

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William C. Derrick, Chairman	John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	William B. Banning, Sr.
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

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.

Roadside Memorial Signs - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a draft guideline for the County of Lexington Roadside Memorial Signs for County maintained roads. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) currently has a roadside memorial sign policy for state maintained roads. The sign would serve two purposes; 1) alert drivers to “Drive Safely” and, 2) family members would have an opportunity to place a roadside memorial sign to honor a family member or members lost at that location. Mr. Fechtel reported that the application process would require a copy of the accident report in order to determine the nature of the accident in order to not memorialize anyone involved in criminal activity, i.e., felony DUI. Public Works would be responsible for the sign and at the end of two years, the sign would be given to the family member who placed the request. Staff recommended a \$175 fee to cover the costs for a two-year period; this is based on materials, labor to install the sign, and maintenance. SCDOT’s fee is \$250. The Committee discussed concerns with the length of time the memorial would be displayed, the fee, and if the applicant can reapply after the two-year period.

Original Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve following SCDOT’s roadside memorial signs guidelines, including the \$250 fee.

Motion to Amend

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Keisler, to leave the sign up as long as the family wanted it up.

Amendment Died

Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion to Amend

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Keisler to allow individuals, if they desire, to reapply at the end of each two-year period to continue to display the signs.

Vote on Amendment

In Favor: Mr. Carrigg Mr. Keisler
Mr. Banning Mr. Derrick

Opposed: Mr. Kinard

Amended Motion

To recommend to full Council to approve following SCDOT's roadside memorial signs guidelines, including the \$250 fee, and allow individuals, if they desire, to reapply at the end of each two-year period to continue the signs.

Vote on Amended Motion

The vote in favor was unanimous.

FY2009-2010 Annual County Transportation Committee (CTC) Report - Public Works - Jim Starling, Engineering Associate III - Mr. Starling presented a request to approve the FY2009-2010 Annual County Transportation Committee (CTC) Report as required by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for submittal to the General Assembly. He reported that the County did not meet the State requirement of 25 percent for expenditures which can be made up during this year. The report outlines balances, expenses, funding commitments, and local paving projects for FY2009-2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to approve the FY2009-2010 Annual County Transportation Committee (CTC) Report.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Report for 2009-2010 for Lexington County "C" Fund Projects - Jim Starling, Engineering Associate III - Mr. Starling presented a request to approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Report for 2009-2010 for Lexington County "C" Fund Projects. He reported that State Law dictates that the County set a goal to expend a certain percentage on Women Business Enterprises (WBE) and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) annually. Lexington County's goal is five percent for each entity. Mr. Starling said Lexington County's DBE goal has been incorporated into their specifications for all "C" Fund projects. They are also requiring contractors that use DBEs to

provide a list of the DBEs and associated expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Report for 2009-2010 for Lexington County "C" Fund Projects.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William C. Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk