

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10, 2012**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:10 p.m. Mr. Kinard presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	William B. Banning Sr., V Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III	Debra B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
K. Brad Matthews	M. Todd Cullum

Absent:

*George H. Davis

*Mr. Davis was not present for the meeting.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, Interim County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Update - Miriam S. Atria, President/CEO, Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board - Ms. Atria presented a Power Point on upcoming events at Lake Murray. She reported the National Championship of Collegiate Fishing, with fifty participants from universities across the United States, will be broadcast live from Lake Murray and featured on NBC Sports to 500 million households. The American Bass Anglers National Championship was held at Dreher Island. The Oakley Bass Tour and Everstart FLW Tour events are coming up. Ms. Atria said they are working very hard to bring back the Forest Wood Cup and presented more events planned for the Lake Murray area. For information only, no action taken.

Environmental Update on the Status of the BC Components Site - John Sowards, Board Chairman, Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission - Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission Director, presented a Power Point update on the BC Components site clean-up. She said Mr. Sowards was unable to attend, however, two other Board Members, Ms. Emily Shuman and Mr. Scott Wilhide, were present. Ms. Taylor reported that since 2004 when the Recreation Commission asked the Council for support to purchase the BC Components site on the Saluda River ICRC has been in the process of cleaning up the site. She presented photographs of the transformation of the old abandoned industrial location; a 127 acre site which has been an industrial site for sixty years. She reported the long range plan is to develop the Saluda River Greenway from Lake Murray to the Riverbanks Zoo and the BC Components was in the center of the Greenway.

Another goal was to expand the green infrastructure in Lexington County and the Midlands to improve the health and well-being of Lexington County residents. Ms. Taylor said, on behalf of the ICRC, she wanted to thank Lexington County for their support of this project. In appreciation of sharing in ICRC's vision for improving the Irmo area a framed copy of a photo of Corley Mill Island was presented to each Council member. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractor Procurement - None.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss two legal contractual items.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

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