

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, December 14, 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
Johnny W. Jeffcoat	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
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.

Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism Update - Ric Luber, President

- Mr. Luber presented a brief update for the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism with a short video presentation. Mr. Bert Pooser, Lexington County's Board representative for the Authority, was also present for the meeting. Mr. Luber thanked Mr. Pooser and Mr. Bob Livingston for representing Lexington County Council on the Authority's Board of Directors. He also provided a handout of Lexington County bookings for July – November 3, 2010 and said he would be providing this information to Council on a quarterly basis. For information only, no action taken.

Article 2 - Application of Regulations, Chapter 5. Signs – Chairman Kinard reported that this item would be held until January.

Update on November 2010 Elections, Precinct Splits and Commission Members -

Registration & Elections, Dean Crepes, Director - Mr. Crepes presented an update on the November 2010 Elections, Precincts Splits and Commission Members. He gave a brief report on the flow of voter lines during Election Day. Mr. Crepes said that two of the four new precincts, Red Bank South 1 Precinct and Pine Ridge School, were put up two weeks before the election with notices of the precinct changes. Barr Road and Parker were put up a few days prior to Election Day because of the churches not wanting it to interfere with their services. Mr. Crepes reported they were not going to pursue any additional precincts splits after redistricting but there may be a couple precincts that need lines moved to balance out the numbers. Mr. Jeffcoat thanked Mr. Crepes and

his staff for the way they handled the recount in a very professional and timely manner. Mr. Crepes confirmed that the electronic voter registration allowed the lines to flow much quicker. Mr. Kinard asked about the new precincts numbers presented and why the numbers were lower after the split. Mr. Crepes responded the numbers change as people move away or into the area or for other reasons which may cause the number to fluctuate. He reported that precincts are split after the number rising to 1,500 registered voters and would like to see it increased to 2,000. The Committee asked how some households can be registered to vote in two different precincts. Staff to research and provide information back to the Committee. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 28 and October 12, 2010 - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the September 28 and October 12, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement, Fire Service Volunteer Incentives, Silver Creek Traffic Issue Update - 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