

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 14, 2004

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Davis presided; Mr. Wilkerson gave the invocation; Mr. Keisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending: George H. Smokey Davis Bruce E. Rucker
 William C. Billy Derrick Jacob R. Wilkerson
 Bobby C. Keisler Johnny W. Jeffcoat
 John W. Carrigg, Jr. Joseph W. Owens
 M. Todd Cullum

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Deputy County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/Deputy 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.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Mr. Brooks recognized Tommy Frost, Superintendent of Transportation; Jeff Goegeline, Heavy Equipment Operator IV and Doug Shealy, Heavy Equipment Operator III in the Public Works Department; Mary Ann Taylor, Personal Property Coordinator with the Auditor's Office; Robbie Derrick, Zoning Assistant and Bruce Hiller, Development Administrator in Community and Economic Development; Alison Sengupta, GIS/Analyst in Planning & GIS; and Marlon Buff, Systems Analyst II and Mike Smith, Programmer Analyst with Information Services. Mr. Brooks thanked everyone for the consistent service they continue to provide to the citizens of Lexington County as well as departments within the County.

Employee of the Second and Third Quarters - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Nominees for the Employee of the Second and Third Quarters - Rhett Bickley, Landscape Administrator, Community and Economic Development; Lieutenant George Brothers, Special Operations, Sheriff's Department; Marie Hildebrand, Procurement Clerk II, Procurement; and Thelma Issac, Custodian, Library Services.

Mr. Brooks presented a plaque to Marie Hildebrand as the Employee of the Second Quarter and Thelma Issac as the Employee of the Third Quarter. Certificates of Excellence were presented to Rhett Bickley and Lieutenant George Brothers.

Presentation of Resolutions - Ms. Marie Kleckley - Presented by Councilman Jacob Wilkerson - Councilman Wilkerson presented a resolution to Ms. Marie Kleckley honoring her for her commitment and service to the Oak Grove community and to Lexington County.

Ms. Charlene Corley, Ms. Darlene Wooten - Presented by Councilman Jacob Wilkerson - Councilman Wilkerson presented a resolution to Ms. Charlene Corley and Ms. Darlene Wooten for giving unselfishly to Lexington County through their contributions and time in supporting various area high school and youth programs and assisting those who are less fortunate.

Mr. Francis “Frank” Smith - Presented by Councilman Todd Cullum - Councilman Cullum presented a resolution to Mr. Frank Smith honoring him for his commitment and service to Lexington County. Mr. Smith served on the Planning Commission since 1991 as well as the Lexington School District II Board of Trustees, Lexington County Health Services District Board of Directors, and the Lexington County Mental Health Board of Directors.

Resolution - Gilbert High School Boys Cross Country Team - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Rucker that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Appointments - Planning Commission - Mr. Eddie Wilder - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson to reappoint Mr. Eddie Wilder to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Central Midlands Council of Governments - Ms. Melanie P. Ellerbe - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to reappoint Ms. Melanie P. Ellerbe to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Cullum
 Mr. Owens Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Wilkerson
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg

Central Midlands Council of Governments - Councilmen Johnny W. Jeffcoat and George H. Smokey Davis and County Administrator, William A. Brooks - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Cullum to reappoint Councilmen Jeffcoat and Davis and Mr. Brooks, County Administrator, to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Carrigg
 Mr. Cullum Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Wilkerson
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Owens

Lexington/Richland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council - Ms. Anida P. Mims and Mr. Fred Steppe - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to reappoint Ms. Anida Mims and Mr. Fred Steppe to the Lexington/Richland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Owens
 Mr. Cullum

Prior to the consideration of the Bids/Purchases/RFPs, Chairman Davis announced that staff had asked that Tab T (Radiation Monitors) be removed.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that the following bids and purchases (Tabs P,Q,R,S,U,V,W,X,Y,Z,1,2) be approved:

Trees - Public Safety/EMS - Competitive quotations were solicited for the purchase and installation of trees requested by Public Safety/EMS. Three (3) bids were received.

Staff recommended the bid to purchase trees to be planted along Ball Park Road to enhance the Public Safety/EMS Headquarters, Public Safety/Fire Service, Motor Pool, Public Works, Solid Waste, Central Stores, and Animal Control offices be awarded to Heritage Landscape Services as the low bidder meeting specifications. The cost of the project is \$12,760.65 including applicable tax.

Two (2) New Type 1 Ambulances - Public Safety/EMS - Bids were advertised and solicited for the purchase of two (2) ambulances with an option of trading in two (2) 2002 ambulances. Staff recommended the purchase be made from Taylor Made Ambulances as the low bidder meeting specifications. Unit price of each ambulance is \$84,039.00 for a total cost of \$168,078.00 including applicable sales tax. A trade-in amount of \$10,000.00 was offered for each chassis. Staff also recommended accepting the trade-in allowance, thus reducing the cost of each ambulance to \$74,039.00 for a total cost of \$148,078.00 including applicable sales tax.

Fleet Vehicle Replacements - Public Safety/Fire Service - Public Safety/Fire Service requested the purchase of two (2) 2005 Ford F450 Cab and Chassis trucks. The trucks are available from Burns Automotive through South Carolina State Contract Number 05-S6667-A11151. The vehicles will also require rescue equipment and EMS supplies to be installed. Cost of the vehicles is \$94,190.06 including applicable sales tax. Cost of the rescue equipment and EMS supplies is \$9,815.61 including applicable sales tax. Total cost including tax is \$104,005.67; Burns Automotive \$94,190.06; Palmetto Distributors \$4,997.16; Hansens Gold Leaf \$1,097.25; West Chatham Warning Devices \$537.60; Motorola, Inc. \$3,183.60. The vehicles will be placed at the Red Bank and Pelion stations and will replace a 1998 Chevrolet and a 1992 Ford which will be removed from service.

Industrial Scientific Multi-Gas Monitors - Public Safety/Fire Service - Bids were advertised and solicited for Industrial Scientific Multi-Gas Monitors. Quotes were received from eight (8) vendors. Staff recommended the bid be awarded to Airgas, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder. Total cost including applicable sales tax is \$15,220.49.

Radiation Monitors - Ludlum - Public Safety/Fire Service - Item removed from the Agenda at the request of staff.

MSA Equipment - Sole Source Procurement - Public Safety/Fire Service - Requisitions were submitted for the purchase of Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Breathing Air Cylinders and replacement cylinders for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and MSA Clear Command Communications System.

Fire Service has standardized breathing equipment with MSA. Forty (40) cylinders will be removed from service this year due to age and it is anticipated that another ten (10) will be removed due to hydrostatic testing failure.

The purchases have been deemed a sole source through Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. as the company is the only authorized dealer for South Carolina.

Cost of the breathing equipment is \$27,738.38 including applicable tax. Cost of the communications system is \$13,507.20 including tax. Total for all equipment is \$41,245.58 including tax.

Fleet Vehicle Replacements - Public Works - Purchase requisitions were submitted for one (1) 2005 Dodge 3/4 Ton Pick-Up Truck, one (1) 2005 Chevrolet Cab and Chassis, and one (1) 2005 Ford F-750 Cab and Chassis. The Dodge Pick-Up is available from Butler, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep

through South Carolina State Contract Number 05-S6673-A11163; the Chevrolet Cab and Chassis is available from Love Chevrolet Company through South Carolina State Contract Number 03-S5719-A9932 and the Ford Cab and Chassis is available from Burns Automotive Ford through South Carolina State Contract Number 05-S6667-A11151.

Cost of the Dodge Pick-Up is \$22,956.60, the Chevrolet Cab and Chassis \$62,019.95, and the Ford F-750 Cab and Chassis \$50,025.70 including applicable sales tax. Total cost including sales tax is \$135,002.25.

Two (2) HVAC Units - Public Works - Bids were solicited and advertised for two (2) HVAC units to supply heat and air to the Public Works Transportation Office.

Two bids were received. Staff recommended the bid be awarded to Broom Heating and AC, Inc. as the lowest bidder meeting specifications for a total cost of \$15,600.

Fleet Vehicle Additions/Replacements - Sheriff's Department - Requisitions were submitted for the purchase of three (3) 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazers - 4-door 2-wheel drive and two (2) Chevrolet Impala 4-door sedans. The Chevrolet Trailblazers are available from Herndon Chevrolet through South Carolina State Contract Number 04-S6156-A10130 as are the Chevrolet Impalas through South Carolina State Contract Number 04-S6141-A10125 with Herndon Chevrolet. Installation of emergency equipment will be through County Contract Number C02014-01/10/02B with Light-N-Up.

Cost of the vehicles is \$96,566.76 including sales tax. Cost for installing emergency equipment is \$500.00 which includes removing from existing vehicles and installing on new vehicles. Total cost including sales tax is \$97,066.76.

Hewlett Packard Deskjet Printers - Sheriff's Department - A requisition was submitted for the purchase of twenty-three (23) Hewlett Packard printers. The printers are needed for each of the laptop docking stations purchased for the municipalities so that information can be shared and compiled relating to Homeland Security which can be reported and distributed at meetings and in training sessions. The printers will be purchased from Compuworld, Incorporated through South Carolina State Contract Number 03-S5869-A9662.

Total cost including sales tax is \$5,433.75.

Infrared Microscope, Accessories and Maintenance - Sheriff's Department - Bids were advertised and solicited for an Infrared Microscope, Accessories and Maintenance. The microscope is an attachment for the FT-IR instrument purchased from FY 03-04 funds. Procurement received one (1) bid and one (1) no bid.

Staff recommended the award of the bid to Thermo Electron Scientific as the low bidder. Total cost of equipment is \$63,167.80 and maintenance is \$4,814.15. Total cost including shipping and sales tax is \$67,981.95.

Installation of Equipment on Vehicles - Sheriff's Department - A requisition for the installation of existing equipment on vehicles approved August 13, 2004 was submitted to Procurement by the Sheriff's Department. The installation will be handled through County Contract Number C02014-01/10/02B with Light-N-Up.

Cost for installation of equipment is \$4,000.00 which includes removing from existing vehicles and installing on new vehicles.

Front-End Loader With 4.0 CY Four-in-One Bucket - Solid Waste Management - Bids were solicited for the purchase of a Front-End Loader with 4.0 CY Four-in-One Bucket. The bid was prepared as follows: Cost of front-end loader with credit for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) tires (tires to be purchased directly from the County's contracted vendor Setco, Incorporated under County contract number C03002-08/27/02H).

Two bids and four no bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Briggs Construction Equipment, Incorporated as the lowest responsive bidder. Total cost is \$174,682.20 including sales tax. Briggs will be purchasing and coordinating the installation of tires with Setco, Incorporated (cost of the tires is included in the equipment cost).

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Audit Report - Mr. Ken Prince - Brittingham, Brown, Prince, & Hancock CPA - Chairman Davis announced that Mr. Tom Comerford, Clerk of Court was invited to attend but was unable to due to a family matter.

Mr. Prince expressed appreciation for Council allowing the firm to represent the County as independent auditors and also extended thanks to Mr. Porth and staff of the Finance Department as well as staff in other County offices that enabled them to complete the audit.

Mr. Prince stated the financial statements that Council would be receiving were prepared by the Finance staff. He said his firm audited the financial statements and gave an opinion based on the fairness of presentation. Mr. Prince stated that their report issued an opinion with no qualifications, however, their report did find two reportable conditions which have been furnished in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost and those were attributed to internal control problems and the bank reconciliation procedures for the Clerk of Court - Family Court account and the Sheriff's Department - Inmates Services account.

Mr. Prince stated in the forthcoming audit report there is a Letter of Transmittal as prepared by the

Finance staff that gives detailed information. He stated with the implementation of the GASB 34, they are required to do another section - Management's Discussion and Analysis which even gives a more in-depth detail of the financial condition of the County.

Mr. Prince stated that the audit found the County was fiscally responsible and budgetarily conscious. The General Fund, Library Fund, and the "C" Funds reflect favorable budget actual variances which indicates fiscal responsibility and stayed within budget constraints.

He stated the Statement of Activities, which is an entity wide statement, the governmental activities reflected an increase in net assets of \$9,745,572 and the Proprietary Fund reflected an increase in net assets of \$1,506,052.

Mr. Prince stated that the General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures after transfer by \$1,990,740 resulting in a fund balance of \$38,361,733 of which \$22,076,690 is undesignated/unreserved which would be sufficient to cover expenditures for approximately 94 days, which is particularly relevant due to the fact that property taxes, which represent approximately 60% of the revenues, are collected about mid-year through the year so it is necessary to keep a fund balance to carry the County through the first six months of the year.

Mr. Prince stated the Total Governmental Funds expenditures exceeded revenues by \$5,335,923 which was primarily due to the Capital Project Fund being depleted to build the Campus Plan.

He stated the Proprietary Fund reflected revenues over expenditures of \$363,052 and transfers of \$1,143,000 for an ending net asset of \$6,043,617.

Mr. Prince stated the government wide financial statements that are presented basically give a broad overview of the financial condition of the County on a base consistent with the private and business sector.

Mr. Prince stated included in the audit report is the statistical section that is unaudited which provides the County the opportunity to include information required for the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting of which his firm does not issue an opinion.

Mr. Prince said during the audit his firm disclosed no incidences of non-compliance with grants, contracts and agreements.

Mr. Prince stated that he would be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Davis stated that once the audit report has been received and reviewed that Council may ask him to come back at a later time for an additional question and answer period.

Mr. Rucker asked Mr. Prince for an overall grade of the County's management of the taxpayer's money on a grading scale of A to F.

Mr. Prince replied, an A. He said the County is continuing to add to the General Fund and is fiscally responsible; not spending more than the County is bringing in for the General Fund. However, he stated the Capital Projects Fund expenditures exceeded revenues but it was a situation where the County received the bond proceeds in a prior year that were used for the Campus Plan and said the County is doing a very good job.

Mr. Prince stated he would be glad to come back at a later date for questions, etc.

Chairman's Report - Announcement of Oath of Office Ceremonies - Chairman Davis announced that the Oath of Office Ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. and asked all officials and elected officials to arrive by 5:30 p.m.

Announcement of Retirement Dinner for Councilman Wilkerson - Chairman Davis announced on Friday, December 17 a retirement dinner for Councilman Wilkerson will be held at Al's Upstairs beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance - Calendar Year 2004 - Chairman Davis recognized Councilmen Billy Derrick, Bruce Rucker, Jacob Wilkerson, Bobby Keisler, Johnny Jeffcoat, and Todd Cullum for having perfect attendance during 2004. Chairman Davis also stated that Councilman Billy Derrick has had perfect attendance since serving on Council.

Presentation of Resolution - Councilman Jacob Wilkerson - Presented by Chairman Davis - Mr. Davis presented Councilman Wilkerson (who chose not to run for re-election) a resolution honoring him for his many years of service as a Councilman for Lexington County.

Mr. Wilkerson thanked everyone and reminisced from his years on County Council and said remember, "We are only all here for such a short time, it's what we do for other people that make a difference in this life."

Introduction of Mayor Randy Halfacre - Town of Lexington - Chairman Davis introduced Mayor Randy Halfacre of the Town of Lexington.

Mayor Halfacre thanked Chairman Davis for the opportunity to be here tonight and said he looks forward to improving the relationship between the County and the Town of Lexington and provided phone numbers should Council have any questions. Home is 359-7101; cell number is 360-0253.

Administrator's Report - Mr. Brooks reported for the 16th consecutive year Lexington County has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and congratulated the Finance Department directed by Larry Porth, Finance Director.

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BARs were distributed and signed:

An appropriation transfer of \$12,030 to purchase 200 trees to be planted throughout the County in celebration of Lexington County's 200th year and in recognition of the business community's support

of the landscape ordinance and awareness of natural resources.

An appropriation transfer and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$253,199 from the Inmate Services Fund to the General Fund to cover the FY2004-05 estimated inmate medical contract costs of \$1,337,963.50. Original appropriation was \$1,084,765.

A supplemental appropriation increase of \$12,000 grant award from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety, to the 11th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement network of which Lexington County Law Enforcement is the lead agency.

A supplemental appropriation increase of \$7,000 to budget the federal grant funds received from the National Geodetic survey paid to Lexington County to help defray the costs of developing an accurate base mapping system.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of October 26 and November 09, 2004 - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Cullum that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Presentations - Mr. Larry Mack, Chairman, Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission - Needs of the Lexington County Recreation Commission - Prior to Mr. Mack's presentation a handout was distributed to Council.

First of all I would like to thank you for your support over the years. As Jacob said, we have been through a lot together and I have served on the commission for about twenty-eight years. I go back to the days when Johnny Boozer and I used to meet at the gym; we've come a long way and without your support and help we wouldn't be where we are today and we do appreciate that.

I come here today to ask for your support for a number of projects that have been requested of us by many different sports leagues and aging centers throughout the County. The list of projects that you have before you is requested because of the growth of our County and how we have actually outgrown all of our facilities. We also need to expand our senior citizens' services.

There is also a list of the current facilities that we have now that you have before you and would like for you to look over whenever time permits.

We would like to get the process underway just as soon as possible. I know we want to give you a chance to look over these projects and perhaps next month we can come back and get started, if we

can.

I don't know if there are any questions you have with this short notice in giving you this list; there is a list of about fifteen different projects that we have had requests for. If you have any questions, we will answer them now or call our agency and we will be glad to answer any questions that we can. Thank you.

The Honorable Mac Toole, Chairman, Lexington County Legislative Delegation - Address the Postponing of Reassessment for One Year - Thank you Mr. Chairman. My name is Mac Toole. I live at 180 Dogwood Circle, West Columbia, SC and I am Chairman of Lexington County Legislative Delegation representing them. I would like for the entire Delegation to stand to be recognized and indicated Senator Knotts had to leave prior to the presentation.

Mr. Chairman and other Council members, I would like to thank you for giving us this opportunity to come before you and express some thoughts and ideas that we have. I am here representing the Lexington County Legislative Delegation and this is a unanimous vote that we had and discussion that we had. Everybody on the Delegation supports what I am bringing before you tonight.

One of our objectives that we want to do is to create a better relationship through good communication and working together, even though we may disagree at some time, for the best interest of the citizens of Lexington County and the state of South Carolina. So we are here and we are reaching out our arms and we want to create a better relationship with all working governing bodies throughout the County and state.

The assignment at hand that we have before us right now is to provide some type of permanent property tax relief. That is the assignment; that's what we are looking for. What is the possibility? Well, this year, I think, in the General Assembly there is possibly a 50/50 possibility. Better than we've ever had before. You might say, why has it failed in the last two or three years or maybe the last ten that they have been talking. I can only address the last couple of years that I have been there. Some of the reasons it has failed is that some of the proposals that have been presented would generate fairly large windfalls and it wasn't clearly defined where some of that money was going to go. Some of the proposals that have been presented dealt with a lot of the tax exemptions that you have. This is a copy and a list of some of those tax exemptions. There are a lot of them.

If I had a magic wand, I would use a lot of the tax exemptions to accomplish this. I don't have that magic wand. There are two on here, however, I would like to protect and that summarizes why this doesn't work because there always seems to be a group of people out there that wants to protect each one of them. But, hopefully one day we can make some progress in this because in my opinion, we truly do need to make some progress on the exemptions and caps that we have.

Mr. Chairman, I know I got the listing that says I've got about three or four minutes so I have summarized this as much as I possibly can and if you need to call my hand, you give me the one minute and I will be over with.

