

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2011**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12:35 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman
K. Brad Matthews
James E. Kinard, Jr.

George H. Davis, V Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.

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

Landscape for Detention Ponds Update (Goal 2) - Community Development and Public Works - Robbie Derrick, Landscape Administrator and John Fachtel, Public Works Director - Mr. Fachtel and Mr. Derrick provided an update on the progress of landscaping for county maintained detention ponds. Mr. Derrick reported they have researched other local ordinances and developments already in place in the County. Staff presented three recommendations for Committee review: 1) consider utilizing a “landscaped common area” around the perimeter of stormwater holding devices dedicated to the County; 2) consider a “landscaped common area” between existing roads and new County maintained stormwater areas that adjoin existing public roads and/or are within a certain distance from these roads (ex. 100 feet); 3) consider allowing the developer to design their own solution to meeting the current landscape requirements outside of the dedicated parcel containing the detention pond. Mr. Derrick provided an illustration of item #2 showing a retention pond for Richmond Farms Subdivision with a buffer between the pond and the state maintained road. The second illustration for Indigo Pond Subdivision shows a common area between the pond and road. Staff plans to present this information to the appropriate stakeholders group for comments and report back with their suggestions. The Committee asked staff to have some continuity between the County’s and municipalities’ landscape ordinances. Concerns were addressed about the 300 county owned ponds being exempt from the landscape ordinance. The Committee suggested changing the wording so we are not just exempting the County and grandfather in the old facilities so that anything we ask the developer to do the County would also do. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of June 28 and July 26, 2011 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the June 28 and July 26, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Matthews was present but did not vote.

Old Business/New Business - 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