

**M I N U T E S**  
**LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 22, 2005**

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Rucker presided; Mr. Jeffcoat gave the invocation; Mr. Keisler 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, 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.

Prior to the public hearing, Chairman Rucker read the guidelines for participation.

**4:30 P.M. - Public Hearing - Ordinance 04-11 - Approving the Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement Between Lexington County and Nucor Corporation** - This is an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease-purchase agreement by and between Lexington County and Nucor Corporation with respect to the construction of certain modifications and improvements to Nucor Corporation's manufacturing facility for metal buildings and components.

Mr. Rucker opened the public hearing on Ordinance 04-11.

Mr. Rucker stated that no one had signed up to speak in opposition, but two had signed up to speak in favor.

**Matt Currie, Controller - 130 Aberdeen Drive, Lexington, SC 29072** - Just looking for support on the fee-in-lieu so we can add new jobs (50) and more investment into Lexington County.

**William L. Rawl, Jr. - 140 Whiteford Way, Lexington, SC 29072** - Mr. Rawl concurred with Mr. Currie.

Mr. Rucker closed the public hearing.

**Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Shining Stars** - Mr. Brooks recognized Margo Vander Kolk, Assessor's Office/Tax Mapping; Amber Harris, Auditor's Office; and Rebecca Ricard, Procurement as the winners for the quarter for the Customer Service Shining Stars award. Ms. Vander Kolk, Ms. Harris, and Ms. Ricard will each receive a prime parking space at the Administration Building donated by County Council.

In addition, Randy Munsch, Information Services was recognized for assisting Magistrate Court Services in implementing a number of changes to their computer system making it more user friendly.

Mr. Terry Kimley and Mr. Doug Padgett of Public Works were recognized on their recent promotions. Mr. Kimley was promoted to Superintendent of Transportation and Mr. Padgett was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Transportation.

Council recognized Mr. Jeff Anderson, County attorney for the outstanding job he does for the County.

**Transfer of Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement From Soletron South Carolina to Soletron USA, Inc.** - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the transfer of the fee-in-lieu of tax agreement from Soletron South Carolina to Soletron USA, Inc.

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	

**Presentation of Resolution - William L. Rawl, Jr. Presented by Councilman Davis** - Councilman Davis presented a resolution to Mr. William L. Rawl, Jr. honoring him for his commitment and service to the Lexington County Alcohol and Abuse Council since 1995.

**Resolutions - Reverend Donald P. Davis and Lowell C. "Butch" Spires, Jr.** - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the resolutions.

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. Cullum

Mr. Owens

**Appointments - Library Board - Ms. Mary N. Kerr** - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to appoint Ms. Mary N. Kerr to the Library Board of Directors.

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

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

**Health Services District Board of Directors - Mr. Lyman Whitehead** - Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to appoint Mr. Lyman Whitehead to the Health Services District Board of Directors.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Davis stated he understood there are some restrictions about doing business with the hospital if you are a member of the board.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied, he is retired.

Mr. Rucker called for further discussion on the motion; none occurred.

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

**Bids/Purchases/RFPs** - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that the following bids/purchases/RFPs be approved.

**Administration Auxiliary Building Renovations** - Bids were solicited and advertised for the renovation of a portion of the Administration Auxiliary Building. The renovations consist of approximately 4,858 square feet to house Probation, Parole and Pardon; 3,337 square feet for Health and Human Services; and 2,513 square feet for Department of Juvenile Justice. It includes all plumbing, mechanical, and electrical requirements necessary to provide a turn-key project with completion within one hundred and four (104) calendar days.

Five (5) bids were received. Staff recommended to award the project to the lowest bidder, Monteray

Construction Company. The cost of the project is \$577,000.

**Bellemeade Storm Drainage Improvements - Community & Economic Development** - Bids were advertised and solicited from qualified contractors for Bellemeade storm drainage improvements. The project includes the demolition of existing storm drainage, construction of new storm drainage and erosion control. There is an estimated 740 L.F. of 18", 1,419 L.F. of 24", 828 L.F. of 30", 252 L.F. 36", 510 L.F. of 42" and 451 L.F. 48" HDPE pipe; 216 L.F. 18", 142 L.F. 24", 64 L.F. 30", 37 L.F. 30", 37 L.F. 42" and 72 L.F. 48" RC pipe; 1,540 L.F. silt fencing; 1.89 acres of grassing; 6 junction boxes; 26 catch basins; and 1.64 acres clearing and grubbing.

Six (6) bids were received. Staff recommended awarding the contract to LAD Corporation of West Columbia as being the lowest responsive bidder. Total cost of the project, based on estimated quantities, is \$577,769.

**Motorola 800 MHZ Radios/VHF Portable Radios and Accessories - Public Safety/Fire Service** - Staff recommended the purchase of eight (8) Motorola 800 MHZ radios, ten (10) VHF portable radios and accessories for Public Safety/Fire Service from Motorola through State Contract Number OIR2002.07. The radios will be issued to the following municipal fire departments: Irmo, Cayce, West Columbia, Batesburg/Leesville and the Airport. The addition of these radios will enhance the Fire Service's ability to utilize available VHF frequencies, as well as maintain a backup to the 800 MHZ system. Total cost including tax is \$34,296.37.

**Motorola 800 MHZ Radio and Accessories - Sheriff's Department** - Staff recommended the purchase of one (1) Motorola 800 MHZ radio and accessories for the Sheriff's Department from Motorola through State Contract Number OIR2002.07. The new radio will be issued to the drug lab chemist. Total cost including tax is \$5,330.53.

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

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

**Chairman's Report - *The Chronicle*** - Mr. Rucker stated he was contacted by *The Chronicle* inquiring if the County was interested in having the new telephone numbers published in their paper for one week and asked staff for an update.

Mr. Brooks stated it is a conversion process that will take approximately three weeks and indicated the County has already sent out a news release to the media. He stated the 359 prefix number will be converted to 785 with the last four digits remaining the same. Currently 50 to 75 phone lines are being converted daily.

Mr. Carrigg asked why there is not an automated recording when calling the old number to inform the caller that the number has been changed.

Mr. Brooks stated for numbers that are published in the phone book there will be a recording informing the caller that the number has been changed but not for non-published numbers. He stated there is a \$10 charge per number.

Mr. Owens asked if the County had a choice whether or not to change numbers.

Mr. Brooks stated this was part of the conversion to the internet phone service that will save the County approximately \$90,000 in addition to free long distance charges.

Mr. Davis asked if publishing the numbers in *The Chronicle* was voluntary or for a fee.

Mr. Rucker replied he understood the County would be charged for this service.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens that the County pay for a bold ad in *The Chronicle* indicating that all 359 numbers have been changed to 785 and the suffix would remain the same.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Ms. Summers stated it would be fruitless to run the ad until all numbers have been changed.

Mr. Carrigg asked whether the ad would be in all the local papers.

Mr. Derrick withdrew his motion; Mr. Owens withdrew his second.

Mr. Brooks stated there was an article in the *State* paper today about the conversion from 359 to 785.

**Health Insurance - Municipalities** - Mr. Rucker stated he has been contacted by several municipalities asking if staff would investigate whether they could participate in the County's health insurance network with each paying their share and asked if Council wanted staff to pursue.

Messrs. Owens and Cullum replied they would be in favor.

Mr. Carrigg asked if the County would govern the plan.

Mr. Rucker stated he was only asked if they (the municipalities) paid for their employees could they be included in the County's health insurance network.

Mr. Owens replied, the hospital does it.

Mr. Carrigg asked if the County has any legal issues with respect to the request.

Mr. Rucker asked if Council wanted to delay until conferring with the County attorney.

Council agreed to delay until the County attorney has reviewed.

**Hog Bill - S.304** - Mr. Rucker stated the Hog Bill is coming out of the Senate subcommittee with several attachments. He said not only does it deal with hogs and poultry but with certain types of industrial development. He asked Council to contact Senator Cromer, Chairman of the subcommittee and request that this bill be killed in the Senate committee.

**Bill Board - H.3381** - Mr. Rucker stated it is currently in the Senate. He said the Association of Counties is concerned that the requirements for counties differ from SCDOT and feels the counties should meet the same standards of SCDOT. Currently, the bill is more stringent on counties rather than SCDOT.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated he has talked with Senator Knotts who said he is definitely against local governments having to pay more than SCDOT.

Mr. Rucker asked Council to thank Senator Knotts for his support.

**Irmo (Harbison) Property** - Mr. Rucker stated Mr. Anderson, County attorney has closed on the Irmo Fire Department property and thanked him for his diligence.

**Furman Younginer - Irmo High School** - Mr. Rucker recognized Furman Younginer a student from Irmo High School interested in county government.

**Association of Counties** - Mr. Rucker noted the Association of Counties has provided all Council members a Directory of County Officials and a Handbook for County Government in South Carolina.

**Administrator's Report- Ozone Awareness Week** - Mr. Brooks indicated that March 28 through April 1 is Ozone Awareness Week. He stated the County is part of the early action compact with DHEC to try to mitigate problems with ozone in order to prevent sanctions in the future.

**General Fund Requested Budget** - Mr. Brooks stated the FY 05-06 General Fund requested budget is available for Council.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of March 8, 2005** - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

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

Mr. Jeffcoat  
Mr. Owens

Mr. Carrigg

**Zoning Amendments - Zoning Map Amendment - M04-06 - 6172 Bush River Road - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading and Zoning Map Amendment M05-01 - 6172 Bush River Road - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading** - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve third and final reading.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat thanked all parties involved; the citizens and homeowners in Brittany Place and Brittany II subdivisions for their willingness to work and compromise with Dr. and Mrs. Rothstein and their son, David, and indicated most are happy with the outcome.

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

**Zoning Map Amendment M04-09 - 5466 Bush River Road - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading** - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve third and final reading. Mr. Carrigg stated this includes only the rezoning of the parcel indicated as TMS# 002798-01-022 from Development (D) to General Commercial (C2).

Mr. Rucker asked the County attorney if the amendment could be changed on third and final reading.

Mr. Carrigg stated this was changed at the second reading. He said he was only restating the motion from the second reading to be certain that it was clear because the approval is different than the request.

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

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

**Ordinance - Ordinance 05-01 - An Ordinance to Amend Section 54-61(c) of the Franchised Collectors Ordinance for Lexington County - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum that Ordinance 05-01 be given second reading.

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

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

**Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, J. Owens, Chairman - Resolution - Carolina Culinary Food, L.P. - Financing Agreement (Tentative)** - Mr. Owens stated the Planning and Administration Committee convened on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 to consider a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Estoppel, Consent and Agreement, and Leasehold Mortgage by and between Lexington County and Bank of America.

Mr. Carl Holloway, the attorney representing Carolina Culinary Foods, L.P. f/k/a Columbia Farms - OSI, L.P., stated his client desires to enter into a financing agreement with Bank of America and mortgage its leasehold interest as collateral for the loan(s) extended by Bank of America, however the title of the property is currently under Lexington County's name as a result of a fee-in-lieu tax agreement.

Mr. Holloway said the loan is in excess of \$1 billion with the County's portion being between \$11 million to \$18 million but stated the County is not obligating itself for the loan but agreeing for the leasehold interest to be mortgaged.

The committee voted to recommend that full Council approve the resolution contingent upon the approval of the County attorney.

Mr. Anderson, County attorney stated he has reviewed the documentation and the resolution is only allowing Carolina Culinary Foods, L.P. to mortgage their leasehold interest in the property.

Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the resolution.

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

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

**MetLife Foundation and Libraries for the Future Grant** - Mr. Owens stated his committee met during the afternoon to discuss a grant application for Library Services from MetLife Foundation and Libraries for the Future to purchase books and films. He said the grant in the amount of \$5,000 requires no matching funds, only the inkind expenses of the library staff.



Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the grant application.

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

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

**Zoning Map Amendment M04-07 - 8065 Irmo Drive - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - Mr. Jeffcoat, on behalf of Mr. Owens, stated the Planning and Administration Committee met during the afternoon to discuss Zoning Map Amendment M04-07 and recommended that second reading be denied.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated the applicant withdrew his application today and said the Planning Commission met on March 17 and recommended denial based on the following concerns: (1) the development plan submitted with the amendment request did not meet the buffering requirements, (2) the closeness to the property, and (3) the noise generated by trash pick-up and deliveries.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to deny second reading of Zoning Map Amendment M04-07.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick asked which came first, the request to withdraw or the recommendation from the Planning Commission? He said there is a specific period of time before it can be reconsidered if Council votes it down whereas if it is withdrawn it can be reconsidered in a shorter period of time.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated he discussed this with the County attorney and everything is in order.

Mr. Derrick asked, did the applicant ask that the request be withdrawn from consideration?

Mr. Jeffcoat replied, today they wanted it pulled.

Mr. Davis replied, after the agenda was set.

Mr. Owens stated the Planning Commission voted several days ago (March 17).

Mr. Davis stated he chose to deny the request and said if that makes it longer for them to reapply, that's fine.

Mr. Rucker called for further discussion on the motion; none occurred.

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

**2005 Rhythm on the River (Tentative)** - Mr. Owens stated his committee met during the afternoon to discuss a request from West Metro Chamber of Commerce for \$7,000 from the Temporary Alcohol Beverage License Fee for the 2005 Rhythm on the River. The Rhythm on the River concert series is scheduled for ten consecutive weekends from April 30 to July 2.

Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the \$7,000 request from the Temporary Alcohol Beverage License Fee fund.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Carrigg stated the expense estimates submitted were approximately \$11,000 and said the \$4,500 they were receiving from the municipalities did not leave a balance of \$7,000.

Mr. Davis replied, it's the advertising budget.

Mr. Cullum replied, what West Metro Chamber of Commerce was looking for was a headline sponsor for the amount of \$15,000. He said since the initial presentation by West Metro Chamber of Commerce other companies have agreed to contribute additional funding toward the operational expenses.

Mr. Carrigg asked if this is a one time expenditure or annually.

Mr. Cullum replied, it is an annual event, but a one time appropriation from the County this year that includes a \$2,500 purchase of a stage that will be used annually. He said next year West Metro Chamber of Commerce will again be requesting funding for advertising.

Mr. Carrigg stated the concern he has is the County has a number of festivals that the County funds who do not receive \$7,000.

Mr. Rucker called for further discussion of the motion; none occurred.

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

**Health & Human Services, J. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman** - Mr. Carrigg stated his committee met and discussed several grants during the afternoon meeting. Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr.

Keisler to approve the following grant applications (Tabs H, I, & J) .

**EMS Grant-in-Aid Program (DUI Funds) - FY2006 - Public Safety/EMS** - The EMS Grant-in-Aid is a request for \$11,000 from the SC Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) utilizing funds generated from DUI funds. Funds may be utilized to purchase training materials that relate to CISM programs, dispatcher training and Public Information and Education Resources (PIER)/Injury Prevention activities. The grant is 94.5 percent state funded with a 5.5 percent County match. The County match would be up to \$605.

**SC Office of Rural Health (SCORH) Grant - FY2005 - Public Safety/EMS** - The SC Office of Rural Health (SCORH) grant is for the purchase of one (1) automatic external defibrillator (AED) from the SC Office of Rural Health. There is no cost to the County.

**Assistance to Firefighter and Safer Grant - Public Safety/Fire Service** - The Assistance to Firefighter and Safer grant in the amount of \$1,120,040 is for five grants for Lexington County Fire Service, Fairview, Sandy Run, Swansea, and Edmund for equipment purchases. The County match is \$199,504.

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

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

**Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman** - Mr. Derrick stated his committee met and discussed two grants during the afternoon meeting. Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the following two grant (Tabs M & O) applications.

**COATS Enhancement Grant Application - Public Works** - This is a two-year funding process through the federal government which requires a 60/40 percent match. The grant is to be used for sidewalks on SC 6 between the Lexington town limits and the Lake Murray Dam in FY 05-06 and sidewalks on SC 60 between Irmo town limits and the Lake Murray Dam in FY 06-07. Total grant application is in the amount of \$483,320 or \$241,660 annually. The federal portion is \$145,000 and the County will be responsible for \$96,664 annually which will be funded through "C" funds.

**Annual DHEC Used Oil Grant Application - Solid Waste** - This is an annual grant from DHEC in the amount of \$21,450 for the purpose of proper disposal of used oil with no matching funds.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis

Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
Mr. Owens	

**Budget Amendment Resolutions** - The following BAR's were distributed and signed.

An appropriation transfer of \$7,000 for the 2005 Rhythm on the River concert series.

A supplemental appropriation increase to appropriate a grant award received from the State Budget and Control Board to the Lexington County Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission for the construction of approximately 70,000 feet of sewer force main, installation of a 4000 GPM pump station and the permanent closure of two treatment facilities for the City of Cayce.

A supplemental appropriation increase of \$4,400 to appropriate a grant award received from Palmetto Pride for the purchase of landscaping plants for the beautification and anti-litter efforts in Lexington County.

**Old Business/New Business** - Mr. Carrigg asked if we are changing our rule about the first time out ..... I guess we can, we can amend the rule.

Mr. Rucker said it came up this afternoon. As long as it comes up in the afternoon Committee session.

Mr. Owens said he thought it had to be on the agenda.

Mr. Rucker replied, it's on the agenda.

Mr. Carrigg said before if it was something he wanted, it had to be on the agenda.

Mr. Rucker replied, I think you got that passed, didn't you, Mr. Carrigg.

Mr. Carrigg replied, we do kind of have that rule and I have heard you talk about this and if something is brought for the first time .....

Mr. Davis replied, I have seen letters to that affect.

Mr. Rucker replied, he had no problem waiting the two weeks but did not think the Airport Committee can wait because they have a deadline on a grant.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied that he does not see any need in waiting if there is a need.

Mr. Rucker said if there is a need to wait, somebody make a motion.

Mr. Carrigg stated he does not see a need to wait but doesn't see the need to wait a lot of times.

**New Business - Airport, T. Cullum, Chairman** - Mr. Cullum thanked Chairman Rucker for allowing him to “bend” the rule as Council did agree starting the first of the year that we would try not to bring before full Council items not listed on the 4:30 agenda. However, he said the only reason he asked that it be brought forward is due to time constraints.

**Five-Year CIP 2006-2010 Plan** - Mr. Cullum reported his committee met and reviewed the Five-Year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for 2006-2010 prepared by Wilbur Smith Associates and discussed an issue with the funding for electrical repairs and went over the fuel farm cost estimates.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to approve the 2006-2010 CIP plan as amended during the afternoon committee meeting. The amendment to the Five-Year CIP plan is to move the t-hangar and apron construction expansion from 2008 to 2006 and to delete the land acquisition from 2006.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion; none occurred.

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

**Electrical Repairs** - Mr. Cullum reported his committee discovered that the cost of the electrical repairs for the lighting system could not be paid through the FAA grant but would have to be through a State FAA grant. The State FAA requires a 75/25 percent match. The cost of the repairs is \$15,000 and the County match is \$3,750. The repairs include a refurbished unit for the beacon, wiring and bulb replacement on the runway, and activation for the lighting.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to allocate the \$3,750 match for the electrical repairs through the State FAA.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick stated Council needed to identify a funding source for the repairs as part of the motion.

Mr. Cullum replied, if approved, the expenses would be from the FY 05-06 budget. He said the items would be approved, but, yet not funded until the budget is established for FY 05-06.

Mr. Davis replied, but they (repairs) will be carried out before the budget.

Mr. Cullum replied, I don’t know.

Mr. Rucker replied, if it passes, it will.

Mr. Cullum made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the \$3,750 from the General Fund Balance.

Mr. Rucker stated he was obtaining an answer whether Council needed to move into Executive session for discussion.

Mr. Rucker stated Council originally approved \$40,000 for the airport and said after previously approved items, funds are still available to cover the \$3,750 match.

Mr. Cullum withdrew his amendment and Mr. Owens withdrew his second.

Mr. Cullum rephrased the original motion, seconded by Ms. Summers that the \$3,750 grant match for the electrical repairs of the refurbished beacon and the runway lighting be paid out of remaining available funds from the original appropriation that was approved for terminal repairs.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion; none occurred.

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

**Fuel Farm** - Mr. Cullum stated the cost estimates for the fuel farm submitted by Wilbur Smith Associates is \$227,550. This is a grant through the FAA and the State FAA whereby the County's portion is 2½ percent or \$5,600 of the total cost.

Mr. Cullum asked if there are sufficient funds available from the original appropriation to cover the \$5,600 match.

Mr. Porth, Finance Director, suggested that the \$5,600 be part of the Airport Committee FY 05-06 budget.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis that the \$5,600 be paid out of funds appropriated in the FY 05-06 budget.

Mr. Derrick called for the question.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked whether the motion was for discussion.

Mr. Rucker asked Mr. Derrick if he would allow discussion even though he called for the question.

Mr. Derrick agreed to allow discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked how much of the fuel farm estimate is for architect costs.

Mr. Porth replied, approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Cullum said during the committee meeting it was learned that services provided by the architect are required by the FAA when you do a construction project.

Mr. Carrigg asked if the cost of the fuel farm will deplete most of the grant funding.

Mr. Cullum replied, it will deplete \$5,600.

Mr. Carrigg replied, no it depletes approximately \$200,000 plus of the grant funding. He said he was concerned with the itemization and was not only disturbed but appalled by some of the cost estimates.

Mr. Carrigg said he understands Councilman Owens, Director of Public Works for the City of West Columbia, installed a fuel station with three kinds of fuel for approximately \$45,000 and we are installing a gas station for airplanes at an airport with one kind of fuel and ..... He said he could maybe understand because local government only pays 2 ½ percent and no one looks real careful at it but said it seems awful expensive.

Mr. Owens asked, is this a bid process?

Mr. Cullum replied, yes sir, it would have to be bid out.

Mr. Cullum replied that he shared the same view that Mr. Carrigg expressed when first presented the cost estimates and said he too questioned Wilbur Smith Associates. He said this would be a 12,000 gallon tank.

Mr. Owens replied, we put in three 10s for \$45,000.

Mr. Rucker called for further discussion.

Mr. Carrigg asked if Council is agreeing to pay this much.

Mr. Rucker replied, we are going to find out if we have five votes; if we don't, we're not.

Mr. Derrick stated that is not necessarily true. He said we still have the opportunity to negotiate with our designer and our planner. This is only an estimate and we have not signed a contract to pay that fee. Mr. Derrick said Council is obligating the funds to obtain some pricing.

Mr. Carrigg stated he has said all along that it is critical to get fuel for the airport.

Mr. Owens stated it will be a normal bid process.

Mr. Cullum replied, absolutely.

Mr. Rucker called for further discussion; none occurred.

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

**Committee of the Whole -Proposed Capital Projects and Funding Source for Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and Library Services** - Mr. Jeffcoat, on behalf of Chairman Rucker, stated the committee met and discussed several proposed projects for Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and Library Services that are needed by the citizens of Lexington County. The project consist of (1) Fire Service Stations at Corley Mill, Cedar Grove, Hwy 6/Fish Hatchery Road, Chapin relocation, Lake Murray and station additions at Red Bank, Mack Edisto, Amicks Ferry, Crossroads, and Pine Grove; (2) South Region LE Service Center; and (3) expanding the libraries at Gaston, Gilbert, and Chapin and the relocation of the Swansea Library.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to allow staff to begin the bid process for the above proposed capital projects and approve first reading for the appropriation of funds.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated the proposed capital projects will not create a tax increase for the citizens of Lexington County as funding will be paid from the County General Fund balance.

Mr. Rucker called for further discussion; none occurred.

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

**Reassessment Delay Due to Computer Problems** - Mr. Jeffcoat asked why the County is having all the problems with the computer system that staff cannot get the reassessment notices mailed.

Mr. Brooks stated the CAMA system (Computer Aided Mass Appraisal) has been down which prevents staff to access the data. He said the reassessment notices are printed and ready to be mailed but did not want them mailed until the appraisers could access the data readily as calls come in for appeals and values. He said progress is being made on having the system up and running and anticipated, hopefully, mailing the notices out within the next two weeks.



Mr. Jeffcoat asked whether this was a “news item” to the County’s I.S. Department; have they not known for some time that we were going to have this project or did they not guard themselves against something like this to happen. He said it is embarrassing to Council.

Mr. Schafer, Director of I.S. replied it was due to a disk drive failure on the computer and our back ups we have; we tried to put the system where it would communicate with the various parts of the system. You have data bases, a number of tables, applications, the data base management system and we have just had problems from our backups making it work and we are continuing to work on it. We have escalated it with all the support people that we have and we are making progress at this time.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied he understood what Mr. Schafer is saying but said when people tell me they are working on something and the job hasn’t been done in a timely manner like it is supposed to be done, I don’t accept that.

Mr. Schafer replied he wanted Council to be aware that it was equipment failure that started it.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied, “it’s your job to make sure that that equipment is running, am I wrong?”

Mr. Schafer replied, yes sir.

**Sign Committee** - Mr. Jeffcoat said a Sign Committee had been formed to review the sign ordinance and believes everyone is ready to give a report and said the Committee Chairman is not showing up to pull the committee back together and asked Chairman Rucker to intervene to get the results in order to move forward.

Mr. Rucker asked Mr. Jeffcoat if he had a timeline?

Mr. Jeffcoat replied that he would like to have the results by the Sign Committee by the next Council meeting on April 12.

**Public Works Personnel** - Mr. Jeffcoat asked if staff could update Council on O’Neil Bickley.

Mr. John Fechtel, Director Public Works, reported that Mr. Bickley had gallbladder problem and had surgery and is home doing fine.

**Lowell C. “Butch” Spires, Jr.** - Mr. Rucker noted that Mr. Spires passed away last week. He said he usually does not bring things like this up but he received a phone call today from Mrs. Spires. She said her grandson said Butch had come to him and talked to him in a dream and said he was alright and to tell his family he was alright and he wanted everyone to know that he was alright. He said he did this for Council’s sake because he felt Council needed to hear this because Butch’s shoes are really “big” and Council will have a difficult time filling those shoes because he was into a lot of public service. He said those who were on Council with Butch knew what he did and how he helped Lexington County even up until eight weeks ago, he was out fighting for Lexington County.

**Town of Lexington Council Members** - Mr. Rucker recognized Town of Lexington Council members present.

**West Columbia Police Chief** - Mr. Rucker recognized Chief Dennis Tyndall of West Columbia.

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

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

Mr. 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 and discussed one personnel matter and two matters dealing with the Town of Lexington.

**Town of Lexington - Animal Control** - Mr. Rucker said Council talked with the Town of Lexington about animal control in the town limits. Council has asked staff to talk with the Town of Lexington about a contract with the County to help with the animal control problem in the town limits and asked that the issue be placed in the appropriate committee for discussion.

**Town of Lexington - Future Developed Roads** - Mr. Rucker said Council talked with the Town of Lexington about future developed roads. He said once the roads meet County specifications the County will oversee the road maintenance.

Mr. Rucker asked for a motion to be considered.

Mr. Derrick make a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that staff move forward with discussions with the Town of Lexington about taking over road maintenance on future developed roads once they meet the County's specifications within the Town of Lexington.

Mr. Rucker opened the meeting for discussion; none occurred.

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

Mr. Jeffcoat expressed his appreciation to Mr. John Fechtel, Director of Public Works for his part in getting the Irmo Fire Station (Harbison) sale completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

Bruce E. Rucker  
Chairman