Why do we need to do some of this. Why do we need to find some type of permanent property tax relief? We all know the stories. You folks know the stories probably better than I do. I would give you some summary reasons possibly - reverse economics, sticker shock, most citizens desire to do this if we can find a reasonable solution. That reason alone is good enough reason for me because most citizens would like for us as leaders to find another option. We are here trying to get you folks to come on board and you say, well, why do you need us to do what you want us to do. Sometimes it takes momentum to get the wheel rolling. Sometimes it takes involvement from a lot of people to get that wheel rolling and we are trying to start that momentum from Lexington County. We have a lot of other counties that feel just as strongly as we do about this also. Beaufort County, Charleston County, Anderson County numerous others. I just named some of the large ones. We do have a couple that are sort of lukewarm about it.

Let me provide you with just a little bit of information. One cent sales tax generates 567 million dollars. That is what vehicle taxes generate. All of the property taxes are 3.8 billion dollars. It would take 6.57 cents sales tax to eliminate all the 3.8 billion. That probably is not a solution. Because if you did that then the consumption use would probably go down so you would probably be looking more at seven (7) or eight (8) percent. That is probably not a solution at this time. I don't think it would be an option that we would even go for.

Another option you might have would be to eliminate the O/M (operation/maintenance) school portion millage of your property taxes. That generates 1.9 billion dollars and it would take 3.28 cents sales tax to replace that. I personally, and I'll say I and when I am speaking, I am speaking on behalf of the Delegation. But this is an "I," I would personally prefer to keep the sales tax increase to two cents which basically would generate 1.1 billion dollars. And either use some type of facility structure charge per \$100,000 assessed value or either some type of mill cap. That is another option that we might be looking at.

Now there are a couple of things in looking at that option that I must throw out. Not a one on this Delegation, everyone of us, wants to do what we need to to educate our children. Matter of fact, again, if I had that magic wand, it is a shame in the state of South Carolina that in some counties local government funds those students at \$1,200 - \$1,300 and the highest is over \$6,000. That is the difference in variance and if I had that magic wand, we would change that.

Let's look at the easiest option that we might possibly pursue and be able to get through the General Assembly. The easiest one, even though not everybody is totally supportive of this one, is to get rid of vehicles. As I indicated a while ago, one cent sales tax generates 567 million dollars. Vehicle revenue is 576 million dollars. That is 1.02 cents sales tax increase to do that. So with a one cent sales tax increase and a change to the vehicle cap, you could generate more than enough money you needed to. You could generate some reserve if you needed to in case that one cent went down to make sure that the teachers were going to be paid, etc. So that provides you a lot of options. There is, I believe North Carolina and Georgia one has a \$1,700 cap, one charges a three percent sales tax. We would obviously have to look at choosing one of those, probably the lower one because we wouldn't want to put our people on the border states that are disadvantaged. So that is another option. We are looking, we are studying, we are becoming more knowledgeable as are a lot of the

other members in the General Assembly. This is a high item and I think sooner or later we are going to have to address it.

Just recently, I had a gentleman, I don't know about you, but I continue to get comments, comments, and comments I had a gentleman that sent me several pictures that he sent to me through the mail. It was a brand new boat, a brand new 3500 Ford Diesel Power Stroke and then he shows me a picture, once he got his property taxes, what he changed that over to was an old beat up boat and an old beat up used van. So you know you are starting to get those kind of stories.

What we are asking this County Council, you are the only governing body that can delay reassessment for one year, and this Delegation is becoming before you and asking that you delay reassessment for one year to give the General Assembly a shot and try to help create this momentum and the interest that we can gather. In the General Assembly there is a lot of interest and I state to you that we've got a 50/50 chance of possibly coming up with a solution. That is what we are asking you to do. And Mr. Chairman, I appreciate very much and the Delegation appreciates very much your time.

Chairman Davis stated Council would take this request under consideration and thanked Chairman Toole for his efforts in attempting to reduce property tax.

Mr. Owens asked, when do you need an answer?

Chairman Toole replied, if I'm correct I believe the bills will be going out in February so I think you have got to come with an answer fairly quick.

Mr. Brooks stated, that's the reassessment notices.

Chairman Toole stated the reassessment notices are going to be mailed out the first half of February.

Mr. Cullum asked if anyone from the Lexington County Legislative Delegation has proposed a bill for any property tax relief.

Chairman Toole replied, we have not proposed any but I will assure you we will be proposing some bills before session starts January 11th. There is an awful lot of information. It is hundreds and hundreds of numbers that you have got to learn and I know that this Delegation, a lot of members of this Delegation including myself have worked hard to figure out what these numbers are because when you start talking about billions of dollars and when you start talking about finding an alternate revenue source to replace that, it becomes very difficult. And when you start talking about doing it in a fair way to make sure we can protect the integrity of our education systems, etc., you've got to look at a lot of stuff. But, there will be some bills proposed, both in the House and the Senate.

The Honorable Dan Eckstrom, Judge, Probate Court - Personnel Request - Judge Eckstrom withdrew his presentation as he appeared before the Justice Committee during the afternoon session.

Mr. Jim Gordon, 307 Old Bush River Road, Chapin, South Carolina 29036 - Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission Bond Referendum - I want to congratulate Jacob for the influence that he has had in the classroom and the improvement that we have noticed in the administration in the County as a whole in the last ten years. You have done a good job.

I am here tonight representing a group of neighborhood associations which oppose the Irmo-Chapin Bond Referendum which was defeated in November.

Mr. Gordon introduced Don Lane from the Whitehall, Gardendale area and Mr. Ed Yates from the Irmo area.

The reason we are here tonight is to just briefly tell you about concerns we've got about future tax increases. And I want to say amen to what Mac Toole had to say back there.

Since the Recreation Commission purchased the 133 acres prior to the bond referendum, we've got some real concerns about future tax increases. I want to remind everybody that they pledged, they bought that property with money that makes up their budget fees and they pledge there will be no future tax increases. But, we take that to mean both their operational budget which will be coming up this spring.

Mr. Don Lane, 713 Shadowbrook Drive, Columbia, SC - Prior to his presentation, Mr. Lane distributed literature to Council.

I have lived at 713 Shadowbrook Drive now for 35 years. And I've had three boys that grew up and participated in the Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission programs and we were very pleased for that. Of late, I have been concerned about the direction that the Commission has taken. It seems that they are more interested in doing things on a regional basis, bringing people from outside the area in than just concentrating on what they can do for their constituents. And, I especially got upset when they purchased the property prior to the bond issue.

I have been involved in this as Jim has in commercial real estate for about twenty years, and I have never seen a property that had obvious problems, environmental and topographic problems and other problems, that has been closed as fast as this has. Sixty days from the time of the execution of the contract. This doesn't give time for anyone to do a real study of the site and I have outlined my concerns in this and I would urge that the Commission not allow them to subdivide that property and try to retain part of it. I believe if you do that, the County will be holding the bag on the worst part, the problem part, and it could cost us a lot of money. I think they need to sell the thing in its entirety to a developer who is experienced in redeveloping property or to a user. Get it back on the tax roll and I think from my written statements here you can get the gist of what I am concerned about. Thank you.

Mr. Gordon asked that Council notify him if it is on the agenda when the budget comes up this year. He said they plan to sell off the front property and we don't think they will be able to do that, and if they are not able to do that, then we have a big situation.

Chairman Davis advised Mr. Gordon that Council will keep him informed.

Ms. Kim Sawyer, 119 Walnut Terrace, West Columbia, SC 29172 - Gardner's Terrace Road - Prostitution, Drugs, and Lack of Law Enforcement - Ms. Sawyer withdrew her presentation.

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, B. Rucker, Chairman - Zoning Map Amendment M04-04 - Torrey Pine Lane, Little Gap Court, Little Gap Lane Located in Crystal Pines - 2nd Reading - The Planning and Administration Committee convened on Tuesday, November 09, 2004 to discuss Zoning Map Amendment M04-04. The applicant, Maryann Lapine, requested that Torrey Pine Lane, Little Gap Court, and Little Gap Lane (TMS# 1542) located in the Crystal Pines subdivision be reclassified from Local (L) to Residential Local Four (RL4).

Ms. Lapine indicated on the application that all the roads in Crystal Pines are privately maintained and not designed to carry the potential loads or traffic possible at the present road classification. The reclassification will also bring the above mentioned roads into agreement with the classification of RL4 for Red Fox Trail that is also located in Crystal Pines.

A public hearing was held on September 28, 2004 at which time a number of residents and property owners expressed their opposition to the request.

The Planning Commission considered the application on October 21, 2004 and voted unanimously to recommend that the request be approved.

It is the recommendation of the Planning and Administration Committee that Council proceed with second reading of Zoning Map Amendment M04-04.

A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that Zoning Map Amendment M04-04 be given second reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated he has received quite a number of letters and calls from residents regarding the rezoning issue and highly recommended that the neighborhood association meet with the developer to seek a solution because once an amendment has been changed, it is done for quite awhile. He said there is a big concern by the residents of what the developer's plans are if Council approved the zoning amendment and, once again, recommended the parties meet and offered to attend the meeting should they desire his presence. He stated the developer is making some claims that some think he will go forward with and could have a great impact on the value of their property. He said there is not a lot Council can do to stop the process if he chooses to move forward with his plans. It is his property and there are no restrictions on it because he is the one that put the restrictions on your property that you bought from him.

Mr. Davis asked for further discussion on the motion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Not Present: Mr. Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Zoning Map Amendment M04-05 - 1675 Lake Murray Blvd. - 2nd Reading - The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, November 09, 2004 to discuss Zoning Map Amendment M04-05. The applicant, Willie H. Weed, Jr. requested that 1675 Lake Murray Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210 (TMS# 001998-02-010 P/0) be reclassified from Low Density Residential (R1) to Neighborhood Commercial (C1).

Mr. Weed indicated on the application that for future sales, it would be better for the entire parcel to be zoned the same rather than have part of the parcel commercial and part residential.

A public hearing was held on October 12, 2004 at which time there was no opposition.

The Planning Commission considered the application on October 21, 2004 and voted unanimously to recommend that the request be approved.

It is the recommendation of the Planning and Administration Committee that Council proceed with second reading of Zoning Map Amendment M04-05.

Mr. Rucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that Zoning Map Amendment M04-05 be given second reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Not Present: Mr. Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) System Replacement Project - Information Services and Assessment and Equalization - Mr. Rucker reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss the computer assisted mass appraisal system replacement project and stated no recommendation was to be made at this time.

Justice, J. Carrigg, Chairman - Purchase of Computers - Magistrate Court Services - Mr. Carrigg reported that during the afternoon meeting, his committee met and discussed the request from Magistrate Court Services to purchase 18 computers.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve Magistrate Court Services request for the purchase of 18 computers at a cost of \$18,356.35. Funding will be provided through a Block Grant in the amount of \$7,359 and \$12,203 from funds currently in the General Fund.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Rucker acknowledged that Judge Shockley discussed the requested purchase earlier in the day with the committee but asked that he be allowed to discuss the request with the Chief Magistrate, Judge Jamie Lucas, prior to approving the request.

Mr. Rucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the motion be tabled.

Vote on motion to table

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	

Opposed:	Mr. Owens	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Wilkerson	

Not Present: Mr. Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Continuation Gang Unit Grant - Sheriff's Department - Mr. Carrigg reported his committee met during the afternoon and discussed the Continuation Gang Unit Grant. Mr. Carrigg stated this is the third and final year of the Gang Unit grant. The amount of the grant is \$139,975 with a 10 percent match of \$13,997.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the request.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat

Not Present: Mr. Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Old Business/New Business - Personnel Request - Probate Court - Mr. Carrigg stated his committee met during the afternoon to discuss a request for two (2) Estate Closing Clerks at a Grade 7 for Probate Court for the remainder of FY04-05.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the two (2) Estate Closing Clerks for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick stated he does not doubt that the additional personnel are needed for Probate Court, however, the presentation was made during the normal 2004-05 budget in which it was denied. He said he is adamantly opposed to funding in mid-year for something that is going to obligate us for next year without knowing what requests are going to be made for the upcoming 2005-06 budget.

Mr. Owens stated during the committee meeting, Judge Eckstrom said that he would not make a request for additional personnel in the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Derrick stated Judge Eckstrom would have the additional personnel in his upcoming budget if we fund in mid-year.

Mr. Owens stated this is not withstanding. He said Judge Eckstrom said he would not ask for anymore. Mr. Owens said he asked for one last year; he didn't get it.

Mr. Rucker stated he also had no doubt that Judge Eckstrom needed the additional personnel and asked the committee to further study the request prior to approving the positions at an estimated cost of \$35,000 for the remainder of the year. Estimated cost for two Grade 7 positions would equate to \$70,000 per year including fringe benefits.

Mr. Rucker reminded Council that he and Councilman Wilkerson had provided a letter indicating they would not support any requests that were made on the same day without prior information, therefore, would not vote in favor of the request and asked that the request be placed back in committee with a recommendation to Council.

Mr. Rucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the motion be tabled.

Vote on motion to table:

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	

Opposed:	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Not Present: Mr. Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - Legal Closing - Power Line Road - Public Works - Mr. Derrick reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss the legal closing of Power Line Road.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rucker to approve staff's recommendation to pursue legal action in closing Power Line Road.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Not Present: Mr. Cullum*

*Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

2005 State Match Program - SCDOT - Public Works - Mr. Derrick reported his committee met during the afternoon and discussed the 2005 State Match Program. This is a dollar for dollar match to improve safety on the state highway system while taking into consideration the three methods of transportation used on state roadways and rights-of-way: Vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rucker to move forward with the 2005 State Match Program.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Adoption of Resolution to Affirm the Location of Certain Property in the Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Lexington and Calhoun Counties - Mr. Jeffcoat reported the committee met during the afternoon to discuss the adoption of the resolution to affirm the location of certain property in the joint County industrial and business park of Lexington and Calhoun Counties (Eastman Chemical Company Tracts 1-5; Columbia Energy LLC).

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rucker to approve the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Nucor Corporation - Adoption of Resolution Approving the Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement Between Lexington County and Nucor Corporation - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Rucker to approve the adoption of the Resolution and the Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement Between Lexington County and Nucor.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Rucker stated Nucor has been a tremendous asset to southern Lexington County and thanked the company for their support in continuing to invest in the County.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Ordinance 04-11 - Approving the Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement (Nucor) - 1st Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat stated the committee discussed Ordinance 04-11 approving the Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rucker that Ordinance 04-11 receive first reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Old Business/New Business - Abatement Requests - Community & Economic Development - Project Summit and Project Cub - Mr. Jeffcoat reported during the afternoon, his committee discussed two (2) abatement requests for Project Summit and Project Cub.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the abatement requests.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Health & Human Services, J. Wilkerson, Chairman - 2004-05 South Carolina Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant Program - Public Safety/EMS - Mr. Wilkerson stated his committee met during the afternoon and discussed staff's request for approval to complete a Memorandum of Agreement to participate in the South Carolina Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant program. The grant will enable an automatic external defibrillator to be placed in the Batesburg/Leesville area. There are no matching funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve staff's request to move forward with the Memorandum of Agreement.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Additional Grant-in-Aid Funds for Fiscal Year 2005 - Public Safety/EMS - Mr. Wilkerson reported his committee met during the afternoon and discussed staff's request to apply for an additional grant-in-aid funds for fiscal year 2005. This is an additional \$1,605 to be used for training or medical and rescue equipment. The grant is 94.5 percent state with a 5.5 percent County match.

Mr. Wilkerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve staff's request to move forward with the grant application.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Committee of the Whole, S. Davis, Chairman - Space Utilization Report - Mr. Jeffcoat reported that the Space Utilization Committee met on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, discussed several issues and voted to make the following recommendations:

Auxiliary Building Renovation - authorize staff to obtain bids to renovate remaining space to house Probation, Parole and Pardon, DJJ, and Health and Human Services Finance Commission. Architectural estimates indicate approximately \$700,000. Moving Probation and DJJ offices will save approximately \$55,200 a year in rent. Funding had been allocated as a part of the original bond proceeds.

Old Courthouse Property - authorize staff to proceed with the demolition of the old jail for above ground parking. Starting estimates of \$100,000 to come from the General Fund. A budget amendment is prepared for this appropriation for the December 14, 2004 meeting.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to allow staff to move forward with obtaining bids for the recommended renovations to the Auxiliary Building and to proceed with the demolition of the old jail.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

A budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$700,00 was distributed and signed to appropriate funds for the renovation of the Auxiliary Building to house Probation, Parole and Pardon, Juvenile Justice (DJJ), and Health and Human Services Finance Commission. Funding had been allocated as a part of the original bond proceeds.

A budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$100,000 was distributed and signed to appropriate funds for the demotion of the old jail to provide for above ground parking spaces.

Economic Development Project - Shakespeare Composite Structure LLC - Ordinance 04-10 - Expanding Multi-County Park Between Lexington and Newberry Counties - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that Ordinance 04-10 be given third and final reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler

Mr. Carrigg
Mr. Cullum

Mr. Owens

Old Business/New Business - Committee of the Whole, S. Davis, Chairman - Relocation of Grave Sites - Mr. Sanford Koon - Chairman Davis reported the Committee of the Whole met during the afternoon to discuss a request by Mr. Koon for the relocation of two (2) abandoned grave sites located on his property to an established cemetery.

A motion was made by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the relocation of the abandoned grave sites.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Cullum

Abstaining: Mr. Keisler*

*Mr. Keisler abstained from voting because his business will be associated with the removal and relocation of the grave sites.

Old Business/New Business - Deputy County Administrator - Timothy James - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson authorizing Art Brooks, County Administrator to appoint Chief James as the Deputy County Administrator and asked that Mr. Brooks work with Chief James, Sheriff Metts, and Ms. Doucett, Personnel Director to have an orderly transition from the duties of Assistant Sheriff to that of a full-time Deputy Administrator within the next six months. Mr. Jeffcoat stated this is in preparation of Mr. Brook's pending retirement.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Owens asked for clarification of the date Chief James will commence work as Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied, tomorrow (December 15, 2004).

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum

to go into Executive Session to receive the legal briefing and to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Davis reported Council received the legal briefing, discussed personnel and contractual matters during the Executive Session and indicated there were three motions to be considered.

Atlantic Housing Foundation, Inc. to Refinance Stoney Creek Apartment Complex - Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum that Council approve the resolution and approve the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Capital Trust Agency and a Fee for Services Agreement with AHF-Ashton and Stoney Creek, LLC.

This motion is contingent on the Fee Agreement being approved and signed by AHF-Ashton and Stoney Creek, LLC and is contingent on the County Attorney approving the documents since they have been recently amended.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Owens

Not Present: Mr. Jeffcoat*

*Mr. Jeffcoat had to leave due to a prior commitment.

Soil and Water Conservation District/Administrative Position - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick that the administrative position in the Soil and Water Conservation District office be added to the County payroll and be funded by the appropriation to the Soil and Water Conservation District currently in the County's General Fund. Effective date January 1, 2005.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Not Present: Mr. Jeffcoat

Pirelli Deed - Mr. Rucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkerson to approve the deed transfer of 6.89 acres in Fee-in-Lieu of tax property from Lexington County to Pirelli.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Cullum

Not Present: Mr. Jeffcoat

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Black
Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Assistant Clerk to Council