

**PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2013**

The Public Works & Solid Waste Management Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 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	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
K. Brad Matthews	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, 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, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Update on Active Bonds - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director and Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager - Mr. Barrett presented an update on Lexington County's bond liability for subdivisions. He reported, per the memo presented by staff, that the County has 34 active bonds at \$3.6 million (\$3,610,082) and 16 collected bonds at \$1.253 million (\$1,253,729) totaling \$4,863,811. Staff also provided a list of the subdivisions which bonds have been collected by the County. Mr. Barrett said three of those bonds have the potential to become the responsibility of the County to complete (Crystal Springs Lake Phase 1, Park West Phase I, and Buena Vista estimated at \$206,404) and that the total deficit was rounded up to approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Barrett was asked if the shortfall was in the Public Works budget. He replied his understanding was that C-Funds had been traditionally utilized to fund bonding shortfalls but was asked if his recommendation was to use \$1.1 million of C-Funds to correct these shortfalls of non-bonded repairs. Mr. Mergo replied that he and Mr. Barrett have discussed the bonding procedures and would like the opportunity to bring forth some recommendations for consideration. Mr. Mergo said the County has made great strides when Council adopted the bonding last year at 125 percent and recommends that we do not reduce the bond amount regardless of how much the developers complete. However, according to Ms. Armstrong, the process allows one reduction but would never be able to reduce any more than 25 percent of the total cost of the infrastructure maintained by the County. Mr. Cullum requested staff to finalize the bonding procedure, but wanted everyone to realize because of this, a million dollars of dirt roads are not going to get paved. Ms. Armstrong reported developers can only have three years and bonds will not be extended. She said under warranties, even after we finalize a development, that developer is still responsible for the workmanship of the roadways and storm drainage for two years. However, she said the County currently has no financial means to have money set aside should a failure occur, even under the warranty period. Mr. Cullum requested staff to meet

with the stakeholders for one final review and inform them this will be the ordinance that Council will vote on and return with recommendations by the August 27th Committee meeting. Mr. Mergo reported that staff has closed out over \$3 million worth of projects by constant follow ups. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business - Nursery Road Bridge Update - Mr. Jeffcoat asked for an update on the Nursery Road bridge project. Mr. Barrett reported the project was on schedule for the July letting.

Old Business/New Business - New Road/Corley Mill/Riverchase Monthly Update; Flooding Issues/Kinley Creek Criteria; Stormwater Utility Fee; and Pine Glenn Alternate Exit (Emergency Access Road Cost) - 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