

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2005

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Rucker presided; Mr. Davis gave the invocation; Mr. Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Tim James, Assistant Sheriff/Deputy 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.

Forest Award - Mr. Rucker stated he, Mr. Derrick and Mr. Davis attended the South Carolina Wildlife Federation 40th Annual Conservation Awards banquet on Saturday, January 22 and announced that County Council was awarded the Forest Award. Mr. Rucker asked Mr. Rhett Bickley, Landscape Administrator, Community and Economic Development, to elaborate why Council received the award and individuals responsible.

Mr. Bickley stated County Council was nominated for the Forest Award for their vision in the County's comprehensive urban forestry program. Mr. Bickley stated that Mr. Charlie Compton, Director of Planning and GIS, Ms. Tammy Coghill, former Director of Community and Economic Development and staff were responsible for creating the Landscape Ordinance that Council adopted to protect the trees and landscape in Lexington County.

Commissioner of the Year Award - Mr. Derrick announced that Mr. Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors was presented the Commissioner of the Year award during the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCAC) banquet on January 3.

Mr. Derrick stated these two (Forest Award and Commissioner of the Year Award) awards continue

to emphasize the County's concern for protecting the environment in Lexington County.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Joe Mergo, Director of Solid Waste; Charles Garren, Franchise Coordinator; and Andy Dunham, Landfill Attendant of Solid Waste Management were recognized for going the "extra mile" for assisting a citizen in recovering a set of sterling silver utensils that was accidentally discarded at the Bush River collection station.

Mr. Brooks recognized Tommy Frost, Superintendent of Transportation of Public Works who is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the County of Lexington.

Employee of the Quarter - Nominees for Employee of the Fourth Quarter - Mike Gillis, Logistics Officer, Public Safety/EMS; Janice Marshall, Assistant Court Administrator, Magistrate Court Services; and Janice Summers, Custodian, Building Services.

Mr. Brooks presented a plaque to Ms. Marshall as the Employee of the Fourth Quarter. Certificates of Excellence were presented to Mr. Gillis and Ms. Summers.

Shining Stars - Mr. Brooks recognized Derrial Gardner, Personnel; Carla McClain, Assessment and Equalization; Gloria Smith, Building Services; and Ann Long, Registration and Elections as the winners of the quarter for the Customer Service Shining Stars award. Ms. Gardner, Ms. McClain, and Ms. Smith will each receive a prime parking space at the Administration Building donated by County Council. Ms. Long, whose department is located at the Auxiliary Building, will be recognized by the Director of Registration and Elections.

Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. - Designation for MIRCI to Obtain Funds to Transport Persons With Disabilities Through the State Mass Transit Assistance Program - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the resolution for the Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.

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

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

Appointments - Accommodations Tax Board - Mr. Robert E. Schaeffer - A motion was made by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to appoint Mr. Schaeffer to the Accommodations Tax Board.

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

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

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that the following Bids/Purchases/RFPs (Tab K, L, M, & N) be approved.

Three (3) Type 1 Ambulance Remounts - Public Safety/EMS - Bids were solicited and advertised for the purchase of three (3) ambulance remounts for Public Safety/EMS. In order to maintain a fleet of fourteen (14) operating units, a fleet of nineteen (19) units is required. The “spare” fleet allows for scheduled maintenance, emergency repairs, body work, and factory recalls. Each chassis has a projected life span of five years (5 years/200,000 miles), and each module can be remounted at least twice. Included in the bid was the option of trading in three (3) old chassis.

Three (3) bids and one (1) no bid were received.

Staff recommended awarding the bid to Taylor Made Ambulance as the low bidder meeting specifications. The price for the remounts including tax is \$205,809. A trade-in amount of \$14,500 was offered for the old chassis. Total cost after trade-in is \$191,309 including tax.

Installation of Two (2) Generators - Chapin and Swansea - Public Works - Bids were solicited for the installation of generators for Public Works in Chapin and Swansea. The generator for Chapin is replacing a 1956 model military surplus unit that is hard to maintain. The generator for Swansea is needed as this location is the main fueling station for the south end of the County. These generators are to keep the gas/fuel pumps operational during power outages.

Four (4) bids were received.

Staff recommended awarding the bid to DNB Electric Inc. as the low bidder meeting specifications. Total cost is \$29,390 including tax.

Crime Analysis Software, Configuration, Installation and Annual Maintenance/Sole Source Procurement - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of crime analysis software, configuration, installation and annual maintenance for the Sheriff's Department to the sole source provider, Bradshaw Consulting. This has been deemed a sole source purchase as Bradshaw Consulting has worked extensively with Lexington County and is intimately aware of the County's computer programs, data processing and structure and is the only company to offer an animated morphing temporal analysis tool with their crime analysis mapping package.

The cost of the software is \$8,248.80, configuration and installation is \$2,500, and the annual maintenance is \$836 for a total cost of \$11,584.80.

Aluminum Canopies - Solid Waste Management - Bids were solicited from qualified vendors for the purchase and installation of aluminum canopies for the office area and walkway at the department of Solid Waste Management. The canopies will shield the glass windows to eliminate glare on computer monitors and allow staff the ability to view the types of material that are being brought to the landfill. The walkway awning is essential to allow staff and citizens to have shelter from weather elements when having to exit their vehicles to give waste information to the scale master.

Two (2) quotes and two (2) no bids were received.

Staff recommended to award the project to Cool Temp Aluminum, Incorporated as being the lowest responsible bidder. Total cost is \$5,500 including tax and installation.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Davis asked whether Bradshaw Consulting is a local firm.

Investigator David Dannels, Intelligence Unit/Sheriff's Department, stated Bradshaw Consulting is located in Aiken, South Carolina. He stated Bradshaw Consulting does a lot of crime mapping and analysis software for several law enforcement agencies in the state and nationwide. He said the County is fortunate to have such a qualified company located locally that can respond to the County's needs.

Mr. Davis asked what is an animated morphing temporal analysis tool?

Investigator Dannels replied, the software allows crime to be displayed over time in a video format. The software makes the video. This allows for increases in temporal analysis of crime in a geographic area.

Mr. Rucker asked for further discussion; none occurred.

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

Chairman's Report - Mr. Rucker recognized Mr. William (Bill) Rowell, Lexington County Treasurer, who was in attendance.

Mr. Rucker commended Mr. Brooks for ensuring that staff was available during the council meeting to answer any questions that Council may have.

Mr. Rucker announced on Monday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. County Council will be hosting a fish

fry for the Lexington County Legislative Delegation at the Fire Service Training Center on Ball Park Road. He reiterated that this is not a meeting but a time for newly elected members to get acquainted. Also, Mr. Rucker reported that Mr. Butch Spires, former Council member, is recuperating in the Lexington Medical Center following surgery and is doing well.

Administrator's Report - No report.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 14, 2004 - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

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

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Map Amendment M04-07 - 8065 Irmo Dr., Columbia, SC 29212 - SE Corner of Irmo Dr. - Announcement of 1st Reading - Chairman Rucker announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment M04-07.

Zoning Map Amendment M04-09 - 5466 Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29212 - Announcement of 1st Reading - Chairman Rucker announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment M04-09.

Zoning Map Amendment M05-01 - 6172 Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29212 - Announcement of 1st Reading - Chairman Rucker announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment 05-01.

Committee Reports - Justice, J. Carrigg, Chairman - Proposed Multi-jurisdictional Agreement With Chapin Police Department - Sheriff's Department - Mr. Carrigg stated the Justice Committee met on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 to discuss the proposed multi-jurisdictional agreement with the Chapin Police Department.

Chief Tim James stated the Chapin Police Department has requested that the County and the Sheriff's Department allow them to expand jurisdiction into areas of the County immediately adjoining their town along Highway 76 and to be able to exercise jurisdiction at the Crooked Creek Park just outside of the town limits at times when a deputy may be otherwise busy with calls.

The committee voted to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the multi-jurisdictional agreement with the Chapin Police Department.

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

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

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - Antifreeze Recycling Grant and Cooking Oil Recycling Grant - Solid Waste Management - Mr. Derrick reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss two grant applications for Solid Waste Management. Mr. Derrick stated each grant in the amount of \$1,500 is 100 percent state funded through the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to be used for recycling of antifreeze and cooking oil. The total of the two (2) grants is \$3,000.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approved the grant applications.

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

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

Budget Amendment Resolutions - None.

Old Business/New Business - Lexington County Airport at Pelion - Chief James briefed Council with a goal and time line for the relocation of certain special operations personnel to the Lexington County Airport at Pelion (LCAP).

Chief James stated the goal is to create a team of County officials from existing emergency services personnel that will be utilized for a multi-disciplinary approach. The personnel will include Special Operations, Hazardous Materials/COBRA, Fire response team, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, unit #10, Aviation and SWAT.

Chief James stated the team will be housed at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion and trained to respond to special operation needs. The site will serve as a home base for special operations, while also serving the needs of the Pelion area.

Chief James reported that he and Councilman Cullum will be visiting the Kershaw County Airport to review their facility on February 3.

Additional Comments by the Chairman - Mr. Rucker asked that budgets for FY 05-06 be

submitted to finance no later than Friday, February 18 and advised Council that he will utilize the committees extensively as we go through the budget process.

Mr. Derrick stated that he would like to see a budget proposed to Council that does not spend all the projected revenues. He suggested using the growth of the County but not all the CPI funds allowable in order for Council to have the opportunity to add new programs or make specific changes in existing programs. Mr. Derrick continued to say that Council in fact does not have to approve a budget that includes the CPI and leave the millage as is and asked, could that be possible? Mr. Derrick said it could be possible if we don't spend all the money up front.

Mr. Rucker asked that staff go in that direction.

Mr. Cullum said he agreed with Mr. Derrick that Council could put a budget together that meets FY 04-05 expenditures. He said he wanted to be more specific and said he did not want to include CPI or any anticipated revenues but try and match the expenditures in FY 04-05.

Mr. Davis replied, "Let's not do that, we took a lot of money out of fund balance in FY 04-05."

Mr. Rucker stated he did not want to "tie" staff's hands and said as long as Council can see what the CPI is and if the County has to have new programs, then Council can use it.

Mr. Owens stated Council should review the budgets prior to making any statements or judgements.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to go into Executive Session to receive the legal briefing and to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

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

Chairman Rucker reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Rucker reported Council received the legal briefing, discussed personnel and contractual matters during the Executive Session and indicated there were no motions to be considered.

Outstanding New Voter Registration and Elections Official of the Year - Mr. Rucker announced that Mr. Dean Crepes, Director of Registration and Elections received the outstanding new voter registration and elections official of the year award at the South Carolina Association of Registration and Elections (SCARE) conference on January 21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Black
Clerk

Bruce E. Rucker
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Assistant Clerk to Council