

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:35 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Debbie Summers, Chairman    M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman  
Bobby C. Keisler                                John W. Carrigg, Jr.  
William C. Billy Derrick

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.

**Update on Various Issues - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director** – Mr. Fechtel gave brief updates on various issues relating to Public Works. He said the land development manual had two issues that have been ongoing, 1) buffers that were going to be required for water quality and low impact development and, 2) paving of dirt roads by developers or subdividing. Mr. Fechtel said that during discussions with the Stakeholders Group in December, a member of the Stakeholders Group and the Planning Commission requested that the issues be brought forth to the Planning Commission for discussion. Staff will meet with the Planning Commission on January 17 and bring back a recommendation to the Committee on February 12.

In December, Mr. Fechtel reported on alternate paving methods. He said that staff is working diligently on recommendations for alternate paving methods to present in February to the Committee.

For information only. No action taken.

**FEMA Class Change - Flood Insurance - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director** – Mr. Fechtel presented a letter from The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that was received by the County Administrator dated November 14, 2007. FEMA has determined that Lexington County will increase to a Class 8 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The report has resulted in an additional five percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance. Mr. Fechtel said that as a Class 9 the County was getting a five percent discount and now that the County is a Class 8 it qualifies for a ten percent discount in the

premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after October 1, 2007. This does not affect all policies. The County will see results in an annual savings of \$17,617 for those in the flood areas. Mr. Fechtel said that Public Works is looking at ways to improve the program to a Class 7 but indicated it would cost additional time and money and create delays in building permits. For information only. No action taken.

**Old Business/New Business - Land Dev. Guidelines 4.3.3 and 3.4.4, Paving policy, Policy for skip paving – None.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk