

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

Due to the Primary Run-off, Lexington County Council held its meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Jeffcoat presided.

Reporting out of Executive Session - Chairman Jeffcoat reported during the afternoon Committee of the Whole, Council went into executive session to discuss three legal and one personnel matter. As a result, there were no motions to be considered.

Councilman Kinard provided the invocation. Mr. Jon Oliver 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

Not Present:	Mr. Matthews*	William B. Banning, Sr.*
	Mr. Cullum*	

Mr. Banning had a family emergency, Mr. Matthews had a previously scheduled business trip, and Mr. Cullum had a previously scheduled family event.

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 - Chairman Jeffcoat reported he has been very busy and the County has had some personnel changes. As a result of the June 24 elections, there will be three new council members beginning in 2015.

Council Members' Reports/Comments - Mr. Kinard reported he participated in the Community Development Homeownership program where he attended the ribbon cutting of a new home for a family.

Administrator's Report - Mr. Mergo reported the County's Administration offices, the

County’s landfill, and all the collection and recycling centers will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. In addition, there will be no franchise residential curbside pickup on Friday, July 4. The July 4 pickup will be moved to Saturday, July 5. Also, the Lexington County Peach Festival will celebrate their 56th Peach Festival.

Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator - None.

Resolution - Canine (K-9) Abednego - Narcotic Scent Detection Canine - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Appointments - Boards and Commissions - Lexington County Museum - Catherine (Cathy) G. Stutts - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve. Ms. Stutts replaces Mr. Jim Harward.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat noted that Ms. Cathy Stutts is Kim Stutts’ mother-in-law, who works in the Council office.

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

Aggregate Materials (Term Contract) - Public Works - Bids were solicited for a term contract for aggregate materials for Public Works. One (1) bid was received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Vulcan Materials Company. The estimated annual value of the contract is \$222,560. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend four (4) additional one (1) year periods, if deemed in the best interest of the County.

Wood and Yard Waste Grinding (Term Contract) - Solid Waste Management - Bids were solicited for a term contract for the grinding of wood and yard waste for Solid Waste

Management. Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Martin Edwards & Associates, Inc. The estimated annual value of the contract is \$102,000. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend four (4) additional one (1) year periods, if deemed 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. Kinard
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Keisler

Ordinance 14-04 - An Ordinance Calling for a Referendum and Ballot Question - 1st Reading- Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler 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. Collins
	Mr. Keisler	Ms. Summers

Opposed:	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Kinard
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Ordinance 14-05 - An Ordinance Enacted Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Codes 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 - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Townsend 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. Townsend
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Keisler

Ordinance 14-06 - An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 - 3rd and Final Reading - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded Mr. Kinard 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	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Collins	Mr. Keisler

Ordinance 14-07 - An Ordinance Approving Wrecker Rotation - 2nd Reading - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve second reading.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Ordinance 14-08 - An Ordinance Confirming Special Tax District for Golden Hills Subdivision - 2nd Reading - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve second reading.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Kinard reiterated this is just for the citizens in Golden Hills and they requested it.

Mr. Jeffcoat confirmed and said the citizens of Golden Hills has taken the responsibility for the repair and the maintenance of their roads and they do that through the Town of Lexington, but County Council has to approve the Special Tax District.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for further discussion; none occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Committee Reports, Justice, J. Kinard, Jr., Chairman - Drug Parcel Interdiction Unit Grant Award - Mr. Kinard reported during the afternoon Justice Committee, the Committee met and voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval. The award in the amount of \$72,315 requires a 10 percent match. This is the third and final year to receive the award.

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

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

School Resource Officer (River Bluff High) Grant Award - Also, Mr. Kinard reported the Committee met and voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval. The award in the amount of \$75,333 requires an 11 percent match.

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

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Health & Human Services, B. Matthews, Chairman - 2014 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Application - Neither the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair were present. Although Councilman Kinard was not a member of the Health & Human Services Committee, he reported out the results of the earlier committee meeting. He reported the Health & Human Services Committee did not have a quorum, but the members present voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval. The application in the amount of \$79,214 requires a 64 percent in-kind match. The in-kind match will come from the salary costs paid by the County.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the submittal of the application.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

Chairman Jeffcoat recessed the County Council meeting and opened up the County Transportation Committee.

County Transportation, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Match Requests - Although the Public Works Committee did not have a quorum, the members present voted in favor to recommend to the County Transportation Committee for approval. The members present discussed requests for “C” Funds for the Towns of Batesburg/Leesville and Summit.

The Town of Batesburg/Leesville request is for \$100,000 in “C” Funds as a local match for a \$500,000 three-phase sidewalk project. Sidewalks will be placed along portions of state-owned East Columbia Avenue, East Church Street, and North Hendrix Street. The project is eligible for the 25 percent state requirement. Any additional costs will be absorbed the Town.

The Town of Summit request is for \$54,067 in “C” Funds as a local match for a \$270,337 sidewalk project. Sidewalks will be placed along portions of state-owned Lewie Road, Church Street, Dixie Street, and Sandpit Road. The project is eligible for the 25 percent state requirement.

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

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

Chairman adjourned the County Transportation Committee and reconvened the County Council meeting.

Chairman Jeffcoat failed to mention that Councilman Banning had a family emergency, Councilman Matthews had a previously scheduled business trip, and Councilman Cullum had a previously scheduled family event.

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

14-135 - An appropriation transfer of \$154,067. The Town of Batesburg/Leesville and the Town of Summit have both requested “local match” from “C” Funds toward their SCDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants. Both these grants will assist with funding sidewalk projects.

15-021 - A supplemental appropriation decrease in the amount of \$3,162. The Sheriff’s Department grant from the SC Department of Public Safety for a Drug Parcel Interdiction Unit was less than the approved budget. This is to adjust the approved budget to match the award.

15-022 - A supplemental appropriation decrease in the amount of \$5,703. The Sheriff's Department grant from the SC Department of Public Safety for a School Resource Officer at River Bluff High School was less than the approved budget. This is to adjust the approved budget to match the award.

Old Business/New Business - None.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Previously held and reported out.

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

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman