

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006**

The Committee of the Whole Committee met on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Joseph W. Owens, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	William C. Billy Derrick
George H. Smokey Davis	Debra B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	

Also attending: Katherine Doucett, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy 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.

Air Quality Update - Ms. Myra Reece, Air Quality Bureau Chief, DHEC - 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201 - Ms. Reece presented information updating the Committee on the serious air quality challenges currently facing Lexington County. The biggest challenge is meeting the federal air standards - National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). She said counties can be proactive and stay ahead of the standards, strengthen local measures, and take action. The County does monitor air quality, it has a PM2.5 air quality monitor in Irmo as well as a special purpose monitor, PM10, in Cayce. In addition, Ms. Reece pointed out that the ozone standard is a three-year average and cannot exceed .085 ppm, in which the current three-year average value for Lexington County is .082 (2004, 2005, 2006). The next attainment deadline is after next year's ozone season - the three-year average for 2005, 2006 and 2007, which can not exceed .085. Ms. Reece said if the County does not attain the ozone standard next year, the regulatory requirements for nonattainment will impact economic development and public health. Ms. Reese went on to indicate that creating a burn ordinance would be a golden opportunity for Lexington County. Information only. No action.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 22, 2006 - A motion was made by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the August 22, 2006 minutes as submitted.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett, Clerk