kinard said we had a pretty extensive debate, and I think we all came to a pretty good conclusion of what was needed in the budget and appreciate everyone's opinions and debates we had; a very healthy thing to have. As I was talking with Mr. Jeffcoat, we don't all have to agree on everything, but I think we hashed this thing out so we do agree what is actually needed for the county for the upcoming year. The only disagreement that I have with the budget is how we fund it. As opposed to millage, I would prefer to cut back on, in particular, the merit pool that we talked about, and match what the state is doing. Because of the government fund that we have to deal with, that way we could hold the millage down at the same time. With that being said, I realize that I am in the minority here, but I did want to have that on record.

Mr. Collins said he understood Mr. Kinard's position about the one percent merit raise the State got. However, I think there was also a difference in what the State got last year as opposed to what the County got. Is that correct?

Mr. Mergo replied, correct; the State got 4 percent and the County received zero.

Mr. Townsend said we did work hard on the budget. I met with a couple of Councilmen privately and it was hard for me with the position I took when I was ran for office. But, I agree with Councilman Kinard the way he wanted to fund it. I know you don't want a pickup truck and a bale of hay coming up to your house picking up your loved one having a heart attack or something and it takes money. Of course, the Sheriff with Amazon and everything you are having to put more deputies on the road to cover that and before we see a return on it and so, for the record I want to say I agree with Mr. Kinard on how we are going to fund it.

Mr. Banning called for further discussion; there was no further discussion.

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

Opposed:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Cullum	

Motion to Adjourn - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn.

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	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