

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2011**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.

Kenneth Brad Matthews
James E. Kinard, Jr.

Absent:

*George H. Davis, V Chairman

*Mr. Davis was not present due to an out-of-town family funeral.

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.

Community Development Week Presentation - Community Development - Ron Scott, Director - Mr. Scott presented a Power Point presentation for Community Development Week being recognized during the last week of April. He highlighted a few of the CDBG and HOME projects accomplished over the past ten years with federal funds totaling \$15,769,706. The funds have provided for the revitalization of Lexington County neighborhoods, affordable housing, public facilities, infrastructure projects, and more. CDBG projects have included more than \$1.2 million for fire equipment; the Sharpe's Hill Fire Station; the South Region Service Center at the Pelion Airport; and currently underway, the Pelion Medical Center. Some of the areas around the County that have benefited through CDGB funding include Boiling Springs, Batesburg-Leesville, Cayce, South Congaree, and West Columbia. One of the public services funded by the CDBG Program is Harvest Hope Food with the purchase of a mobile food bank and operation of an emergency food pantry in Cayce. Mr. Kinard reported he hand delivered a document to Congressmen Joe Wilson in Washington supporting the CDBG Program. Staff will continue to provide updates on new CDBG and HOME projects. For information only, no action taken.

Zoning Text Amendment T11-01 - Sign Amendments (Goal 2) - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Compton presented the Zoning Text Amendment T11-01

- Sign Amendment on the schedule for public hearing tonight. The Planning Commission recommends the amendments being presented. Mr. Compton outlined the changes for sign maintenance and the expanded definition of public service signs. Sign violations will be enforced by the Sheriff's Department Code Enforcement Officers. Staff recommends changing the maximum height of single public service directional signs from four to five feet. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business/New Business - Landscaping for Detention Ponds - 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