

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 24 2008**

The Committee of the Whole Committee met on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

William C. Billy Derrick, Chairman	Debra B. Debbie Summers, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	George H. Smokey Davis
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.

Absent:

*M. Todd Cullum

*Mr. Cullum was not present due to a prior commitment out of town.

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.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg was not present when the vote was taken.

Mr. Derrick reconvened the meeting in open session and reported there was one motion to be considered.

Sewer Line Extension Agreement - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve the Sewer Line Extension Agreement.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was not present when the vote was taken.

Transportation Study Report and Recommendation to Lexington County Council - Richland County Transportation Study Committee - Lill Mood, Lexington County Appointed Board Member – Ms. Mood presented the Richland County Transportation Study report from the Richland County Transportation Study Committee. The study was presented to

Richland County Council which gave its unanimous approval on first reading to an ordinance authorizing a one-cent transportation referendum this November. She reviewed a few of the major points and recommendations for action by Council. The Study Commission divided its work into three major means of transportation - roads, pedestrian and bikeways and transit. Ms. Mood served on the Transit Sub-committee and reported on recommendations from the Sub-committee with their five goals; 1) expanding the service area, 2) expanding service hours, 3) increasing frequency of service, 4) improved amenities at bus stops, and 5) governance by jurisdictions willing to invest in the system and management that is effective and accountable. Ms. Mood also recommended that Council call together a Transportation Summit, in partnership with Chambers of Commerce, major employers, and other key stakeholders to identify where and how transportation can be part of the solution to existing problems and an additional way to improve quality of life for our citizens. Ms. Mood concluded by adding that the one-cent transportation sales tax would cover roads, transit needs, additional sidewalks and provisions for bicycles and greenways. She said that the tax would be divided by 60 percent for roads, 25 percent for transit and 15 percent for bikeways and pedestrians. It was suggested that Ms. Mood make this same presentation to every City Council in the area. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of May 27, 2008 Budget Worksession – A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the May 27, 2008 Budget Worksession minutes as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Davis was not present when the vote was taken.

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. Billy Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk