

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:45 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman	George H. Davis, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	K. Brad Matthews
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, Interim 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.

**Community Development Demolition and Clearance Program Update (Goal 1) - Community Development - Ron Scott, Community Development Director** - Mr. Scott presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Development Demolition and Clearance Program. He presented examples of home sites with before and after photos including demolition cost representing about 20 examples of mobile homes demolished by the County with only one stick-built home. It does not reflect the nearly 60 properties the County has had demolished by the owners. The funding sources for the program come from a state law that accesses all new mobile homes a \$25 fee and CDBG funds. Mr. Scott reported that once the magistrate has given the approval to proceed with demolition of a property the project is then bid out and awarded to the lowest contractor for demolition. Mr. Kinard inquired about other options to recoup the money spent on the demolitions. The Committee discussed if the assessed value of the property should be changed after the demolition. Staff requested to return with figures for the \$25 mobile home fee and see if that funding source would allow the County to use CDBG funds elsewhere. Mr. Mergo reported that the Forfeited Land Commission will advise Council of how many forfeited mobile homes the County has that were not sold at the tax sales and which had separate owners than the land owner. The Committee also asked what percentage of the mobile homes demolished was owned by someone other than the property owner. Staff to provide the Committee with this information. For information only.

**FY 2012-13 CDBG Program and HOME Program (Goal 1) - Community Development - Ron Scott, Community Development Director** - Mr. Scott presented recommendations for the FY 2012-13 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program along with a PowerPoint overview. He said that over the last 12 years both programs have brought in an estimated \$20 million used for infrastructure,

road paving, water and sewer lines, and more. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the County of its allocation for FY 2012-13 at \$1,352,807 for the CDBG Program and \$440,547 for the HOME Program available after July 1, 2012. Mr. Scott outlined the FY 2012-13 projects proposed for both programs. CDBG Project proposals are estimated at \$1,129,214 and HOME Project proposals are estimated at \$580,493. Staff recommends Council's approval of the proposed CDBG and HOME projects and administrative budgets in order to proceed with the Annual Action Plan due to HUD by May 15, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for the FY2012-13 CDBG Program and HOME Program 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

Johnny W. Jeffcoat  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk