

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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| William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman | James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman |
| William C. Billy Derrick | Johnny W. Jeffcoat |
| M. Todd Cullum | Debra B. Debbie Summers |

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.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Ms. Summers seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session for updates on three economic projects.

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 one motion to be considered.

Project Ice Incentive Request - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Senior Project Manager and Mark Simmons, Central SC Alliance Executive Vice-President - Discussed in Executive Session - no action taken.

West Columbia Road Project - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Senior Project Manager - Mr. Cullum reported that the City of West Columbia is involved in a beautification project located on Gervais Street Bridge and is an entranceway into Lexington County. The County has the opportunity to contribute funds for a welcome sign at an approximate cost of \$21,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to Council to approve contributing fifty percent towards the welcome sign with Economic Development funds.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ellett Brothers Incentive Request - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Senior - Project Manager and Tracy McMillin, Central SC Alliance Project Manager -

The Committee discussed the County partnering with the Town of Chapin, the Mungo Company, and Ellett Brothers to pave Ellett Road at \$50,000 each. Since the County has already contributed \$21,000 for the relocation of Ellett Road, the County's share would be approximately \$30,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to Council to approve funding \$30,000 for the relocation of Ellett Road.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 24, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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