

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William C. Derrick, Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.

Bobby C. Keisler
James E. Kinard, Jr.

Absent:

* John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

*Mr. Carrigg was not present due to an illness.

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.

Comments on Proposed Change to Ground Level Ozone Standards (Goal 2) - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented a draft of a proposed letter in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air quality proposals. She reported that in December the EPA proposed to lower the ground level ozone standard from .060 to .070 parts per million (ppm) which could pull the County into a non-attainment status based on the most recent monitoring data from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Ms. Williams said they would like to submit the letter after she receives DHEC's comment letter to be sure we have addressed all concerns. The deadline for submission of comments to EPA is due March 22, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to authorize the Council Chairman and County Administrator to finalize the wording for the EPA comment letter for submission by the March 22, 2010 deadline.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 26, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the January 26, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

New Business - Lexington County Energy Expo - As an item of new business, the Committee offered congratulations to staff for the Lexington County Energy Expo event held March 6, 2010 at the Saluda Shoals River Park.

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