

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2009**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	William C. Billy Derrick
William B. Banning, Sr.	M. Todd Cullum
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

*Mr. Carrigg was not present due to a trial case he was involved in.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; 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.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program (Goals 2,3) -

Community Development - Ron Scott, Director - Mr. Scott presented a request to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program to be submitted with a written energy conservation strategy and list of proposed projects. Lexington County has been allocated \$2,268,600 in funds for the EECBG Program as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Program activities include reducing fossil fuel emissions, reducing total energy use, and improving energy efficiency. A Committee with staff members from Building Services, Community Development, Public Works, Finance, and County Administration has identified projects for existing County facilities that fall within the guidelines of the program as well as projects for future consideration. Mr. Scott said an important factor is any energy efficiency upgrades that the County undertakes will result in a tax savings to all citizens within Lexington County. He also reported that the following municipalities have contacted the County about its intentions for the EECBG Program funds: Batesburg-Leesville, West Columbia, Cayce, and Swansea. The deadline for the application to the DOE is June 25, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to accept staff's recommendation to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.

The Committee asked how the County will verify EECBG program accomplishments. Mr. Scott replied that the grant will allow the County to secure the services of a consultant to monitor progress in meeting the goals identified and assist with required reports to comply with the grant program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commercial Zoning Requests on Privately-Maintained Roads - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Compton reported on the Planning Commission's review of commercial zoning requests on privately-maintained roads. He said there were so many variables in privately-maintained roads, such as commercial private roads and mixed use roads, that the Commission felt the best thing was to be receptive to the requests. The Commission was also concerned that denying a property owner the right to at least ask might be going too far legally and asked for legal council on this issue.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Banning seconded, by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing on commercial zoning requests on privately-maintained roads.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Davis reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk