

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 25, 2014

Lexington County Council held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Jeffcoat presided.

Councilman Matthews provided the invocation. Sgt. Bryant L. Ham, Sr., led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sgt. Bryant previously served in the U.S. Air Force where he served in Operation Desert Storm/Shield and the Iraqi War. Sgt. Bryant is presently employed with the City of Columbia Police Department.

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

Chairman’s Report - Chairman Jeffcoat reported on the following events he attended: Employee Golf Tournament; City Year Ribbon Cutting; Lexington Connects meeting; function for Sen. Lindsey Graham; Sheriff’s Foundation Awards’ Banquet; Lexington Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner; and a Stormwater/Stop Work Order meeting.

Council Members’ Reports/Comments - Mr. Matthews reported he attended the Whitehall/Challedon and Gardendale Homeowners’ Association meetings.

Administrator’s Report - Mr. Mergo recognized the Public Works Department for all they did to clear the roads and bridges during the winter weather storm. He reported 80 of the 90 Public Works employees worked through the three days of winter weather and 70 out of the 80 worked the entire storm logging over 2,800 hours.

Lexington County Employee Health and Wellness Center - Mr. Mergo reported in the first four days of operation 51 patients visited the facility for treatment.

Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator - Mr. Mergo recognized Priscilla Kyzer and Ralph Vosburgh in the Assessor’s Office. Mr. Mergo said he received a letter from a citizen applauding the performance and professionalism both these individuals displayed while assisting him.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the following bids/purchases/RFPs (Tabs J-L).

T-Hangars Additions and Taxilanes Project (Sole Source) - Public Works - Staff recommended the administration of Phase III T-Hangar units and taxilanes for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion to the sole source provider, The LPA Group Incorporated (The Baker Group). This has been deemed a sole source as they are a FAA approved engineer and has been working on the project since inception. Total cost, including tax, is \$101,311.

Three (3) 800 MHz Radios, Three (3) Mobile Data Terminals, and Three (3) Mobile VHF Radios - Public Safety/EMS - Staff recommended the purchase of three (3) 800 MHz radios, three (3) mobile data terminals and three (3) mobile VHF radios from Motorola through State Contract Number 5000011320. Total cost, including tax, is \$39,368.40.

Three (3) HVAC Unit Replacements - Building Service/Sheriff's Department - Bids were solicited for three HVAC unit replacements for the Sheriff's Department. Six (6) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Cullum Services, Inc. Total amount, including tax, is \$35,157.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 10, 2013 - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Committee Reports - Economic Development, B. Banning, Sr., Chairman - Real Estate Contract with Bristley Acres and Saxe Gotha II, LLC - Mr. Banning reported the Committee met during the afternoon and reviewed a contract with Bristley Acres and Saxe Gotha II, LLC, which is a contract and agreement to purchase a spec building that the County is planning to construct. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the contract.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 14-02 - An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation to Not Exceed Five Million, Nine Hundred Thousand (\$5,900,000.00) Dollars - 1st Reading - Also, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for first reading of Ordinance 14-02. The supplemental appropriation is funding for the spec building.

Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve first reading.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Planning & Administration, D. Summers, Chairman - FY2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the FY 2014-15 HOME Investment Partnership Program - Ms. Summers reported the Planning & Administration Committee convened on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to review staff recommendations for the proposed FY 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and FY 2014-15 HOME Investment Partnership Program. Following is the Committee Report:

Ms. Stephanie Snowden, Title VI Grant Manager, and Ms. Petra Cruz, CDBG Administrator, presented a summary of funding recommendations for the FY 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. Based on the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommendations, staff used the current allocation of \$1,453,995 for the CDBG Program and \$479,747 for the HOME Program for budget preparation. Staff presented 14 CDBG and 2 HOME projects for consideration and approval to be included in the Annual Action Plan to HUD. The Committee inquired about additional funding for Transitions. Ms. Cruz reported that the projects presented are based on HUD's criteria per compliance regulation and for the public service entities, such as Transitions, they are only allowed to award up to 15% of the allocation. HUD will release the formal allocations by May, which may be more or less than expected. Staff will return to Council if additional funds become available. The plan is due to HUD by May 15, 2014.

