

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2011**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman
K. Brad Matthews

George H. Davis, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.

Absent:

*William B. Banning, Sr.

*Mr. Banning was not present during the meeting.

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

Landscape for Detention Ponds - Update - Community Development - Robbie Derrick, Landscape Administrator and John Fechtel, Public Works Director/Assistant County Administrator - Mr. Derrick and Mr. Fechtel presented an update on landscape for detention ponds. Mr. Derrick reported Community Development and Public Works held a Stake Holders meeting on October 6th to discuss issues with the landscape ordinance regarding county maintained detention ponds. Majority was in favor with only one sticking point for Public Works concerning privacy or security fences around privately maintained detention ponds. There was also discussion of bio retention ponds which from a landscaping and public works side would be a good thing because they are smaller detention areas which utilize natural and landscape vegetation to assist with water quality and stormwater requirements. Ms. Hubbard, County Administration, said staff was looking for guidance from the committee on how to proceed. The Committee requested staff to return with recommendations for their review. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk