

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 29, 2005

Lexington County Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The special meeting was held to lessen the impact of the number of agenda items and public hearings that are scheduled for December 13, 2005. Chairman Cullum presided; Mr. Kinard gave the invocation; Mr. Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	M. Todd Cullum	James E. Kinard, Jr.
	William C. Billy Derrick	George H. Smokey Davis
	Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
	Joseph W. Owens	

Not Present: Johnny W. Jeffcoat
 John W. Carrigg, Jr. *

* Mr. Carrigg was not present due to a family illness out of town.

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth; Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Deputy County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/Deputy County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Special Recognition - Chairman Cullum recognized Boy Scout members West Cassity, Troop 26 and Beck Cassity, Pack 518 and Zack Buck, a student at Irmo High School studying government.

Presentation of Resolution - Mary L. Miller Presented by Councilman Bobby Keisler - Councilman Keisler presented a framed resolution to Ms. Miller honoring her for her commitment and service on the Children's Shelter Board of Directors since 1996.

Dr. Jarrell Smith, Director of the Children's Shelter, thanked Ms. Miller for her faithful service and County Council for all the wonderful things they have done for the Children's Shelter for many, many years.

Appointment - Board of Zoning Appeals - Mark Bostic - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Derrick to appoint Mr. Mark Bostic to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

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

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that the following bids/purchases/RFPs (B,C,and D) be approved.

4-WD Intermediate Utility Vehicle - Fleet Services Motor Pool - Staff recommended the purchase of one (1) New 2006 Jeep Liberty 4-WD intermediate utility vehicle for Fleet Services Motor Pool. The vehicle will be part of the motor pool and be used by Public Works/Stormwater Division. The 4-WD vehicle will be purchased from Benson Chrysler Dodge Jeep through State Contract Number 05-S6673-A11166 at a cost of \$16,198 including applicable sales tax.

Installation of a Gate and Controllers - Emergency Procurement - Sheriff's Department - Competitive quotes were obtained for the installation of a gate and controllers for the Sheriff's Department. The purchase has been deemed an emergency due to the compound being unsecured due to gates being in-operable.

Three (3) quotes were received. Staff recommended the award of the quote to Guardian Fence Suppliers as the low bidder meeting specifications. The cost including tax is \$17,308.64.

Security Camera System and Maintenance - Sheriff's Department - Bids were solicited for a security camera system and maintenance for the Sheriff's Department. The jail camera system is needed to replace the existing malfunctioning equipment and expand the system to improve the security of the facility which is a vital component for the safety and security of the detention facility.

Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Tech Ventures d/b/a W.H. Platts Company as the lowest responsive bidder. Total cost of the system and maintenance including applicable sales tax is \$64,566.59.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Ms. Summers asked why ProTec Services had such a drastic difference in their maintenance bid?

Mr. Cullum asked that a representative from Procurement come forward to address Ms. Summer's question.

Ms. Donna Harris, Procurement Officer, stated ProTec Services did not ask for clarification on questions they had prior to the bid.

Ms. Summers replied, okay.

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

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

Administrator's Report - Mr. Brooks announced that Governor Sanford has proclaimed Friday, December 23 as a State holiday. Therefore, since the County adopted the State's holidays, the County will be closed as well. The County will be closed December 23, 26, 27 and reopen on the 28th.

Chairman's Report - Mr. Cullum reported he attended his first South Carolina Law Enforcement Network quarterly meeting on Thursday, November 17 in Batesburg. He noted Councilmen Derrick, Owens, and Keisler were in attendance as well.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of October 25 and November 8, 2005 - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes of October 25 and November 8, 2005 as submitted.

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

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

Committee Report - Airport, T. Cullum, Chairman - Airport Beacon & Lighting Repairs - Grant Amendment Request - Mr. Cullum reported the Airport Committee convened on Tuesday, November 08, 2005 to consider a request to amend the SC Department of Commerce grant for repairs to the beacon and electrical system following a lightning storm. The estimated cost for repairs is \$450 to \$500.

Ms. Katherine Doucett, Human Resources Director and Assistant County Administrator, stated during a lightning storm the electrical system was struck by lightning that caused additional equipment to be damaged. She said the County is in the process of seeking insurance reimbursement for the damaged regulator. However, during the review of the electrical cabinet, it was identified that better electrical grounding and a new surge protector were needed. The material cost of the electrical grounding is approximately \$200 plus County labor cost and a new surge protector is estimated to be \$250.

The committee voted to recommend to Council that staff proceed with amending the SC Department

of Commerce grant to make the necessary repairs.

Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve staff's request to move forward with amending the SC Department of Commerce grant \$450 to \$500 to cover the cost of repairs to the beacon and electrical system.

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

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

Economic Development Project Project Film

(1) Ordinance - 05-13* - Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Between Lexington County and Project Film; and Other Matters Relating Thereto Including, Without Limitation, Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Taxes and Granting Certain Infrastructure Credits to Project Film - 2nd Reading - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens that Ordinance 05-13 be given second reading.

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

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

* Ordinance 05-13 and Ordinance 05-14 were combined into one as Ordinance 05-13. Ordinance 05-14 was voided.

Sheriff's Department Retains National Accreditation - Mr. Cullum announced that the Sheriff's Department has retained its status as a nationally accredited law enforcement agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and commended the Sheriff and his staff.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mr. Derrick that Council go into executive session to discuss two Economic Development issues, one contractual issue, and three legal matters.

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

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Cullum reported Council received the legal briefing and discussed contractual and economic development matters and reported no motions were to be considered.

Budget Amendment Resolution - A budget amendment in the amount of \$2,080,371 was distributed and signed to establish a budget for the certain building and space needs for the relocation and additions to the libraries.

Mr. Cullum asked if the funds originated out of FY 2004-2005 budget?

Mr. Porth replied, it came from fund balance that was carried forward into FY 2005-2006.

Mr. Davis asked whether the budget amendment specifically dictates where libraries are going, etc.

Mr. Brooks replied, attached to the BAR is a list of all the projects and the cost estimate for each. He said the budget amendment is only to begin moving forward with the architectural process and does not award any funds for construction, etc.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman