

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2008**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman	George H. Smokey Davis, V Chairman
Debra B. Debbie Summers	William B. Banning, Sr.
William C. Billy Derrick	

Absent:

John W. Carrigg, Jr.

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.

**2009 Pictometry Flight - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director** - Mr. Compton presented information on the 2009 Pictometry Flight program and presented a summary of the first ten months outlining the departments using Pictometry and the many ways it is benefiting those departments. He said the County has the opportunity to save approximately \$150,000 on the next three flights if the County signs an agreement before the end of March outlining the County's intentions. He also noted that the offer has been extended to six years and the agreement would not obligate the County financially in any way, because it will be contingent upon the final budget adoption. He said Planning and GIS is also pursuing a 25% grant from the United States Geological Service, which could mean as much as \$85,000 depending on the coverage option selected. Mr. Compton said given the enormous success of the program by the County, staff recommended flying the entire County at the neighborhood level for the 2009 Flight. Mr. Compton clarified that since it is not an obligation to Council the County Administrator is allowed to sign the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend that full Council approve staff's recommendation to move forward with the proposed 2009 Pictometry Flight program with the County Administrator signing the agreement.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**Building Code Ordinance Updates (Goals 1,2) - Community Development - Mike Moore, Building Official** – Mr. Moore presented an update for the draft of the proposed Building Code

Ordinance with minor revisions made to the following sections: 1) Article 15 – Section 15.7, 2) Article 17 – Section 17.4, and 3) Article 18 – Section 18.3.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to accept staff's recommendations for the revisions to the proposed Building Code Ordinance.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers abstained as she was not present during the presentation.

**FY 2008-09 Projects - Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program (Goals 1,2) - Community Development - Ronald Scott, Director** - Mr. Scott presented the proposed projects identified to be funded through the County's FY 2008-09 HOME Program allocation. As part of the requirements for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the county must identify HOME projects and present them to HUD in its annual Action Plan, along with projects to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The following project list have been proposed: 1) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) - \$200,000, 2) Homeownership Assistance Program - \$150,090, 3) Housing Rehabilitation Program - \$200,000, 4) New Construction - \$100,000, and 5) Housing Counseling and Education - \$30,000. The County must also advertise the Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period and conduct a public hearing. Staff requested County Council's approval of the proposed projects in order to proceed with finalizing the annual Action Plan, which is due to HUD by May 15, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend that full Council approve staff's recommendation for the proposed Action Plan for the FY 2008-09 Projects – HOME Investments Partnerships (HOME) Program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Wellness Program - Human Resources - Lori Adler, Director and Ed Salyer, Risk Manager** Ms. Adler presented an update on how the County has participated in the healthcare movement and developed a wellness program. She reported that in the last 18 months, the HR department has launched a number of wellness initiatives beginning with the 12-Days of Health and Fitness, Great Weight Challenge, Walking Challenge, weekly weigh-ins, formed a Wellness Committee, health risk appraisals with annual Health Screenings, and the Heart Walk and said the HR Department is placing a greater emphasis on educating employees to make positive changes to improve their health in order to reduce healthcare costs. In addition, Mr. Salyer reported on health care statistics on why the County should fund a fitness program based on health assessments done on County employees. The statistics also included healthcare and workers' compensation claims. It was indicated that the employee participating in the program would see an estimated savings of approximately \$200-\$400 a year in healthcare costs.

Staff recommended a proposed pilot fitness program "Boot Camp" that would be an activity based program as well as an education training program and requested that the proposed pilot be funded for the remainder of this fiscal year at a cost of \$4,000. The requested \$4,000 would be

used to cover the cost for an instructor and the funds would come from FY2007-08 Workers Compensation Fund (6710-999900-529903).

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend that full Council approve the \$4,000 and staff's recommendation for the proposed Boot Camp fitness program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 12, 2008** – A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the February 12, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business/New Business - Landscape Ordinance, Land Use Growth** – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk