

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
January 12, 2010

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Summers presided.

Reverend Donna Peele, Director of Pastoral Care for Lexington Medical Center, gave the invocation. Mr. Kinard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	James E. Kinard, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
	William C. Derrick	George H. (Smokey) Davis
	Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
	Johnny W. Jeffcoat	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
	M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/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.

**2009 Perfect Attendance** - Chairman Summers recognized the following six Council members with perfect attendance and presented each with personalized note cards: Jim Kinard, Billy Derrick, Smokey Davis, Bobby Keisler, Johnny Jeffcoat, and Bill Banning.

**Presentation of Appreciation** - Vice-Chairman Kinard presented Ms. Summers an engraved vase to commemorate her term as Chairman for 2009 and Chairman Summers presented an engraved pencil set to Vice-Chairman Kinard to commemorate his term as Vice-Chairman for 2009.

Prior to the Election of Officers, Ms. Summers thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity to serve as Chairman this past year and their support.

**Election of Officers** - Ms. Summers opened the floor for the nomination of Chairman.

**Chairman** - Mr. Derrick nominated Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum.

Ms. Summers called for further nominations; no further nominations were made.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

**Vice-Chairman** - Ms. Summers opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat.

Ms. Summers called for further nominations; no further nominations were made.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Cullum

Abstained: Mr. Banning

Ms. Summers turned the gavel over to Mr. Kinard.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian** - Mr. Kinard appointed Mr. Davis to serve as Council's Parliamentarian.

**Recognitions - The 2009 Strom Thurmond Excellence in Law Enforcement Award at the Municipal Level to Chief Dennis Tyndall, City of West Columbia Police Department Presented by Sheriff Lee Foster, Newberry County Sheriff's Department** - Sheriff Foster recognized Chief Dennis Tyndall who received the 2009 Strom Thurmond Excellence in Law Enforcement Award at the Municipal Level during the annual Strom Thurmond Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement luncheon in December. Sheriff Foster said Chief Tyndall received the award for his career in law enforcement and the things he has done to progress West Columbia Law Enforcement and aiding law enforcement in Lexington County.

**The 2009 Strom Thurmond Excellence in Law Enforcement Award at the County Level to Sheriff James R. Metts, Lexington County Sheriff's Department Presented by Sheriff Lee Foster, Newberry County Sheriff's Department** - Sheriff Foster recognized Sheriff Metts who received the Strom Thurmond Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement at the County Level during the annual Strom Thurmond Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement luncheon in December. Sheriff Foster said Sheriff Metts received the award for the many years of law enforcement service that he has provided to Lexington County, the State of South Carolina, and the United States. Sheriff Metts is renown throughout the United States for the many programs he has initiated that has been a model for others.

**Presentation - The Commander's Award for Public Service Presented to Members of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department by Lieutenant Colonel Mark Stevens, Unit 360 Civil Affairs Brigade** – Lt. Col. Stevens and Lt. Col. Gregg McMillan recognized the following individuals for assisting the 360 Civil Affairs Brigade of Fort Jackson in a Deliberate Airborne Operation in Lake Murray on September 12<sup>th</sup> and presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation: Maj. George Brothers, Capt. Clark Rowe, Sgt. Garry Rozier, Investigator Mike Phipps, Master Deputy Troy Livingston and Deputies Tom Robinson and Tim Wilke.

**Resolution - North Region** - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the resolution.

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

In Favor:        Mr. Kinard                      Mr. Jeffcoat  
                      Mr. Derrick                     Mr. Davis  
                      Ms. Summers                Mr. Keisler  
                      Mr. Carrigg                    Mr. Banning  
                      Mr. Cullum

**Chairman’s Report** - Chairman Kinard said he is looking forward to working with Council in the coming year to meet the needs of the County and work on the goals that Council has set to provide public services at a reasonable cost, manage growth, and to financially manage the revenues of the County in a wise and prudent manner.

**Administrator’s Report - Fleet Manager, William B. Kazmierczak** - Ms. Hubbard formally introduced Mr. Kazmierczak as the County’s new Fleet Manager.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - Ms. Hubbard announced the County Administration offices will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Employee Recognition - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator - Shining Stars - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010** - Ms. Hubbard recognized Lt. Kevin Jones; Master Deputy Tony Mitchum; Code Enforcement Officer; Erich Ackermann; and Project Coordinator, Sandy Paavel with the Sheriff’s Department and Mary Long with Library Services as the winners of the first quarter for the Customer Service Shining Star Award. Each recipient received an engraved acrylic “Shining Star.”

**Employee Recognition** - Ms. Hubbard recognized Assistant Public Defender Sarah Hahn for being named the Juvenile Public Defender of the Year during the annual statewide Public Defender’s conference. This marks the first time that a Lexington County Public Defender has been recognized with a statewide award.

Also, Ms. Hubbard recognized Brooke Lewis, Director of Substance Abuse Program for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor’s Office, on her receiving the Outstanding Service Award presented by the South Carolina Pretrial Service Association.

**Appointments - Accommodations Tax Board - Robert Schaeffer** - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to reappoint Mr. Robert Schaeffer.

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

In Favor:        Mr. Kinard                      Mr. Banning  
                      Mr. Davis                        Mr. Derrick  
                      Ms. Summers                Mr. Keisler  
                      Mr. Jeffcoat                    Mr. Carrigg  
                      Mr. Cullum

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs** - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the following Bids/Purchases/RFPs (Tabs - S, T, and U).

**Architectural and Engineering Services for a New Chapin Fire Station - Public Safety/Fire Service -**

Staff recommended the architectural and engineering services for a new Chapin Fire Station to MBAJ Architecture in the amount of \$40,250. MBAJ will provide site adaptation, construction documents, and construction administration for the new Chapin Fire Station.

**One (1) Tractor with Slope Mower (Replacement) - Public Works/Transportation - Staff**

recommended the purchase of a John Deere 6330 STD OOS/DAB Tractor with a Tiger TRB60C-30S slope mower from John Deere through State Contract Number 05-S6476-A11000. Total cost, including tax, is \$88,215.62.

**Exterior Wall Coating Project - Detention Center - Sheriff's Department -**

Competitive bids were solicited for the exterior wall coating project for the Detention Center. Six (6) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of only the exterior wall coating to Watertight Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$28,700.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	

**Approval of Minutes - Meetings of November 10 and December 8, 2009** - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the November 10 and December 8, 2009 minutes as submitted.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

**Zoning Amendment - Zoning Text Amendment T09-07 - Article 2 - Application of Regulations - Chapter 5 - Signs and Other Related Sections of the Zoning Ordinance as Applicable (Sign**

**Amendments) - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading** - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve third and final reading.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

**Solid Waste Processing Facility Application 09-04 – Carolina Materials Corp. - Final Reading** - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve final reading of Solid Waste Processing Facility Application 09-04.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Opposed: Mr. Jeffcoat

**Ordinances - Ordinance 09-01 - Landscape Ordinance Amendments - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading**- Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 09-01.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

**Ordinance 09-14 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission of the Irmo-Chapin Recreation District to Issue General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,030,000; and Other Matters Relating Thereto - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 09-14.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Cullum	

**Committee Reports - Economic Development, B. Banning, Sr., Chairman - Project Refill Inducement Resolution** - Mr. Banning reported the Economic Development Committee met during the afternoon and voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval the Inducement Resolution for Project Refill.

Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Inducement Resolution.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick

Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
Mr. Carrigg	

**Planning & Administration, S. Davis, Chairman - Zoning Map Amendment M09-06 Garden Valley Lane - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - On behalf of Mr. Davis, Committee Vice-Chairman Carrigg reported the Committee considered Zoning Map Amendment M09-06 and voted unanimously to recommend to full Council to approve second reading for a RA (Recreational/Agricultural) zoning classification. This will change the zoning classification from R1 (Low Density Residential) to RA (Recreational/Agricultural) and not a C1 (Neighborhood Commercial) as requested by the applicant.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve second reading of Zoning Map Amendment M09-06 with a RA (Recreational/Agricultural) zoning classification.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Cullum	

**Justice, J. Kinard, Chairman - South Carolina Law Enforcement Network Award of Replacement Vehicle** - Mr. Kinard reported during the Justice Committee, Col. Paavel requested permission to accept a 2010 Dodge Charger through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network. There is no cost for the vehicle other than the operating costs of fuel, repairs, and maintenance. This will be a replacement for an older existing vehicle. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve staff's request to accept the vehicle award.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Cullum	

**Ordinances - Ordinance 09-01 - Landscape Ordinance Amendments** - Mr. Davis reported during the earlier vote on Ordinance 09-01, the original motion should have included the following conditions: (1) that all of the new provisions of the amendments be effective immediately, (2) that the County-wide expansion of the provisions of the Landscape Ordinance become effective on July 1, 2010, and (3) that the entire list of Scenic Corridors in the Appendix of the Ordinance be used for the implementation of the new sign regulations contained in Zoning Text Amendment T09-07.

