

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2009**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:25 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	William B. Banning, Sr.
M. Todd Cullum	Debra B. Debbie Summers

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy 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.

FY 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and FY 2009-10 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program (Goals 1,2,3) - Community Development - Ronald Scott, Director - Mr. Scott presented the proposed recommendations for the FY 2009-10 funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. He said all the requests were meticulously reviewed and evaluated by the Grant Programs Advisory Committee and Community Development staff to determine eligibility. The projects recommended reflect a wide range of eligible projects and good coverage area for the County. They also offer excellent opportunities to provide services to the low and median income citizens in areas within the County. Mr. Scott reported that over the last eight to nine fiscal years Lexington County has received over \$10 million in CDBG funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's proposed recommendations for the FY 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

Mr. Derrick asked what has been found out about the stimulus package and the items that would fall under the purview of Community Development - would money be available to Lexington County for those items. Mr. Scott replied there would be \$385,000 in additional CDBG funds through the stimulus bill and nearly \$588,000 for a homeless prevention fund administered under the CDBG formula. He also said that as a result of some of the discussions in Congress about the stimulus bill, the Federal Appropriations Bill had not been approved until a week ago, so the County will see an increase above what was presented today. Mr. Scott reported that an amendment to last year's plan will be presented to Council

Opposed: Mr. Davis Ms. Summers
The motion passed.

Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth, Private Roads/Commercial Usage -
None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk