

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:35 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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

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.

Electronic County Council Quarterly Newsletter (Goal 1) - Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator and Mike Ujcich, Chief Information Officer -Mr. Mergo presented a Power Point presentation of a proposed draft for an electronic County Council newsletter. The suggested title is County Council Quarterly and staff recommended posting on a quarterly basis. The newsletter would allow each council member to have their own newsletter containing information specific to their district and include personal notes as well as general Council information. It would also have a "Newsletter Spotlight" with various topics of interest that would link the subscriber to other County websites. Individuals would be able to subscribe to their district's council member or to all Council districts. Council members would coordinate with the Clerk to provide information to Information Services for posting. Information Services would work with a service provider that would manage the subscriber list, compliance issues and provide reports. The cost for the service provider is approximately \$50 per month. Staff is prepared to move forward with the first newsletter in April.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations to move forward with implementing an electronic Council newsletter.

The Committee asked if the newsletter would have the capability of providing surveys. Staff responded that surveys could be an option with the newsletter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Banning seconded by Mr. Cullum to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Summers reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Saxe Gotha Water Line Agreement (Goal 2) -Discussed in Executive Session, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 9, 2008 (Long Range Transportation Plan) - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the December 9, 2008 (Long Range Transportation Plan) minutes as submitted.

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

Debra B. Debbie Summers
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk