

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:25 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

EOC/ECC Project Update (Goal 1) - Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator - Mr. Mergo presented a brief update and status on the new EOC/ECC facility which included a Power Point presentation. He reported the statement of criteria has been completed as well as almost 30 percent of the construction documents. On Thursday, November 4, 2010, all the participating parties involved with the project will meet including internal staff, contractors, and utility companies to review and identify any potential “speed bumps” that may occur at this 30 percent point. Mr. Mergo said a similar presentation will be made to the Lexington County Health Services District Board. The update will focus on how the County is compliant with the FEMA 361 Construction Guidelines and how the County is building the facility as a Category 5 Hardened Facility Hardened Structure. He reviewed the layout of the proposed 15,500 square foot facility with the surrounding structures and building amenities. Ms. Karen Chinn of Chinn Planning has been working with each of the departments that will be in the EOC/ECC: Ms. Nikki Rodgers, Communications; Mr. Tom Collins, Emergency Preparedness; and Chief Bruce Rucker, Public Safety. Mr. Mergo reported the plan includes designs to add an additional 4,000 square feet in the future and that construction may start within eight months, at approximately 24 months to complete. The Committee discussed how the new facility will accommodate continued growth and what impact future technology will have on the facility. Staff will return to Council after the November 4th meeting with an updated cost proposal. For information only, no action taken.

Goal #1 Update - Vice-Chairman Banning - Mr. Banning presented the update for Goal #1 - Provide for public services to citizens of Lexington County. The update included status on Fire Stations, Fire Service personnel, the Community Development review process, countywide curbside trash collection in unincorporated areas, public transportation, and assistance with the midlands area homeless shelter. For information only, no action taken.

Goal #2 Update - Councilman Derrick - Mr. Derrick presented the update for Goal #2 - Manage growth to meet needs of Lexington County. The update included status on air quality, outdoor burn policy, anti-idling policy, water quality funding needs, establishment of the I-20 Industrial Corridor, Lexington Airport at Pelion, postponement of zoo infrastructure improvements, pending River Alliance Park project, awards for the landscape and scenic corridors initiatives, and non-emergency urgent care transports. For information only, no action taken.

The full Council will meet during the Strategic Planning Retreat in January to continue its review of all County goals and objectives.

Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss three contractual and five legal matters

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

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk