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Lexington County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

Charlie Compton, Director of GIS & Planning, gave the invocation. Walt Williams, who served in the USAF from 1968-1971, led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Not Present: M. Kent Collins*

*Mr. Collins had a previous scheduled appointment.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy 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.

Note: The following Council meeting proceedings can be viewed in its entirety on the Lexington County Video Portal at www.lex-co.sc.gov.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Banning reported he and several others toured the Nephron Pharmaceutical facility that is being built in the Saxe Gotha Park. Also, attended the Green is Good for Business Conference.

Administrator's Report - Evening of Remembrance - Mr. Mergo announced an Evening of Remembrance Ceremony, honoring SC First Responders, will be tomorrow, September 11 beginning at 4:30 p.m. outside the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

EOC/ECC Ribbon Cutting - Mr. Mergo announced the ribbon cutting for the County's new EOC/ECC facility on Ball Park Road will be Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Tunnel for Tower Run - Mr. Mergo recognized David Kerr, Director of Public Safety, who helped to coordinate the logistics for the event, and congratulated Mr. Kinard for placing third in the Tunnel for Tower Run.

Economic Development Staff - Mr. Whipple, Director of Economic Development, introduced his new

staff members: Lisa Fierson, Administrative Assistant and Jeff Burgess, Project Manager.

Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator - None.

Special Recognition - Chairman Banning recognized Ben Mauldin, Executive Director of the Central Midlands Council of Governments and Lexington Town Mayor, Randy Halfacre.

Presentations - Midlands Reality Check - Ms. Irene Tyson, Reality Check Co-Chair, provided information on Midlands Reality Check Game Day program through the Urban Land Institute that is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at the Columbia Convention Center. Ms. Tyson said in the next 30 years, the Midlands Region population is expected to grow by 450,000 new residents. She said they are expecting approximately 300 leaders from across the Midlands to plan and envision for growth. As a follow up there will be a Result Summit on Thursday, October 24 to analyze all the different ideas from Game Day and ultimately come up with some type of action items. Ms. Tyson asked for a \$5,000 contribution from Lexington County for this event.

Mr. Banning opened the floor for questions from Council.

Reschedule of October 22, 2013 Council Meeting - As Chairman, Chairman Banning cancelled the October 22 meeting and rescheduled it for October 29.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked if other counties were participating.

Ms. Tyson replied, the Town of Lexington - \$4,000; Richland County - \$25,000, City of Cayce - \$2,500 as well as investments from Newberry, Camden, and waiting on Sumter County to name a few. Ms. Tyson said the home office for the Urban Land Institute statewide is in Charleston, with three chapters – Upstate, Midlands, and Charleston. She said Engenuity USC is the project manager for Reality Check.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to fund the request and asked the County Administrator to take the funds out of contingency.

Chairman Banning called for further discussion; none occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Dickerson Center for Children Update - Carol Yarborough, Executive Director - Ms. Yarborough provided a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Yarborough gave a brief history of how the Dickerson Center, a Child Advocacy Center, came to fruition. The Dickerson Center for Children, formerly the Lexington County Children’s Center was founded in 1995 by partners from Lexington County Sheriff’s Office, Lexington Mental Health and other concerned professionals and citizens in the community. She said the Dickerson Center provides medical exams by a Board certified pediatrician, conducts forensic interviews by trained professionals, and provide evidence-based therapy services for children and their families. The Center is accredited by the National Children’s Alliance.

Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission Update - Elizabeth Taylor, Executive Director - Ms. Taylor provided a PowerPoint presentation of the many activities and needs their facility provide. Ms. Taylor said they are real excited of the progress they have made in launching their strategic master plan. The plan focuses on their responsibility of being good stewards of their parks and community centers and feels the building strategy will position them well for the future as the County grows. The Live Oaks Center, the 5,000 sq. ft. addition to Seven Oaks Park, was opened on July 23.

Ms. Taylor said funds from the bond issue that was approved in January 2013 are being used to build a new park between Epting Camp and Bush River Road in the Chapin area and to improve and expand both the Seven Oaks and Saluda Shoals Parks.

Irmo Fire District Update - Chief Mike Sonefeld - Asst. Chief John Hendrix provided a PowerPoint presentation. Asst. Chief Hendrix shared their mission statement in conjunction with their core value of Honor, Integrity, Loyalty, and Courage that guide them in all they do. He said the Irmo Fire District is a Special Purpose District that provides fire and rescue services throughout approximately 25 square miles to about 40,000 citizens. There are 43 employees and two strategically located fire stations. The Irmo Fire District was established in 1963; in 1974 became a component of Lexington County Fire Service, and later in 1994 re-established as the Irmo Fire District. Asst. Chief Hendrix provided information on the number of calls for services provided in 2012 and key accomplishments for 2012-2013 and goals for 2013-2014.

Chairman Banning asked if they have any volunteer firefighters.

Asst. Chief Hendrix replied, no; we are all career.

Appointments - Library Board - JoAnne Clark - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to reappoint Ms. Clark.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Lexington County Penny for Progress Commission - Jimmy Shealy - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to appoint Mr. Shealy. Mr. Shealy replaces Mr. Larry Stroud.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Midlands Workforce Development Board - Hope P. Williams - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to appoint Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams replaces Felicia Ragland.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussions.

Mr. Cullum asked if the Workforce Development Board referred the individual for appointment as he noticed she did not live in Lexington County.

Ms. Judy Busbee, Assistant to the Clerk, replied the Workforce Development Board is requesting to appoint a regional representative to fill that position.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve Tabs M, N, O, P, & Q.

Demolition of Buildings at 3131 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170 - Community Development- Bids were solicited for the demolition of multiple buildings/structures at 3131 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC. Two (2) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Carolina Wrecking, Inc. Total cost is \$26,800. This project will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant.

HRA & HSA Administration - Human Resources - A Request for Proposal (RFP) was utilized to establish a contract with a company to administer Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) for the County's group medical plan. Proposals were received from eight (8) firms. The Committee recommended entering into a contract with Eflexgroup, Inc.

Landfill Seeding Material (Term Contract) - Solid Waste Management - Bids were solicited for a term contract for landfill seeding material for Solid Waste Management. Three (3) responsive bids were received. The term of the contract shall be 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. Staff recommended the award of the contract to Carolina Fresh Farms. Total cost, including tax, is \$37,218.88.

One (1) Prime Mover (Grant Funds) - Public Safety/EMS - Staff recommended the purchase of a 2014 Ford F550 truck (prime mover) for Public Safety/EMS. The truck and any additional emergency equipment will be purchased from Vic Bailey Ford through State Contract Number 4400004331. Total cost, including tax, is \$59,122.25. Funding for the truck will be through Homeland Security Grant 12SHSP34.

Trailer Mounted Diesel Driven 6" Suction Water Pump - Solid Waste Management - Landfill - Bids were solicited for one (1) trailer mounted diesel driven 6" suction water pump for Solid Waste Management. Four (4) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. as the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Total cost, including tax, is \$47,871.31.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 23, 2013 - Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the minutes.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Ordinances - Ordinance 13-07 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of the Property Located on Duffie Drive to the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission - 2nd Reading - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve second reading.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Committee Reports - Airport, F. Townsend, III, Chairman - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) - Committee Vice- Chairman Kinard reported during the afternoon Airport Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed staff's request to accept \$300,000 of entitlement funds for years 2012 and 2013 from the FAA to move forward with the T-Hangar Project. In addition, the County will be requesting the 2014 entitlement allocation of \$150,000 due in March to go toward the project. The estimated cost for the project is \$814,095. The project cost is 90% reimbursable from the FAA and the County will file for reimbursement. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to accept and use the \$300,000 FAA entitlement allocation for years 2012 and 2013 to move forward with the construction of the T-Hangars. The County will also request the 2014 FAA entitlement funds in March for this project.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Committee of the Whole - B. Banning, Sr., Chairman - Resolution 13-5 - Approval of Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question for Special Tax District - Chairman Banning reported the Committee met and voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval. He said this is a Special Tax District for the Golden Hills Community in Lexington.

Mr. Jeffcoat made motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion.

For clarification, Mr. Cullum said this is specifically for that Special Tax District (Golden Hills Community) only.

Chairman Banning confirmed.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Public Works & Solid Waste Management - T. Cullum, Chairman - Amy Road Closing - Council District 2 - Mr. Cullum reported the Committee discussed the closing of Amy Road. He said staff recommended the closing of Amy Road and for the County to be responsible for paying all costs associated with the road closing. The Committee vote unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to take staff's recommendation to close Amy Road and the County pays all associated costs to close the road.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Jewell Boone Road Closing - Council District 1 - Mr. Cullum also reported the Committee discussed the road closing of Jewell Boone Road. Staff recommended the closure and for the County to be responsible for paying all costs associated with the road closing. The Committee voted unanimously to

approve staff's recommendation.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to take staff's recommendation to close Jewell Boone Road, Phase 1 & Phase 2, and County to pay all associated costs to close the road.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BARs were signed:

14-044 - An appropriation transfer and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$216,766 to establish a budget for the construction of the On-Site Medical Clinic.

14-045 - An appropriation transfer of \$841,999 to appropriate the capital contingency carryover into line items for the Sheriff's Department.

14-046 - An appropriation transfer of \$79,496 to move money from contingency into the construction and site work accounts to cover Change Order #4 for the ECC/EOC project.

14-047 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$196,793 for Library Services. During the budget process, the Library budgeted their State Funds at \$0.50 per capita but was notified they would be receiving \$1.25 per capita.

14-048 - An appropriation transfer of \$183,034 and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$150,000 for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion. This transaction is to budget for the entire costs related to the T-Hangar additions at the airport.

14-049 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$414,593 for the new ECC/EOC project. The County received a CMRS911 reimbursement check for capital expenditures for this project.

Old Business/New Business - Lexington County Health Insurance Plans - As an item of New Business, Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to amend the County Employee Health Insurance plan to repeal the current plan and premiums and implement three new plans and associated premiums as have been presented to Council at today's meeting referred to as the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Plans.

Chairman Banning opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
Mr. Matthews Mr. Cullum

Executive Session - Chairman Banning reported Council needed to go back into Executive Session to continue discussions on one contractual matter.

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

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

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Banning reported Council completed discussions on seven contractual matters and there were no motions to be considered.

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

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

Not Present: Mr. Kinard Mr. Cullum
 Mr. Matthews

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman