

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	William C. Derrick, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
William B. Banning, Sr.	

Absent:

*Debra B. Summers

*Ms. Summers was not present due to the funeral of her mother-in-law.

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.

Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission Request (Goal 1) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel provided an update on the request from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. The Commission is requesting funds for road improvements at 12th Street and Saxe Gotha Drive for their new tennis complex. The property is located in a floodplain requiring a lot of fill dirt for the road and tennis complex. Staff met with the City of Cayce about flood concerns and it was determined that this portion of road does not have to meet the 100-year flood elevation level. Staff recommends using \$100,000 available in the "C" Fund Special Project Account towards this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to accept staff's recommendation to approve \$100,000 for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission project and funding will come from the "C" Fund Special Project Account.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) Ground Elevation Data (Goal 2) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director and Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Fechtel and Mr. Compton presented information on the LiDAR project. The Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) is scheduled to redraw flood maps for Lexington County which were originally published in 1979. LiDAR flights would allow for an airborne laser profiling system that would provide a more accurate data of the location and elevation defining the surface of the earth and heights of above-ground features. (LiDAR is an acronym for “light detection and ranging.”) Lexington County would coordinate with other South Carolina agencies for LiDAR flights to help keep costs to a minimum. By coordinating with other agencies, the costs for LiDar is projected at \$165,00 with \$82,500 from FEMA and \$82,500 for the County, for more detailed break lines the County’s contribution would be \$96,000. FEMA is prepared to pay half of the cost for Lexington County up to a match of \$100,000. Staff recommends using “C” funds budgeted for Special Projects for the LiDar project and share the data with key stakeholders in the County in exchange for financial participation in the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s recommendations and move forward with the project.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 8, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the December 8, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, New Road - Corley Mill/Riverchase, Assessment of Ponds Inventory - 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