

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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| 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.

**Hwy. 321 Farmer’s Market (Goals 1,2) - Public Safety/Sheriff’s Department - Chief Bruce Rucker, Director of Public Safety and Chief Keith Kirchner, Asst. Sheriff -** Chief Rucker presented information for a proposed public safety complex at the new State Farmer’s Market which is planned to open in June of this year. Chief Rucker reported, based on information gathered for traffic growth along the 321 Corridor, it is estimated by 2012 there could be 32,000 cars a day or 9.5 million cars a year. He said part of the Farmer’s Market is located outside of the five-mile radius of the nearest fire station. He also provided a list of the commercial projects within five miles of the Market. The Committee asked whether the County should look at a more strategic location for both fire service and the sheriff’s department since the market area would not provide complete coverage of the area. Chief Kirchner provided a Crime Trend map highlighting increases in the Red Bank and Highway 378 areas and trends in the South Region area. Chief Kirchner presented the Resident Deputy Work Load areas reflecting the past three years’ percentages. He said the new Farmer’s Market would be as problematic as the Lexington County Peach Festival, just as an example, with crowds and traffic flow. Also, there would be additional festivals and other special events held at the market throughout the year.

Chief Rucker presented estimated costs for start-up and annual budget as follows:

Estimated total start-up cost:	
Fire Service .....	\$2,423,481
EMS .....	\$745,315

Sheriff's Department.....	\$217,278
Total cost.....	\$3,386,074

Chief Rucker explained the property is located in a flood plain zone and the above estimated cost does not reflect any excavations or fill dirt.

Estimated total annual cost:	
Fire Service .....	\$521,212
EMS .....	\$554,172
Sheriff's Department.....	\$152,628
Total cost.....	\$1,228,012

The Committee asked how the proposed Public Safety Complex ranks with the West Region facility. Chief Rucker responded they are trying to anticipate the Farmer's Market drawing satellite businesses along with the growth of the 321 Corridor. Chief Kirchner responded the West Region is first. The Committee discussed development occurring around the 321 Corridor area.

Mr. Kinard reported the purpose of this presentation is to see what the County's needs are and how to plan for future growth. The Committee requested an electronic copy of the Power Point presentation.

**Cell Phone Options** - Discussed in Executive Session, no action taken.

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss four contractual and two legal matters.

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

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

**Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement, Tax Installment Payments** - 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