

**PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 24, 2012**

The Public Works & Solid Waste Management Committee met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
K. Brad Matthews	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtel, 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.

Stormwater Improvements - 12-Mile Creek (319 Grant Award) (Goal 1) - Public Works - Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager - Ms. Synithia Williams, Public Works Environmental Coordinator, presented a request to accept the Stormwater Improvements - 12-Mile Creek (319 Grant Award). The total grant amount is \$464,381 which represents 60 percent from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and a 40 percent match from several funding partners. The County's portion of the match is \$45,717 of staff salaries, mileage and professional services for project oversight/reporting. The funds will be used for Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce fecal coliform entering Twelve Mile Creek, its tributaries and the Lower Saluda River. Ms. Williams confirmed AMEC to continue as the consultant. The County's match will come from the General Fund contingency.

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the grant award.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard

Absent: Mr. Keisler (Not present at the time the vote was taken.)

Green is Good for Business Conference Sponsorship - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented a request to sponsor the Green is Good Business Conference, which staff has done for the last three years. The sponsorship is \$1,500. Ms. Williams reported that she and Ms. Amanda St. John, Solid Waste Management Recycling Coordinator, are on the planning committee for the

conference. The keynote speaker of this year's event will be Mr. Josef Kerscher, President for BMW. The County is partnering with the Greater Columbia Chamber by advertising the conference in the Columbia Regional Business Report for greater exposure. The conference is scheduled for September 18, 2012 at the Metropolitan Convention Center. Funds are available in the Air Quality Supplies Account (521215) used to cover air quality projects and sponsorships. Staff was asked to provide the percentage of Lexington County businesses who take advantage of the conference.

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to sponsor the Green is Good Business Conference.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat

Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region - Public Works - David Brandes, Genesis Consulting - Mr. David Brandes of Genesis Consulting Group presented recommendations for the Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region. Lexington County has been working with Richland County and the City of Columbia to put together an energy plan as part of funds awarded from the Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Mr. Brandes presented a Power Point overview of the proposed energy plan which included recommended actions for achieving the plan. The plan consisted of decreasing demand through energy efficiency and conservation, indirectly decreasing demand through broader initiatives, increasing supply through renewable energy generation, and economic development and the green economy. Mr. Brandes reported the Green Team, a core team made up of Lexington County, Richland County and the City of Columbia representatives, will meet regularly and report back the initiatives progress.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the proposed recommendations by adopting a resolution for the Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Matthews

Kinley, K-1 and K-2 Creeks Funding Options - Public Works - John Fechtel, Deputy County Administrator and Chris Stone, Floodplain Manager - Mr. Fechtel, Public Works Director, and Mr. Chris Stone, Public Works Floodplain Manager, presented four options for potential funding sources for Kinley, K-1 and K-2 Creek areas:

- 1) Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)
 - a. Maximum award is \$150,000
 - b. Match required is 75/25, according to DNR up to 10% can be in-kind
 - c. Submission dates June 1 to December 2.

- 2) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
 - a. Funding is restricted to a maximum of \$3 million federal share per project sub-application
 - b. Match required is 25 percent
 - c. Submission dates June 1 to November 1 (at this time, due to federal budget cuts, fund for PDM grant are on hold)

- 3) Repetitive Flood Claims Program
 - a. Residential or non-residential (commercial) properties
 - b. Funding - applicant may be eligible for up to 100 percent of the project cost
 - c. Match
 - d. Submission dates

- 4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Section 22 - Planning Assistance to States.
 - a. Funding - spending cap of \$500,000 Federal expenditure per state
 - b. Match is 50/50. Sponsor may contribute their share as in-kind services
 - c. Submission dates

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend to full Council to approve staff moving forward with the FMA Grant Program.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Matthews Mr. Kinard

Absent: Mr. Keisler (Not present at the time the vote was taken)

Mr. Fechtel continued to report that the Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) Program is available to homeowners and/or businesses. The County has sent out letters every year to the repetitive loss property owners and has not received any responses. Seven residences qualify for the RFC Program. Mr. Matthews requested the addresses of the seven property owners so he can contact them. Mr. Fechtel said Public Works staff would coordinate with Mr. Matthews on contacting the property owners.

Public Works Committee - Old/new business items - Public Works - John Fechtel, Deputy County Administrator - Mr. Fechtel presented three items that have been listed as pending under old/new business and requested these be removed. He reported the first item, traffic congestion, would best be addressed during future discussions when there are some possible funding options to consider and when specific issues come up. Mr. Fechtel said most of the traffic congestion areas are South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) maintained roads. The second item, alternate material for road swells, Public Works has incorporated more dip sections in designs and getting away from some of the valley gutter sections and they are looking at other options for holding water back. Mr. Fechtel said the third item, the Chaney Road closing project, was finalized last month. The Committee asked about the barricade on Chaney Road. Staff will confirm the placement of the barricade and advise Public Safety.

Old Business - New Road/Corley Mill/Riverchase Monthly Update - Mr. Fechtel reported there is a meeting with the School District and engineers next week to discuss plans for SCDOT to review and possibly sign off. They will also be addressing right-of-way issues. The Committee reminded everyone that the County agreed to put up \$900,000 until September. Mr. Fechtel said that was unless we were making progress. Mr. Cullum suggested referring back to Committee minutes concerning a projected timeframe for the \$900,000 committed to the School District. The SCDOT Commission meeting is next month for the Highway 378 project. Mr. Fechtel said after the Commission meeting he will meet with the property owners and advise the Committee of any right-of-way issue concerns.

Old Business - Road 48 - Mr. Fechtel reported that the County has received the conditional letter. He said he and Mr. Randy Edwards, Public Works County Engineer, will be meeting with SCDOT tomorrow and from that the County should see a participation agreement. Once the agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney and approved by Council, staff is prepared to send the RFQ out sometime in early August.

Old Business - Updates - Mr. Cullum asked staff to return to the next meeting with updates on the City of Columbia Enhancement Grant for Columbiana Avenue and Chapter 7 Agreements, Bonds, Warranties Review.

Solid Waste/DHEC Management Grant Award (Goal 1) - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Eger presented a request to accept the Solid Waste/DHEC Management Grant award in the amount of \$5,000. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to implement an outreach program for Lexington County residents on the importance of composting to divert yard refuse from the landfill.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Solid Waste/DHEC Management Grant

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Matthews

Solid Waste/DHEC Used Oil Grant Award (Goal 1) - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Eger presented a request to accept the Solid Waste/DHEC Used Oil Grant Award in the amount of \$59,939. There is no County match required. The funds will be used for three 500-gallon used oil/gas mixture tanks, one concrete slab, five 120-gallon oil bottle containers, 12 platforms for drums, 20 boxes of oil bottle bags, assist with expanding the recycling loading dock, publicity and public education, and travel/training for staff.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Solid Waste/DHEC Used Oil Grant award.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Matthews Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Keisler

Meeting of April 24, 2012 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the April 24, 2012 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Matthews

Old Business/New Business - Stormwater Utility Fee Update, Pine Glen Alternate Exit (Emergency Access Road Cost), Nursery Road Project Update, List of Outstanding Bonds, etc ; Chapter 7 Agreements, Bonds, Warranties Review; LPA Process Update, State Dirt Roads, Tire Disposal Program, Cost Update on Buck Corley and Old Bush River Design, Update on City of Columbia Enhancement Grant for Columbiana Ave.; C Fund Account Balance; Micala Drive Bridge Update - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk