

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 1:45 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.

Strategic Visioning Process

(A) Goal #3 Update - Councilman Kinard - Goal #3: Provide Innovative Financial Management - Mr. Kinard reported his team met last week to discuss financial strategies for the objectives in Goals #1 and #2. He said that before moving forward the team wanted prioritization of Goals #1 and #2.

(B) Prioritizing the Objectives of Goals #1 and #2:

Goal #1: Provide for Public Services to Citizens of Lexington County (Ms. Summers, Mr. Jeffcoat, Mr. Banning) – For Goal #1's Team, Ms. Summers presented the Fire Service objective as their number one priority which is to have all Fire Stations staffed with two full-time employee equivalents 24/7 2020 to reduce responses times by ___% 24 Stations. Ms. Hubbard reported Chief Rucker will present an in-depth presentation for the Fire Service's five year plan during the budget proceedings to include Public Safety at the new Farmer's Market.

Goal #2: Manage Growth to Meet the Needs of Lexington County (Mr. Derrick, Mr. Keisler, Mr. Carrigg) - Mr. Derrick presented his team's objectives starting with 1) Air Quality, which should not take a lot of the County's budget to solve and the County has received grant money for this objective, 2) Water Quality - NPDES Phase II, implementation of storm water fees by the next fiscal year, 3) Establish I-20 Industrial

Corridor planned for 2016, and other items of interest - Zoo, Pelion Airport, River Alliance, landscape and scenic corridors, and non-emergent urgent care transports. Mr. Derrick reported that his group did not feel anyone of the objectives listed were a number one priority or had to be funded this year but were items to keep on the agenda.

South Carolina United Serviceman Organization (USO) Presentation - USO South Carolina - Dan Hennigan, Advisory Council Member Elect and Joanie Thresher, Director - Mr. Hennigan and Ms. Thresher presented information about the South Carolina United Serviceman Organization (USO) now located at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. Ms. Thresher said formal invitations would be forthcoming to Council members for the USO's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 3rd. She reported the Columbia USO is the first center of many USO facilities opening in South Carolina. The new center provides a safe place for nearly 4,000 servicemen monthly at the airport during their transit. The USO relies on donations and volunteers to facilitate this service. The facility is staff by volunteers 13 hours a day, seven days a week. For information only, no action taken.

Proposed Equipment Cost for Reorganization of Precincts Senate Bill S-963 – Registration and Elections Commission - Dean Crepes, Director - Mr. Crepes presented proposed equipment cost for the reorganization of precincts in Lexington County per Senate Bill S-963. He reported the Governor signed the bill on March 31, 2010 and currently awaiting approval of the Department of Justice (DOJ) for Horry, Aiken and Lexington counties before proceeding with reorganization. Two of the four precincts, Barr Road and Park Road, are in House District 87 which is a highly contested house seat this year. Mr. Crepes said staff will be busy next week with the military and overseas citizens' ballot mailings and cannot see handling the changes for this fiscal year. In his submittal to DOJ, he has requested the effective date of July 1, 2010. Mr. Crepes reported he has received confirmation that all equipment costs will remain the same through the end of July 2010. He said he does not anticipate proceeding with the precinct changes this fiscal year but wanted to bring this information to Council's attention in the event this may change. Mr. Mergo, Deputy County Administrator, reported how difficult it would be if DOJ tried to implement at this time plus Registrations and Elections does not have the \$15,000 needed to implement in their budget for this fiscal year. If approved, it would not be in effect for the primary election, but the general election. As noted, the \$15,000 would only be for necessary ADA equipment required for all precincts and additional poll workers. Mr. Mergo said a letter was sent to all members of the Lexington County Legislative Delegation with Council's concerns and requesting the Delegation to delay the precinct changes; no response has been received. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of February 23, March 9 and 23, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the February 23, March 9 and 23, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel, two contractual and five 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 - None.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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