The Planning & Administration Committee voted to recommend that full Council approve staff's recommendations for the proposed FY2014-15 CDBG and HOME Annual Programs for submittal to HUD.

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

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority - This item was delayed.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Award - Ms. Summers reported the award in the amount of \$1,988 requires no County match. The funds will reimburse 66% of the overall semester cost for a full-time library employee who is pursuing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Services. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the award.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Airport, F. Townsend, III, Chairman - South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC) Grant Agreement (Goal 1) - On behalf of Chairman Townsend, Committee Vice-Chairman Kinard reported the Airport Committee met during the afternoon and discussed a South Carolina Aeronautics Commission Grant Agreement. The funds will be used for the engineering, widening and strengthening the runway. The grant is for \$257,626. Of that, the County's portion is 5 percent (\$12,881), the FAA portion is 90 percent, and the South Carolina Aeronautics portion is 5 percent. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council staff's and the consultant's recommendation to accept the award.

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

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Chairman Jeffcoat asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to go into Executive Session.

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

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Jeffcoat reported out of Executive Session with no votes to be taken.

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

14-098 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase of \$17,369 for Registration and Elections. The County was reimbursed for the November municipals' elections.

14-099 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase of \$30,000 in Solid Waste Management. In the spring of 2014, Solid Waste will begin selling finished compost and are expecting to sale about 1,000 tons. This transaction is to adjust their current budget to reflect the new estimated revenue.

14-100 - An appropriation transfer of \$155,904 for Fire Service. Pending the P25 migration, all Fire Service 800 MHz radios that are not P25 capable will be changed over from analog to 800 MHz APX 6000 digital radios. This will allow Fire Service to begin the P25 migration.

14-101 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase of \$1,988 for Library Services. Library Services received a Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) tuition reimbursement grant award. This transaction is to budget the award.

14-103 - An appropriation transfer of \$1,711,000 for Public Works ("C" Funds). The funds are needed to fund the following projects: Nursery Road Bridge Recommendation, Dirt Road Asset Management Program, and Harvestview Road Engineering. Jim Spence, First Creek, Ball Park Road, and Scarborough Parish projects are completed. Resurfacing funds are being used to fund the Nursery Road Bridge project to resurface that corridor.

14-104 - An appropriation transfer of \$58,721 for Public Works ("C" Funds). The funds are needed to fund the South Congaree municipal request of \$30,000 for the Shumpert Street paving and the West Columbia enhancement grant match of \$1,860 for the 12th Street Phase I for West Columbia as approved by the CTC on 2/11/14. Reimbursement for the Pine Ridge municipal request for FY12-13 was denied due to improper procurement procedures and is being returned to the Unclassified-Municipal Project account. Also, the Cayce Guignard Park reimbursement has been denied as an ineligible "C" Fund

expenditure.

Appointments - Lexington County Health Services Board - Richard Westbrook - Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to reappoint Mr. Westbrook.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter - Gwendolyn T. Drakeford - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to appoint Ms. Drakeford. Ms. Drakeford replaces Rob Winchester.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Lexington County Health Services Board - William E. Stilwell, Jr. - Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to appoint Mr. Stilwell. Mr. Stilwell replaces Rev. Charles Jackson, Sr.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Banning stated for the record that he is opposed to this nomination, not because of who it is, only because of who it is replacing; the only minority member that we have on the hospital board is being removed with this appointment, and is totally opposed to that.

Mr. Collins stated for the record that Rev. Jackson lives in Councilman Banning's district and would like to appoint people who actually live in his district. He (Councilman Banning) has had numerous chances to appoint Rev. Jackson to one of his seats; he has chosen not to do so.

Councilman Cullum called for the question.

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

Opposed: Ms. Summers Mr. Banning

Old Business/New Business - None.

Adjournment - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman