

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
June 17, 2014

Due to the Primary Elections, Lexington County Council held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Jeffcoat presided.

Councilman Townsend provided the invocation. Steven Madison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, posted on the County's website, 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 - None. Chairman Jeffcoat reported he had been out of the Country.

Council Members' Reports/Comments - Mr. Banning thanked Council and staff for all the cards, prayers, flowers and good wishes he received through three surgeries and the loss of his mother.

Ms. Summers reported she had the privilege of attending the 2014 Palmetto Girls State at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC where she served on a panel with representatives from Spartanburg and Saluda Counties to speak to over 630 young women.

Mr. Cullum reported that he, along with other members of Council, attended the Nephron Ribbon Cutting on June 4, 2014 and the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission Ribbon Cutting at Saluda Shoals.

Mr. Kinard reported that he, along with Mr. Banning, attended the signing of the State

Infrastructure Grant Application. Representatives from Richland County, the City of Columbia, and Lexington County joined together to seek funding for the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project. Also, Mr. Kinard attended a couple of meetings in his district to explain the purpose of the Penny for Progress initiative.

Appointments - Boards and Commissions - Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism Board - Sammy Hendrix - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to appoint Mr. Sammy Hendrix. Mr. Hendrix replaces Mr. Robert Livingston, Sr.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Administrator's Report - Employee Recognition - Mr. Mergo introduced Mr. Charles Garren as the new Director of Community Development. Mr. Garren previously worked as a law enforcement officer with the Sheriff's Department and served as a franchise coordinator with Solid Waste Management. Mr. Mergo reported the County Council meetings will be broadcasted for the last time tonight on Channel 2. He said over the next few weeks the County will be transitioning from Cable Channel 2, which is shared with the Town of Lexington, to our own Lexington County Channel 1302 with Time Warner Cable. Due to this transition, the June 25, 2014 County Council meeting will be broadcast only on the Lexington County website on-stream and live video.

Mr. Mergo recognized Chief Brian Hood to introduce Ms. Bell. Ms. Bell, Mission Lifeline Representative with the American Heart Association, presented the 2014 Mission Lifeline Silver Award to Lexington County EMS.

Mr. Mergo commended the County Employee Committee for their efforts in hosting the 2nd annual employee picnic at Saluda Shoals Park on May 31, 2014.

Special Recognition - Chairman Jeffcoat recognized Mayor Skip Wilson of Chapin, who was in attendance.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the following bids/purchases/RFPs (Tabs I and J):

Ambulance Billing Services - Public Safety/EMS - Bids were solicited for a term contract for ambulance billings services for Public Safety/EMS for a third party company to collect

ambulance fees on behalf of the County for a percentage of the revenues collected. Five (5) bids were received. Staff recommended the award to the lowest responsive bidder, Low Country Billing Services in the amount of \$474,173.00.

Detention Center Commissary and Fiduciary Management Services - Sheriff's Department

- A Request for Proposal (RFP) was utilized to obtain sealed bids from qualified companies to provide a term contract for a full-range of Detention Center commissary services. Three (3) proposals were received. The committee unanimously recommended awarding the contract to McDaniel Supply Company. The County will receive a 41.1 percent commission on the net commissary sales using a menu based on fair prices offered to the inmates. The term of the contract shall be for three (3) years and scheduled to proceed on July 1, 2014. The contract may be extended on a yearly basis, not to exceed two (2) additional one (1) year periods, if deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

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	

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Text Amendment #T14-01 - Communication Towers - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve third and final reading.

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	

Zoning Text Amendment #T14-03 - Advertising Signs - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve third and final reading.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Mr. Collins	Ms. Summers
Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews
Mr. Cullum	

Ordinance(s) - Ordinance 14-05 - An Ordinance Enacted Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, Providing for the Imposition of a One Percent Sales and Use Tax and the Authorization of General Obligation Bonds Upon Referendum Approval, the Form of the Ballot to be Used in Connection Therewith, and Other Matters Relating Thereto - 2nd

Reading - Mr. Townsend made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve Ordinance 14-05 for second reading.

Mr. Kinard said Council needed to amend the motion. Therefore, Mr. Townsend withdrew his motion, Ms. Summers withdrew her second.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Capital Project Sales Tax Ordinance 14-05, as amended as set forth before Council today with the addition of the bond amount to the ballot question, addition of Exhibit "C" and some general legal cleanup of the wording of the ordinance.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Jeffcoat said Council is only voting to put the Capital Sales Tax on the ballot and allow the authorization of general obligation bonds.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for further discussion; none occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 14-06 - An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 - 2nd Reading- Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve Ordinance 14-06 as amended by the Committee of the Whole, and as amended as set forth by Council today with the addition of Section 11 to the ordinance for second reading

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Mr. Matthews Mr. Banning
Mr. Cullum

Ordinance 14-07 - An Ordinance Approving Wrecker Rotation - 1st Reading - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve Ordinance 14-07 for first reading.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 14-08 - An Ordinance Confirming Special Tax District for Golden Hills Subdivision - 1st Reading - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve Ordinance 14-08 for first reading.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Matthews noted for the public that the special tax district was a request by the residents of Golden Hills so they could collect more money for their roads, which they maintain. Mr. Jeffcoat further explained that the residents of Golden Hills maintain their own roads and collect their own money and are working with the Town as they are in the Town of Lexington.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

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

14-127- A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase in the amount of \$300. This is a donation from the Lexington County Sheriff's Foundation to be used to print Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) brochures which will be distributed to citizens in Lexington County.

14-128 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase in the amount of \$100. This is a donation by a citizen to Lexington County Fire Service to be used to purchase fire prevention supplies for other Lexington County residents.

14-129 - An appropriation transfer of \$5,234 and a supplemental appropriation (existing funds)

increase in the amount of \$19,590. This is payment received by a citizen’s insurance company to pay approximately 80 percent of the replacement cost of a Lexington County Sheriff’s Department vehicle that was totaled in an accident. The remaining portion of the replacement cost of \$5,234 will come from Capital Contingency.

14-130 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase in the amount of \$218. This was a refund issued to EMS from Guaranteed Returns for pharmaceuticals which had expired. Funds will be used to replenish needed pharmaceuticals.

14-131 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase in the amount of \$232,565. This is a reimbursement from SCDOT to Public Works for helping with the snow and ice removal during the winter storms in 2014.

14-133 - An appropriation transfer in the amount of \$191,760. This is related to the County’s Workman’s Compensation Insurance which incurred more Indemnity expenses this year than was budgeted. This amount is to cover those expenses.

Sheriff James R. Metts - Chairman Jeffcoat announced he just received confirmation that long-time Sheriff James Metts has been indicted and suspended from duty. Tomorrow there will be a new Sheriff appointed by the Governor and sworn into office. He assured the public that services provided by the Sheriff’s Department would not be affected and the County would carry on business as usual.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - During the Committee of the Whole, Council went into Executive Session to discuss seven contractual matters but needed to go back into Executive Session to continue discussions.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat reconvened the County Council meeting.

6:00 P.M - Public Hearings - Ordinance(s) - Ordinance 14-05 - An Ordinance Enacted Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, Providing for the Imposition of a One Percent Sales and Use Tax and the Authorization of General Obligation Bonds Upon Referendum

Approval, the Form of the Ballot to be Used in Connection Therewith, and Other Matters Relating Thereto - Prior to opening the public hearing, Chairman Jeffcoat reiterated that this Council is not going to impose a sales tax on anybody in Lexington County. He said the purpose of Ordinance 14-05 is to give citizens of Lexington County an opportunity to vote yes or no on a sales tax, one penny per dollar, in the November General Elections. If approved, the money raised would go toward providing basic infrastructure projects, etc. requested by the citizens within the County's municipalities and public agencies which have been prioritized by an independent Commission and are listed on the ballot. The majority of these projects are currently not able to be funded due to cuts in State/Federal funding to the County. Therefore, it is left up to the citizens of Lexington County to decide. Chairman Jeffcoat explained the guidelines for the public hearing.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the public hearing.

In Opposition:

Talbert Black, Jr. - 234 Hermitage Road, Lexington, SC - Since you have already voted there is not much I can say to change the vote, so I would like to just throw out some thoughts that might generate questions to be answered later since I know you are not going to answer any questions. Mr. Banning's campaign contributions report shows...

Chairman Jeffcoat interrupted Mr. Black to remind him that we are not talking about Mr. Banning and his campaign contributions; we are talking about the penny sales tax.

Mr. Black replied, it is related to that.

Chairman Jeffcoat responded that it is not and told Mr. Black he cannot talk about Mr. Banning and his contributions. We are talking about the penny sales tax, whether you are for it or whether you are against it.

Mr. Black asked, how about your contributions?

Chairman Jeffcoat replied that he can either talk about what he has been asked to talk about and what the meeting is about or he can sit down.

Mr. Black replied, it does have to do with the tax. It was mentioned earlier that members of this Council would not have much effect on this tax in November but their vote today could have a great affect on this tax. And, it was mentioned that the only thing this Council is doing is giving the people a right to vote yes or no on a tax increase. And it was mentioned that this was in the interest of freedom and liberty, but if it was really in the interest of freedom and liberty there would be an option for the people to vote for a tax decrease on the ballot, not just a tax increase.

Chairman Jeffcoat reminded Mr. Black that this is about a penny sales tax and to stay on the subject.

Mr. Black said, if it is ok for Council to address issues that aren't related to the tax before we start public comment, it's not okay for the public to address issues that are not? I have a number of petitions that were signed from folks who are opposed to this tax, is it appropriate to deliver those to the Council?

Chairman Jeffcoat replied, yes, sir. They can be delivered to the Clerk of Council, Mrs. Burnett.

Mr. Black said, all the things that are truly related to this tax and its implementation, you are not going to allow me to talk about.

Chairman Jeffcoat replied to Mr. Black that he is not going to allow him to stand here and talk about the people up here, that the only thing they are doing is allowing our citizens an opportunity to vote.

Mr. Black said in any legislative body there is a number of votes before an ordinance is passed. There is a first reading, a second reading, a third reading and this we could call the peoples' vote maybe a fourth reading, but every single vote advances the issue towards passage and to sit here and say that all you are doing is giving the people an opportunity to vote that you are not voting to implement this tax, is ridiculous.

Chairman Jeffcoat replied, that is an opinion and he appreciates his opinion.

Mr. Black replied, it is my opinion and the opinion, I hope, of a lot more people we will see here.

John Perna - 449 Crockett Road, Columbia, SC 29212 - We hear a lot of talk about what this penny tax is and what it is not. I am going to tell you what it is not. It is not a penny tax; it is not a penny for progress; it is a \$300 million dollar tax. It is a 14 percent increase in the total sales tax. When you move from 7 percent to 8 percent that is a 14 percent increase in revenue. So it is not a penny tax; it is not a penny for progress. You know we have truth in lending and we have truth in advertising. What about truth in legislation? Imagine if you went into a store and you picked up an item that was marked a penny and you found your charge card had been charged \$350 million dollars for that, that's what I would say is not truth in legislation. In fact, I would say there would probably be some criminal charges if that was to happen. If you talk to people and say what does government do well, what they do well is think of ways to spend your money. But in this case, they want to spend money that they haven't even thought of a way to spend yet. And since they are so good at thinking of ways to spend it, we are wondering why they even want to get it this early. They throw out all of these things about the roads being in ill repair but that is such a small amount of money to repair a pothole as compared to the amount of money that is going to be raised by increasing this tax to the level of point of raising somewhere between \$300 and \$350 million dollars. That is absolutely a charade; it's a shield, it's a decoy. It's actually a good thing we do not get as much government as we pay for because if we did, we would have a dictatorship. The difference between theft and taxation is when a thief takes your money he doesn't use it to come back and run your life and business. They say the idle hands is the workshop of the devil, you hand over another \$350 million dollars. It is not about the

money, it's about what they are going to do with that money. They are going to hire the yard police to come out and tell you, you can't cut your grass this way or shrubs or something or other and tell you all about the trees; we already had that legislation that we went through. They tell us that it is just to give us the vote. Well South Carolina State law says that the votes cannot be counted in secret, now they are counted electronically by computers. I don't know how anyone can construe that as in compliance with the South Carolina law that the votes not be counted in secret. If anybody would like to see the recorded testimony of Clinton Eugene Curtis, who testified in front of the Ohio State legislature, about how he as a computer programmer wrote the program for stealing elections through electronic vote counting. That is what you say; you are just going to give us the right to vote on it.

Lara Collins - 1929 Leander Drive, West Columbia, SC - I am from the Pine Ridge community, and I have a few comments that I would like to make about this penny for progress initiative. First, I think it is interesting that we should be calling it that because tax in general is far from progressive. In your guidelines for public hearings you emphasize that you only want the facts, well I would like to give you some facts. Fact number one, according to successmexico.com the sales tax in Mexico is 16 percent and these people have such a progressive tax that they are clamoring to get to our borders to a better life. Fact number two, England's vat tax, which is their sales tax, it is incorporated in their items. From a tourist point of view England looks like a very nice place to visit. But if you were a resident there, if you were a citizen and you tried to own your own business or own your own house, you would see very quickly how little freedom they have. Fact number three, I just spent three months in Uganda. Excuse me the vat tax in England is 17½ percent. Back to Uganda. Uganda, I spent three months there and their sales tax is 18 percent. How progressive do you think Uganda is? Now, the sales tax increase from what I understand will bring in \$3 million dollars in the next eight years. I also understand that the municipalities have already asked for \$772 million dollars. That tells me one thing, people always want more than what they have. Now, when will we stop asking for amenities? When do we tell people no? So, I think, I hope I have made my point, but I haven't come to the table without a solution. I have handed them a proposal that my son came up with. It is a free market solution to maintenance of roads. And it is explained in the papers that I have handed. Now taxes may be the most traditional and most convenient way to pay for development, but it certainly is not the most progressive. Just ask the people in Uganda. I would like to challenge each us, we are intelligent people, to come up with freer more creative ways to pay for development. If my 26-year-old son can do it, so can we. Thank you for your time.

Willis Jordan - 206 Hendrix Street, Lexington, SC - I did not sign up to talk.

Ed Yates - 228 Century Drive, Columbia, SC - I did not sign up to speak either.

Lenora Thomas - 307 Spartan Drive, Columbia, SC - I did not sign up to speak either.

Scott Parks - 280 Rister Road, Gaston, SC - I oppose the penny sales tax. I have seen estimates that estimate, and I know they are estimates, but they estimate that on an individual it will raise that individual's taxes anywhere from \$200 to \$500 a year. Most of the folks in my

community are living paycheck- to-paycheck. Some of them struggling, struggling to put three meals on a day for their kids. You raise that tax that high, even though it sounds like a small amount to most of us here, myself included, it does affect them tremendously. It places them into a decision where they have to choose between buying food and clothes for their kids and taking care of other necessities. So I oppose the tax based on, basically, those reasons there. Thank you for your time.

Sharon Clark, 333 Rutledge Place, Columbia, SC - Yes, I am opposed to it, but I did not sign up to speak.

Chairman Jeffcoat asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in opposition. Hearing none, Chairman Jeffcoat closed that portion of the hearing.

In Favor:

Smokey Davis - 204 Barnacle Circle, Lexington, SC - It is my understanding that the ordinance we are speaking about tonight is the ability for the citizens to vote on this particular tax that happens to be based on sales and it is a one-cent sales tax. I have voted on taxes before in my lifetime and, believe me, this is the best tax I have ever seen. Mainly, because it tells you exactly what you are going to pay, it tells you exactly how long you are going to pay it, and it tells you exactly how the money is going to be spent. So it is the one tax that does hold government accountable for taking in the money and using the money for what the citizens have asked you to use it for. Now the deal is everybody in this room has got the same vote. Every one of us has one vote to decide whether we want this consumption tax or not. Not this Council, not any political group, but everybody has one vote and, to me, that is the truest form of democracy. You are telling me that I can vote for the tax if I want these projects done. And ladies and gentlemen, I think that this is the most purest form of democracy, and I urge you to pass this ordinance so then we can decide if we want these projects done and we can pay for it. And the nice thing about it is that some of the citizens are from other counties passing through our county will help us and, believe me, we are helping them. Thank you.

Tiffany Boyce Heitzman - 1248 Lake Murray Drive, Columbia, SC - Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I am Tiffany Boyce Heitzman, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. But tonight I come before you as a fellow citizen committed to the advancement of our County, its people, and its economy. Like others here tonight I am here to ask you to support placing the penny sales tax on the November ballot. None of us in business and industry truly like the idea of raising taxes unless it is absolutely necessary. All of us know that this issue is not popular with everyone, including those who are openly supporting the proposal. They know as I do that this is the only way to address some critical needs facing our County. We need better roads; we need safer roads; we need safety issues addressed such as water and sewer, and we need more economic momentum and development. And, yes, many including our largest employers see the value in less traffic congestion. The projects that this referendum funds will allow many of those needs to be addressed in a timely fashion with specific designated projects for a specific set period of time. It is not some kind of unneeded money grab, far from it. The members of the Commission were

our fellow citizens who listened patiently to the thousands of voices just like ours. The Commission is to be thanked for its willingness to give of time and expertise knowing that there was no possible way to please everyone. If the citizens of Lexington County are allowed to decide on this issue, I believe they will see this as the best opportunity to deal with some very important critical and valuable challenges related to our roads, our safety, our water and sewer, economic development both short and long term. Several key areas of concern that I hope you will take into consideration as you make your decision is, I think safety is most important. Many of our roads and intersections are clearly not safe. Some in fact are very dangerous. So while this is about roads in many ways, it is also about lives, it is about safer roads for our citizens as they and I take our kids to school or on our way to work or on their way to church or heading out to enjoy our wonderful County. It is also about safer water and safer sanitary sewage disposal. If one life is loss because of the lack of safer roads, it is one too many. That would be a far, far higher price than this penny sales tax. Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight.

Earl McLeod - 317 Country Lake Court, Lexington, SC - Mr. Chairman, members of County Council my name is Earl McLeod, and I am the Executive Director of the Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia. I live at 317 Country Lake Court here in our great County. I am here to ask for your support to give third reading to the ordinance before you tonight to allow the citizens of our County the right to vote for this very important issue. We have provided a resolution of support stating the reasons for that, which you have a copy of, so I won't try to go over all that. That would repeat things that have been said already. I can tell you that in this position that I have and have served for thirty years, Lexington County, I don't need to tell you this, has grown tremendously. We are going to continue to grow. We've got problems today with our roads, and we've got problems with an aging and need for improvement for water and sewer infrastructure today. We are going to continue to grow those and those issues are just going to be compounded. I thank you for your leadership to take the position you have today to give us an opportunity to come up with some solutions. This is the best solution that is available to us today. DOT doesn't have the money; there is no money coming down from the Federal government; these are our roads, this is our future, and we need to take care of our problems. Thank you for your leadership; thank you for your service; we appreciate it.

Morris Lyles - 1202 Haygood Avenue, Columbia, SC - I am here on behalf of the Central Carolina Realtor's Association and would like to give our support. I have a resolution here that I don't believe y'all have a copy of but I would like to hand it to you, Mr. Chairman, tonight and wanted to just echo what Mr. McLeod was saying that it is very crucial to this County to continue to improve facilities, to continue to improve all of these things that are a part of this penny tax. It is something that needs to be included on the ballot for everyone to vote on. I would like to thank everyone for having me here tonight and if I could bring this up to you.

Chairman Jeffcoat asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in favor. Hearing none, Chairman Jeffcoat closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 14-06 - An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 - Chairman Jeffcoat opened the public hearing.

Chairman Jeffcoat announced no one signed up in favor or in opposition; therefore, closed the public hearing.

FY 2014 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application - Chairman Jeffcoat opened the public hearing.

Chairman Jeffcoat announced no one signed up in favor or in opposition; therefore, closed the public hearing.

Committee Report - Justice, J. Kinard Jr., Chairman - FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application - Reporting out of the Justice Committee, Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve for the tax year 2014, the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program application. The application in the amount of \$42,919 requires no County match. If awarded, funds will be split between Magistrates Court Services, the Sheriff's Office and Sistercare.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion, no discussion occurred

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote

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

Old Business/New Business - None.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Council went into Executive Session prior to the public hearing and as a result, there were no motions to be considered. However, Chairman Jeffcoat requested to go back into Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go back into Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter.

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

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

Adjournment - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn.

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