

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
October 8, 2013

Lexington County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

Chairman Banning gave the invocation. Major General (Retired) Goldsmith 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; 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](http://www.lex-co.sc.gov).

**Chairman's Report** - Chairman Banning reported he attended the Stone River Ribbon Cutting; he and Vice-Chairman Jeffcoat attended SCDOT meetings regarding Exit 119; he, Vice-Chairman Jeffcoat and Councilwoman Summers attended the 2013 Columbia Chamber Annual Gala and Auction and proudly announced that Lou and Bill Kennedy were name the Ambassadors of the Year; and he attended the Columbia Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

**Presentations - Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Update - Major General (Retired) George W. Goldsmith, Chair of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee** - General Goldsmith provided information on the significant economic impact the military organizations have in Lexington and Richland counties. He said Fort Jackson is the largest individual training center in the army and we have more than 56,000 retirees living in our counties. General Goldsmith reviewed what the military means to the State and the Midlands. There are eight military installations in S.C. that have had an economic impact of \$15.7 billion which stimulates 138,161 civilian jobs which in turns generates \$7.2 billion. Fort Jackson's economic impact is \$2.6 billion and 19,834 jobs that generate \$941 million and McEntire's economic impact is \$296 million and 2,304 jobs that generate \$61 million.

**Lexington County Recreation Commission Update - Randy Gibson, Executive Director** - Mr. Gibson provided a brief video overview and history of the Recreation Commission. The Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission Special Purpose District was created by the General Assembly in 1968 to provide recreation and leisure services within Lexington County. In 1980, the Commission accepted responsibility for providing a comprehensive aging program. The Commission is governed by a

12-member appointed board. The mission of the Recreation and Aging Commission is to improve the quality of life for all citizens through creative and meaningful life and enriching experiences. It is done through the provisions of program services, facilities, and education. The Commission service area includes Lexington School Districts 1,2,3, and 4. The Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission maintains 22 sports complexes, 14 community parks, 6 gymnasiums, 2 boat ramps, and 2 equestrian facilities. There is a park in every community in the County. The Commission maintains over 700 acres of grounds through Districts 1,2,3, and 4. In addition, the Commission has 7 senior centers that provide more than 75% of senior services in Lexington County. The agency serves 140,000 meals consisting of 90,000 meals delivered to the homebound and 50,000 congregate meals and provide medical escort and home health care services.

**River Alliance Update - Mike Dawson, Executive Director** - Mr. Dawson said their mission is to use our strategic river assets to benefit the citizens of the region. Mr. Dawson provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Three Rivers Greenway and the Congaree Creek 12,000 Year History Park. Mr. Dawson said the Saluda Riverwalk (1-26 to Columbia Canal) from the I-26 bridge along I-26 around the Zoo, back under I-26 and under the railroads is funded through the Richland County Penny Sales Tax. The project cost is \$7.9 million.

**Administrator's Report** - Mr. Mergo reminded Council of Economic Development's Industry Appreciation event that is scheduled for Thursday, October 17 at Charwood Country Club. Also, Mr. Mergo announced that Akebono Manufacturing received the Manufacturer of the Year award at the 2013 Columbia Chamber Annual Gala & Auction. In addition, the tax bills have been posted on line and will be mailed beginning October 15.

**Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator** - Mr. Mergo recognized Ed Salyer, Safety and Training Manager in Human Resources. Mr. Mergo said his supervisor received a letter from a citizen praising Mr. Salyer for his assistance when she fell at the County Administration Building. The citizen went on to say he very respectful, helpful, and gracious to her.

**Appointments - None.**

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs** - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve Tabs O, P, Q, R, S, and T.

**GPS Devices and Web Based Monitoring Software for Lexington County Vehicles - Fleet Services** - Bids were solicited for 118 GPS devices and web-based monitoring software to be installed in fleet vehicles. Twelve 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 bid to Virtual Fleet Supervisor for the base bid of \$40,280.48. Additional bid option years two (2) and three (3) will be for services only at an annual cost of \$26,833.20.

**Request for Approval to Utilize the Competitive Sealed Proposal Process for Financial Management System - Auditor/Treasurer/Information Services** - Staff requested the use of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to seek competitive proposals from qualified respondents for the Financial Management System for the Lexington County Treasurer, Auditor, and Information Services departments. Due to the scope of the project, it is not practical or advantageous to prepare a comprehensive set of specifications that may limit resources or restrict competition. A review panel will

be responsible for reviewing and evaluating proposals based upon specific evaluation factors.

**Request for Approval to Utilize the Competitive Sealed Proposal Process for Tax Billing/Collection System - Treasurer/Auditor/Information Services** - Staff requested the use of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to seek competitive proposals from qualified respondents for the Tax Billing/Collection System for the Lexington County Treasurer, Auditor, and Information Services departments. Due to the scope of the project, it is not practical or advantageous to prepare a comprehensive set of specifications that may limit resources or restrict competition. A review panel will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating proposals based upon specific evaluation factors

**Eight (8) 800 MHz Radios - Public Safety/Fire Service** - Staff recommended the purchase of eight (8) 800 MHz radios for Public Safety/Fire Service from Motorola through State Contract Number 5000011320. Total cost, including tax, is \$30,170.98.

**Sixty-one (61) Motorola 800 MHz Radios - Sheriff's Department** - Staff recommended the purchase of sixty-one (61) 800 MHz radios for the Sheriff's Department from Motorola through State Contract Number 5000011320. Total cost, including tax, is \$282,867.61.

**Fleet Additional Vehicle - Sheriff's Department** - Staff recommended the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle and accessories for the Sheriff's Department. Funding for this vehicle is from the School Resource Officer grant funds. The vehicle will be purchased from Love Chevrolet through State Contract Number 4400005789 and the accessories will be purchased from Dana Safety Supply through State Contract Number 4400001051. Total cost, including tax, is \$30,198.24.

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 27, 2013** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the minutes.

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

**Zoning Amendment - Zoning Map Amendment Application #M13-03 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Mr. Jeffcoat

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

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

**Committee Reports - Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Ordinance 13-09 - First Reading by Title of an Amendment to the 2010 FILOT with Project Spirit** - Mr. Jeffcoat reported the Economic Development Committee met earlier today and voted to recommend to full Council for approval of first reading by title of Ordinance 13-09.

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

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

**Justice, J. Kinard, Jr., Chairman - 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network (LEN) Grant Award** - Mr. Kinard reported the Justice Committee met earlier in the day to consider the acceptance of the LEN Grant award. The award in the amount of \$28,000 requires no County match. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

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

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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 - Ordinance 13-08 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission on Behalf of the Lexington County Rural**

**Recreation District to Issue General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$23,000,000; and Other Matters Related Thereto - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Mr. Matthews reported the Health & Human Services Committee met to consider the request from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to issue General Obligation Bonds Not to Exceed \$23,000,000 and to consider Resolution R13-6 calling for a public hearing. The Recreation Commission has a list of projects they would like to do throughout the County. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval of first reading to move forward for a public hearing. However, the Committee has asked for additional details and information on the specific projects i.e. projects, price, acquisitions, etc. at the next County Council on October 29.

Mr. Matthews made motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve first reading.

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Opposed: Mr. Townsend

**Resolution - R13-6 - Ordering a Public Hearing to be Held for the Purpose of Determining Whether it May be in the Interest of the Lexington County Recreation District for the County Council of Lexington County to Authorize the Lexington County Recreation District to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not Exceeding \$23,000,000; Providing for Notice of a Public Hearing, and Other Matters Relating Thereto** - Mr. Matthews reported the Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval Resolution R13-6.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve.

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

Chairman Banning called for the vote.

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

Opposed: Mr. Townsend

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

14-058 - An appropriation transfer of \$450,000 to cover costs related to the Penny for Progress.

14-059 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$28,000 to budget for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Law

Enforcement Network (LEN) Grant Award.

14-060 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,552 in the Sheriff's Department. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department Foundation purchased a Speedgun Pro Moving & Stationary radar to donate to the Resident Deputy in Dixiana. This transaction is to record the donation.

14-061 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,900 in the Sheriff's Department. This is to accept a seized trailer that was ruled abandoned by the judge after the Sheriff's Department was unable to locate the owner.

**Executive Session** - Chairman Banning reported Council met during the Committee of the Whole to discuss two contractual matters and there were not votes to be considered.

**Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session** - None.

**Old Business/New Business** - None.

There being no further business, Chairman Banning adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.  
Chairman