

M I N U T E S
SPECIAL MEETING
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 29, 2004

Lexington County Council held a Special Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2004 in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to reconvene the meeting held on June 21 to reconsider a millage rate increase for the Lexington County Library, General Fund, Indigent Care, and the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. Chairman Davis presided; Mr. Owens gave the invocation; Mr. Carrigg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Davis stated that as part of Council's rules, there is a particular rule that if an ordinance fails on third reading the process must start over. He stated that Council also has the authority to suspend the rules and because of the timeframe for the budget process he indicated that he would entertain a motion to suspend the rules in order that the budget process could continue.

A motion was made by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mr. Rucker that the rules of procedure be suspended.

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

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

Reconsideration of Millage Increase - Mr. Davis stated that Council would reconsider the millage increases for the Lexington County Library, the General Fund and the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat that the millages be adjusted to increase the Lexington County Library by one mill, one mill for the General Fund, and 1.5 mills for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission.

He stated the one mill for the General Fund would enable the Treasurer to receive \$2,721, Registration and Elections \$3,334, delete \$625 from Council, Solicitor \$535,993, Coroner \$82,712, Magistrate Court Services \$162,533, Circuit Court Services \$3,000, EMS \$237,500, for a total of \$1,027,168 less \$610,000 (value of one mill), net from General Fund balance \$417,168.

Mr. Davis asked for clarification from Mr. Anderson, County Attorney on the proper procedure.

Mr. Anderson stated that Council needed a motion to reconsider the prior vote.

Mr. Davis stated that he would entertain a motion to reconsider the prior vote on millage increases.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat and seconded by Mr. Rucker that Council reconsider the prior vote on millage increases.

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	

Mr. Davis stated that the motion as stated by Mr. Jeffcoat is on the floor and asked for a second.

Mr. Keisler seconded Mr. Jeffcoat's motion.

Mr. Carrigg stated for clarification that the Lexington County Community Mental Health millage would be reduced by .15 mill; there would be one mill for the Library, one mill for the General Fund, 1.50 mills for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated correct.

Mr. Cullum asked if the total millage increase would be 3.35?

Mr. Jeffcoat responded, that's close.

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

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