Mr. Cullum made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Davis that all of the new provisions of the amendments be effective immediately, that the County-wide expansion of the provisions of the

Landscape Ordinance become effective on July 1, 2010, and that the entire list of Scenic Corridors in the Appendix of the Ordinance be used for the implementation of the new sign regulations contained in Zoning Text Amendment T09-07.

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

Vote on Amendment:

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

Vote on Motion as Amended:

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

**Health & Human Services, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Award - Mr. Jeffcoat reported during the Committee meeting, the Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval. The grant in the amount of \$5,000 requires a 50% County match. Funds will be used to assist in the purchase of a fast attack skid unit to fight wildland fires.**

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve acceptance of the grant award.

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

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	

**Public Works, T. Cullum Chairman - Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission Request - Mr. Cullum reported the Committee reviewed a funding request from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to assist with the road construction for their new tennis complex at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Saxe Gotha Drive. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation to contribute \$100,000 toward the construction of the project. Funds will come from the "C" Fund Special Project Account (2700-121302-539900).**

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve staff's recommendation to contribute \$100,000 toward the construction of the project and funds will come from the "C" Fund Special Project Account.

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

In Favor:        Mr. Kinard                      Mr. Cullum  
                      Mr. Keisler                     Mr. Derrick  
                      Mr. Davis                        Ms. Summers  
                      Mr. Jeffcoat                  Mr. Carrigg  
                      Mr. Banning

**LiDar (Light Detection and Ranging) Ground Elevation Data** - Mr. Cullum reported the Committee also reviewed staff's request to participant in the LiDAR project. The estimated cost for the project is \$196,000. FEMA will pay half of the cost for a match of up to \$100,000. Funds will come from the "C" Funds Special Project fund. The Committee asked staff to be sure that there were no redundant services already offered for mapping. The Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve staff's recommendations and move forward with the project and that funds will come from "C" Funds Special Project Account.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick asked if the LiDAR will overlay on the County's pictometry.

Mr. Fechtel replied that the LiDAR will actually replace the contours that we have on there now. Yes, it will overlay so you can look at the pictometry and pick out a point to get an elevation.

In Favor:        Mr. Kinard                      Mr. Cullum  
                      Mr. Banning                     Mr. Derrick  
                      Mr. Davis                        Ms. Summers  
                      Mr. Keisler                      Mr. Jeffcoat  
                      Mr. Carrigg

**Solid Waste, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Solid Waste Processing Facility Application 09-05 - Platt Springs Scrap and Recycling - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Mr. Jeffcoat reported the Committee met and voted in favor to recommend to full Council to approve first reading of Solid Waste Processing Facility Application 09-05.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve first reading.

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

In Favor:        Mr. Kinard                      Mr. Jeffcoat  
                      Mr. Davis                        Mr. Derrick  
                      Ms. Summers                  Mr. Keisler  
                      Mr. Carrigg                      Mr. Banning  
                      Mr. Cullum

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

10-081 - An appropriation transfer of \$32,963 to cover the cost of the Employee Christmas gift cards.

10-082 - An appropriation transfer of \$5,531 and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$5,531 to cover the deficit in the Solid Waste Used Oil grant fund.

10-083 - A supplemental appropriation decrease of \$20,000 to adjust the Solid Waste Management Grant from DHEC that was not received.

10-084 - An appropriation transfer of \$2,074,377; an appropriation transfer of \$2,728,805; and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$2,500,000 to record the additional revenue received and establish a budget for the Communications 911 and EOC Center.

10-085 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$263,840 received from a contractor's performance bond to complete work in the Wood Moor Subdivision.

10-086 - A supplemental appropriation decrease of \$15,080 to reduce the amount of projected revenues for certain coroner fees that were included in the Coroner's FY09/10 budget.

10-087 - An appropriation transfer of \$18,000 to set aside for legal services to protect the County's current bond rating associated with the County's Intergovernmental Agreement pertaining to the Tourism Development Fee disbursements.

10-088 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$78,588 for the NPDES Phase II permits that have been billed to the seven MS4 municipalities for their portion of the Stormwater Management program.

10-089 - An appropriation transfer of \$466,873; an appropriation transfer of \$1,312,669; and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,312,669 to cover the cost to construct the Lake Murray and Chapin Fire Stations.

10-090 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$333,750 from funds received from three electric cooperatives for infrastructure for Project Track (Mid-Carolina Electric Co-op - \$300,000; Edisto Electric Co-op - \$18,625; and Central Electric Power Co-op - \$15,125).

10-091 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$20,617 to record the value of the 2010 Dodge Charger that was awarded to the Sheriff's Department through the SC Law Enforcement Network.

10-092 - A supplemental appropriation decrease of \$32,403 as a result of a 5% reduction in Library State Aid.

10-093 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$5,000 for funds received from the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant award.

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - Executive Session consisting of two contractual and ten legal matters were discussed and completed during the afternoon Committee of the Whole meeting. There were no motions to be considered.

**6:00 P.M. - Public Hearing** - Prior to opening the public hearings, Mr. Kinard reviewed the guidelines for public hearings. He stated the purpose of the hearing is to obtain comments from proponents and opponents regarding specific subject matter. He asked that each speaker provide their name and mailing address and that comments be limited to three (3) minutes. Mr. Kinard asked that if there was anyone

present who had signed up to speak but chose not to speak, but wanted to concur with what has been said, it was acceptable to indicate concurrence. Also, Mr. Kinard said there will be no disruptions including cheering, clapping, head counts, etc.

**Zoning Map Amendment M09-08 - Boyd Miller Circle** - Mr. Kinard opened the public hearing.

Mr. Bruce Hiller, Development Administrator with Community Development, presented the information for Zoning Map Amendment M09-08. He stated that the applicants, Levy and Robin Miller, have requested a change in zoning classification from Residential Local Four (RL4) to Local (L) for a portion of Boyd Miller Circle. The reason for the request, as presented by the applicants, is to allow for a group assembly activity (lawnmower track). This is known as Goatfield Race Track. Mr. Hiller reviewed the allowed activities. In addition, Mr. Hiller said there was some confusion whether this section of Boyd Miller Circle had been rezoned. For clarification, Mr. Hiller said this is the original zoning that went into place in 2001.

Mr. Kinard opened the public hearing for those in opposition of M09-08

**Opposed:**

**Frances Miller, 142 Eisleben Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - The reason I am opposed to this, it is not anything personally, is because of the noise and extra traffic that there will be. I don't feel like there is adequate space for this type of thing and the character of people that it will probably bring to our neighborhood, which is accustomed to a nice quiet residential neighborhood.

**Larry Miller, 142 Eisleben Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - The zoning is going to affect us on our property.

Mr. Kinard stated no one else had signed up in opposition and closed that portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Kinard opened the public hearing for those in favor of M09-08.

**In Favor:**

**Robin Miller, 2038 Boyd Miller Circle, Leesville, SC 29070** - We started this in 2007 with just four of them in the backyard just for families. We are still going; we still have a good many coming in because we've got them from the age groups of 7 years old to 70. Our hours are from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 11 o'clock. We get done at 11 o'clock because we have a lot of church members and that is our cutoff time. We have between 100 and 150 people show up to watch us. But as far as the community, in my opinion, we have churches, surrounding churches that bring their groups, their children, and some of their church members. So as far as that, we have the community as far as the churches. Some of them, I didn't know who all come, but I can get a list of those. So we have the support of that. As far as the community, we have just about everyone around come to the house and watch it. As far as a family, let me stress this, we have 23 family units and that is momma, daddy, and children who are racing together. Some of these children are 15 and 16 years old that have not done a lot with their parents over the years. We have brought in something that will make the children and the families be whole again. And, that's one reason why we would like to keep it going. I know they have mentioned the noise, that's no problem. We can put mufflers on them, we can do that. But, we want to keep it a family environment. Everywhere you go, you are going to have some people who drink and hide it and want to start stuff. But, normally we try to keep it all away. We do not allow children congregating. I always make sure that we have somebody there that will protect them. I run a tough track, and you can ask anybody here. They would

rather call the police than call me. I try to keep our families, our children and everything safe. I will get up and stand and tell people, if you are not here to watch the race, go home. I cannot say that I'm not going to have anybody come in drink, but we try to keep it away. My drivers do not drink. You know yourself, when you have 10 or more people you're going to have them up to drink and go on. But, we would really like your cooperation in this. All we are asking is for a family ordeal and I think that is what we have brought together when we have 23 people that brings their families and does things together and come out to the racetrack as a family. I really would appreciate all your cooperation. I have rule books that I make everybody go by. A lot of them here, you can tell by our support system, that we have a big family and that is what we are. When you come down to ours, you are a stranger the first time, the second time you are a member. A lot of them will come by and say we are part of the Miller family. Please, let's keep it a family thing. I know some were talking about it being L (Local) and we really didn't realize that it had changed to R4 until all this was going on. So we appreciate all your cooperation to keep this going so we can have this family thing. You know yourself, if you spend a lot of time with your family, there is not a lot out here that families can go and do things together. Thank you.

**Frankie Miller, 2038 Boyd Miller Circle, Leesville, SC 29070** - I concur.

**Leonard Rish, 241 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I live in the community and wanted everybody to know that this is a family oriented get together that we have. I am a grandfather. My wife and I sit on the spectator's side. I have a son, one granddaughter, and one grandson that run a machine on the track, and I can look over and see them and know where they are. They are with their mother and father. I would rather see them there than out at a mall, on the highway, or anything like that. I don't see any problem whatsoever with it. I support Ms. Robin and Mr. Frankie 110% on anything they do and help them any way I could on the track. As far as noise, I don't see a problem with that. We have Pond Branch Highway, which has tractor trailers, etc. on one side, we have I-20 on the other side, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and we have a go-cart track on the west side that run on Saturday night and they are top performance machines. I don't see any reason why that road couldn't be rezoned, because as you noticed on the maps coming in, it is only one house on that road before you get to the track. So, you just pass one house and it's right beside the track. I don't see any objections because most of the time that is where the neighbors and everybody are on Saturday night – watching the lawnmowers race. It is just a family oriented good place to be. I would appreciate anything you all can do to get it rezoned and work with the Millers to get it so we can keep on doing it. Because everybody has their own little machine and they enjoy working on it during the week and on Saturday night they get to try it out. So, it is just a fun fellowship thing that we have going on and it has grown from the time it started to now. That's where the problem came in, everybody likes it and everybody is coming. I see neighbors in the community at the track and that's the only time I ever see them. So, it is just a good get together, just like a backyard barbeque or family reunion. I appreciate everything anybody can do for us. Thank you.

**Nellie Rish, 241 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I concur.

**Matt Harden, 5553 Two Notch Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I concur.

**Mark Harden, 5553 Two Notch Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Up until a few years ago when they started their track, I always knew it was there, but never really participated. But, last year Ms. Robin actually called me. I have always been affiliated with flagging, I do dirt-track racing flagging and that kind of stuff. She finally got big enough and enough participants that she actually needed somebody to help her with that. So, she called me and got me involved with that. It is completely a different atmosphere there at her track, as far as racing is opposed to racing at I-20 Speedway, Murdock Speedway,

some of those big tracks. It is more a family oriented type thing. One of the biggest things she put me in charge of is to keep the fighting, etc. down, which is one thing we don't put up with, off the track or on the track. We do tend to it pretty well; we don't put up with it. We will ask somebody to leave right in the middle of a race if we need to. Again, concurring with Ms. Robin and others that spoke, it is really a family get together type deal and we enjoy it. Thank you for your attention to this and hope things go our way with it.

**Kathy Corson, 300 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - My husband got involved in this about a year and half ago and before that there was nothing to do on Saturday nights. Nowhere to go and let everything out, the worries of the bills and the worries of everything that is going on. Probably five out of seven nights a week he is out in his shop messing with the lawnmowers and it is such therapy and it has been such a good thing in our lives. My teenage daughter, who I have had problems with in the last year, has gotten involved with this and has gotten involved in the track and the family atmosphere. As far as the crowd it brings – there are bad crowds at Wal-mart; you can't avoid those. The crowd there is awesome. It is a good family thing. Thank you for listening to us.

**Matt Corson, 300 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Like my wife just said, I got involved with this about a year and half ago and it has been therapy for us. It has brought our family closer. We feel like we should be Matt Miller. I just finished building my eighth lawnmower just because it's that much fun; I enjoy it. Anything you can do to help us out we would greatly appreciate it because it's a bunch of people over there and we are all family and that's what we look forward to. Every two weeks we get to meet with our families, just like a Sunday afternoon with your family. So, whatever you can do for us, we would greatly appreciate it.

**Tori Day, 300 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Like my mom and daddy just said, I have done a lot of bad stuff and honestly I'm very sorry for doing all that. This takes a lot of stress off of me. It is something about racing, it lifts my spirits up and changes the way I look at things. On Saturday night, that's my fun. So, I would really appreciate it if you didn't take that away from the kids that race here. Thank you.

**Joseph Gartman, 2526 Pond Branch Hwy., SC 29070** - I concur.

**Pete Rogers, 465 Calmont Drive, Swansea, SC 29160** - I concur.

**Jesse Poole, 861 Broad Street, Leesville, SC 29070** - Frankie and Robin is my family. I don't see where there's a problem with the opposed, and I don't have any problem with them; they are family members. They come watch the race also and they sit in here complaining about noise, but they are there watching the race also. So, that's all I want to say. I just hope we don't take anything away from them; they are family members. They come watch it also. I don't see why they are opposing it. Thank you.

**Bobby Rish, 165 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I concur.

**Deanna Rish, 165 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I agree.

**Jeremy Rish, 165 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I concur.

**Gloria Rish, 165 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Not present.

**Betty Hall, Leesville, SC**- I concur.

**Wyman Gunter, Leesville, SC**- I concur.

**Brenda Gunter, Leesville, SC** - I concur.

**Jenny Smith, Gilbert, SC** - I concur.

**Scott P. Smith, Gilbert, SC**- I concur.

**Brenda Poole, Leesville, SC** - I concur.

**Ezell Poole, Leesville, SC** - I agree.

**Bobby Lawson, Leesville, SC** - I agree.

**Thomas Poole, 238 W. Creek Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - This thing has been going since 2007. I got two boys, 20 and 17. They had their disputes among each other. This thing got started; I got them involved in it. Robin and Frankie called me, which is family, and I got the boys involved. Right now they are real, real close to one another; even to my ex, who is their mother. I got her on a cart riding. It is a family thing. It has brought the family together. That is all it is – a big family thing. Anybody against it should come and watch and see exactly what goes on and I think everybody will be really surprised when they come. Like they say, everybody is welcome and when you come you are family when you get there. You are treated like family.

**Bobby Bennett, 170 Windy Hill Drive, Gilbert, SC** - Mr. Frankie and Ms. Robin are two of the best people you would ever want to meet. Like they said before, you come there one time you are visiting, the second time you are family. They do more for this place and all these people than all you could ever imagine. They take out of their pockets and they have barbeques, chicken bog dinners, and get togethers. I have nine grandchildren, and I have three of them who want to race this year. All these people out here will come up and say the same thing that this Goatfield Speedway is one of the best things that has happened around there because you don't have to worry about where your children are. They are not out in the street; they are not out drinking; they are not out doing drugs. It is a family oriented deal. They are all right there. Like you have heard a bunch of them say, it has brought families closer together and in this world and time right now, family is everything. Family is a lot. I thank you for everything you can do for us.

**Stacey Miller, 223 Lauia Brodie Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I agree.

**Mark Gantt, 5223 Two Notch Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I agree.

**Michael Long, 159 Elzie Hallman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I agree.

**William Dinger, 2588 Peak Road, Pomaria, SC 29122** - I concur.

**Chad Wooten, 271 Poplar Springs Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I appreciate your consideration of leaving this open and my little girl was telling me back there a little while ago that you need to tell them that I need a place to race. She rode her first go-cart yesterday and now she is begging me to get her one.

I've got three. She enjoys going down there; she enjoys Mr. Frankie and Ms. Robin. I met them last year for the first time and went down there when they were doing some stuff down there and like they said if you go down there one time you are a visitor, second time you are family. I call them my second mom and dad. In fact, every time she calls or I call her I say, what's up momma? Because that is the way it is. I would appreciate anything you can do.

**Lynn Smith, 829 Gary Hallman Circle, Leesville, SC 29070** - I agree.

**Amy Wooten, 271 Poplar Springs Road, Leesville, SC 29070**- I agree.

Mr. Kinard stated no one else had signed up in favor and closed the public hearing.

**Motion to Adjourn** - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to adjourn.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	

Not Present:	Ms. Summers*	Mr. Carrigg *
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\*Ms. Summers and Mr. Carrigg left prior to the public hearing and were not present when the vote was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.  
Chairman