

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:15 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman	M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	William C. Billy Derrick

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr.

* Mr. Carrigg was not present due to a conflict in his schedule.

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.

Green is Good for Business Conference Sponsorship Request - Public Works – Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator – Ms. Williams presented a request from the City of Columbia for Lexington County to again sponsor The 2008 Climate Protection Action Campaign’s (CPAC) Green is Good for Business Conference on October 7th at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in the amount of \$1,500. Funds will be provided from the air quality supplies account (521215) for FY08-09, which was appropriated to cover air quality projects and sponsorships.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s request to sponsor The (CPAC) Green is Good for Business Conference on October 7th in the amount of \$1,500.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Land Development Guidelines - FEMA Update - Public Works - Chris Stone, Floodplain Manager – Mr. Stone presented changes to the Land Development Guidelines for the FEMA Flood Program to comply with the County's last Community Assistance visit. The proposed change is an addition of language identical to the SCDNR state model ordinance. In addition, all floodplain regulations were removed from Chapter 3 and placed in Chapter 6 Floodplain Provisions of the Land Development Guidelines.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to

approve the proposed changes to Chapter 6 Floodplain Provisions of the Land Development Guidelines.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

“Skip” Paving and Right-of-Way Issues - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director – Mr. Fechtel presented an update on “skip” paving and right-of-way issues. He defined “skip” paving as not paving the entire length of a road. Staff has recommended a “Dirt Road Paving Policy” that addresses both skip paving and right-of-way issues. Mr. Fechtel said they had received several requests to extend or complete the paving on roads that have already been paved to a certain point. He recommends these requests be ranked in the same manner that the County uses to evaluate roads for paving, i.e., traffic counts, road maintenance costs, etc. then compare the rankings to the current list and, based on available funding, be considered by County Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to accept staff’s recommendation for the proposed Dirt Road Paving Policy.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 26, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the August 26, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion – 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