

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2012

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:55 p.m. Mr. Banning presided.

Members Attending:

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

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, 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.

Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority Update (Goal 1) - Community Development - Dr. Robert Schneider, CMRTA Executive Director - Dr. Schneider was introduced as the new executive director for CMRTA. He reported that CMRTA and its board announced today at a press conference they had a balanced budget proposal to be voted on by the board of directors tomorrow. The proposed budget wipes out its \$1.1 million funding gap for this year and the \$2.5 million funding gap for next year. CMRTA will be utilizing \$1.67 million contributed from Richland County, \$3.6 million from the City of Columbia, \$500,000 from the State, \$1.6 million from FTA, \$1.5 million from its customers, as well as, \$100,000 from Lexington County. Ms. Summer's requested Dr. Schneider give a brief overview of his background and qualifications in the mass transit industry. A PowerPoint was presented outlining CMRTA's transition with the current status and proposed changes such as rebranding, key markets and plans for the future. For information only, no action taken.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss four contractual and two legal matters.

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

Mr. Banning 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

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk