

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bernice G. Scott
District 10

Joyce Dickerson
District 2

Greg Pearce
District 6

Damon Jeter, Chair
District 3

Doris Corley
District 1

*May 23, 2006
5:00 PM*

**Richland County Council Chambers
County Administration Building
2020 Hampton Street**

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2006: Regular Session Meeting [Pages 3 – 4]

Adoption of Agenda

I. Items for Action

A. Acceptance of Fee Interest Title for a 77-Acre Parcel Located off Cabin Creek Road: Recommendation will be made by Conservation Commission
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B. Solid Waste Management Plan Revision
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C. Homeless Commission Item
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D. Emergency Services Station Site Purchases
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E. Jackson Creek Emergency Services Station Construction
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F. Emergency Services Purchase Orders
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II. Items for Discussion / Information

There are no items for discussion/information.

III. Items Pending Analysis

A. Town of Eastover Sewer Collection System

Adjournment

Staffed by: Joe Cronin

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

April 25, 2006

5:00 PM



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

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Members Present:

Chair: Damon Jeter
Member: Bernice G. Scott
Member: Joyce Dickerson
Member: L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Absent: Doris M. Corley

Others Present: Joseph McEachern, Paul Livingston, Valerie Hutchinson, Milton Pope, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Andy Metts, Monique Walters, Kendall Johnson, Stephany Snowden, Chief Harrell, Rodolfo Callwood, Teresa Smith, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 28, 2006 (Regular Session) – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the agenda as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Energy Conservation: Mr. Larry Landry – Mr. Landry from AMERESCO gave a brief presentation regarding the services AMERESCO provides.

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to direct staff to bring back to Council additional information regarding the services of AMERESCO and any savings that can be realized by the County by utilizing AMERESCO's services. The vote in favor was unanimous.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Scott recognized that former Council member Susan Brill was present.

Richland County Greenways: Mr. Ken Driggers, Executive Director, Palmetto Conservation Foundation – Ms. Susan Brill thanked Council for their support of this project. Mr. Driggers presented a detailed report of the accomplishments and future goals of the project. Mr. Pearce requested a list of proposed projects and funding needed for those projects.

I. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approval of Construction Contract with Sloan Construction Co. for the Rehabilitation of Jim Hamilton Boulevard —Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. A discussion took place. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Article II, Section 17-10 (Parking in Residential Zones of the County) to Include Restrictions on the Parking of Inoperable Vehicles and Trailers in Residential Zoning Districts for More than 30 Consecutive Days – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to forward this item to Council without a recommendation and to amend the ordinance language with regards to acreage, to include an exemption for the rural areas. A discussion took place. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance Prohibiting Careless Driving and Driving Across Property to Avoid a Traffic Control Device – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction – Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to forward this item to Council without a recommendation and to schedule a work session before the next council meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Update on Road Warranty Task Force – This item was deferred to the May committee meeting.

III. ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Town of Eastover Sewer Collection System – This item is still pending.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Damon Jeter
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Acceptance of Fee Interest Title for a 77-Acre Parcel Located off Cabin Creek Road

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to consider a proposed donation of fee interest title for a 77-acre parcel located off Cabin Creek Road in Hopkins. The property is owned by CW Haynes Company. A recommendation from the Conservation Commission will be presented to the committee during the meeting.

B. Background / Discussion

The County Administrator asked Jim Wilson, Environmental Program Manager with the Richland County Conservation Commission, to consider a proposed donation of fee interest title in property to the County. The parcel is 77 acres located off Cabin Creek Road in Hopkins and is owned by CW Haynes Company. Mr. Wilson conducted a site visit on May 2, 2006 with Hugh Caldwell, County Soil & Water, and Ken Driggers, Palmetto Conservation Foundation. The owner contact was Mr. William Sellers.

The property

- Pine trees recently harvested under woodland management
- Hardwood trees in wetlands not harvested
- Hardwood trees serve as riparian buffer to Cabin Creek
- Soils-Norfolk-Clarendon-Johnston
- Majority of property high ground suitable for recreation
- Wetland Forest area suitable for trails and ecology education
- Property contains waste water treatment lagoon and cemetery
- Wetlands considered sensitive ecological system
- Limited access off Cabin Creek Road

Considerations

- Several other large parcels close by may serve as connectivity and water quality protection. Acquisition of this property would be consistent with the Greenways plan being considered by the property
- Landowner's desire to donate land to Richland County
- Land meets high priority goals of Conservation Commission for Natural Resource Protection, water quality, recreation, historical preservation, community access, and public benefit
- Easement access for cemetery and lagoon
- Underground sewage pipes shallow to surface

C. Financial Impact

The owner has offered this property to Richland County “without consideration.”

D. Alternatives

- 1. Accept the fee interest title for the 77-acre parcel.
- 2. Do not accept the fee interest title.

E. Recommendation

County Council should be encouraged to accept this donation of property. Donations of fee title interest should be accepted only in limited circumstances to avoid “waste land dumping” and stockpiling of property. This property serves so many long term purposes, recreation, water quality, open space protection that it is a positive candidate for public ownership. It can be considered land banked for future recreation purpose while protecting environmental quality.

Recommended by: Jim Wilson **Department:** Conservation Commission **Date:** 5/3/06

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia Linder

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Administration

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date:

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

MEMORANDUM

To: Milton Pope, County Administrator
From: Jim Wilson,
Environmental Program Manager,
Richland County Conservation Commission
Re: Cabin Creek - Haynes Proposal
DATE: May 3, 2006

The County Administrator asked that we consider a proposed donation of fee interest title in property to the County. The parcel is 77 acres located off Cabin Creek Road in Hopkins and is owned by CW Haynes Company. I conducted a site visit on May 2, 2006 with Hugh Caldwell, County Soil & Water, and Ken Driggers, Palmetto Conservation Foundation. My owner contact was Mr. William Sellers.

The property

- Pine trees recently harvested under woodland management
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- Landowner's desire to donate land to Richland County
- Land meets high priority goals of Conservation Commission for Natural Resource Protection, water quality, recreation, historical preservation, community access, and public benefit
- Easement access for cemetery and lagoon
- Underground sewage pipes shallow to surface

Recommendation - positive

County Council should be encouraged to accept this donation of property. Donations of fee title interest should be accepted only in limited circumstances to avoid "waste land dumping" and stockpiling of property. This property serves so many long term purposes, recreation, water

quality, open space protection that it is a positive candidate for public ownership. It can be considered land banked for future recreation purpose while protecting environmental quality.



Figure 1 view from Road



Figure 2. Cabin Creek



Figure 3. Vegetation



Figure 4 Harvested Pine Stand



Figure 5 Cemetery



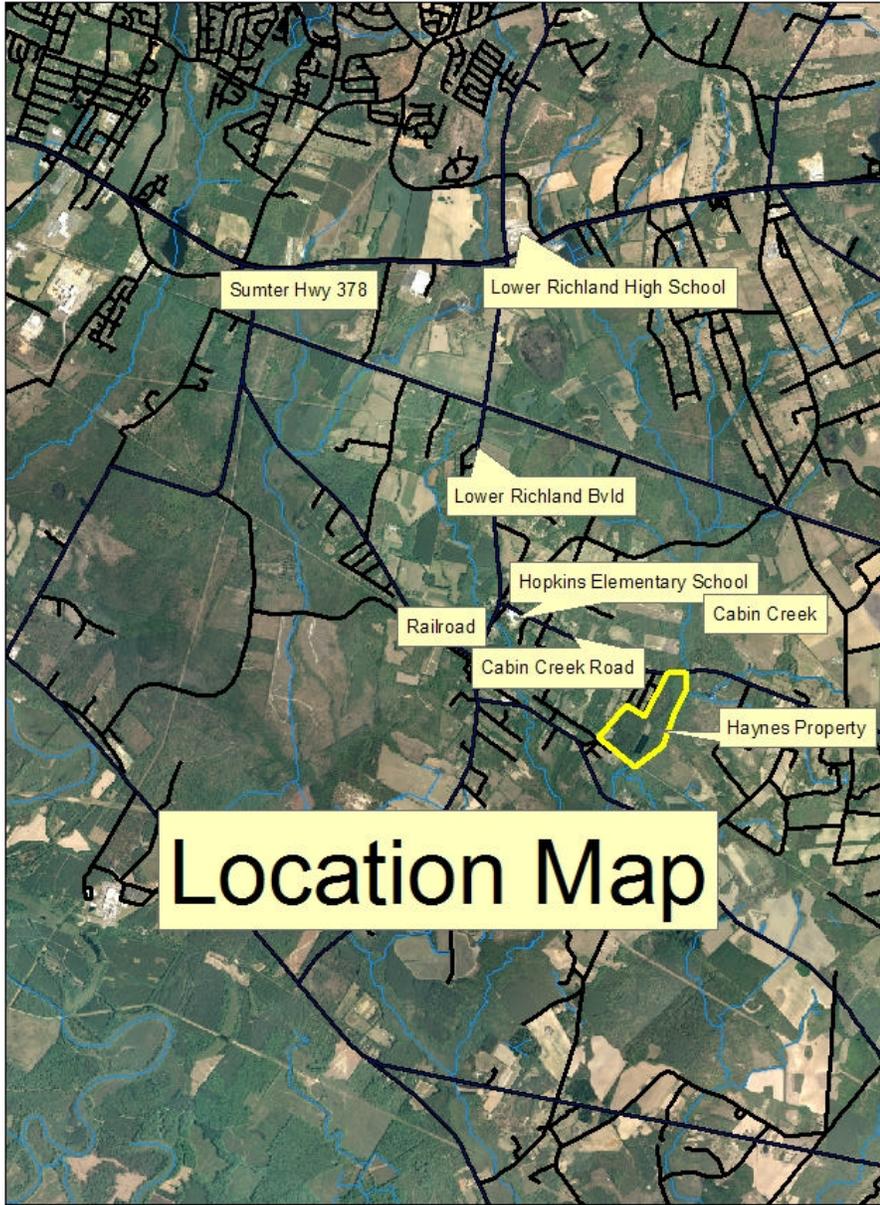
Figure 6 Waste Water Lagoon



Figure 7 Property off Cabin Creek



Figure 8 Significant Wetlands on Cabin Creek



Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Richland County Solid Waste Management Plan Revision

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to modify the existing Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to include a revision to allow for Loveless & Loveless Incorporated (Loveless) to site a Land Clearing Debris Landfill in eastern Richland County.

B. Background / Discussion

Last year B. P. Barber & Associates (BPB) was contracted to prepare the plan update. The updated plan was developed, approved by County Council, and submitted to the regulatory authority for review. The current plan does not allow for the addition of any additional Land Clearing Debris Landfills (LCD) as they are not required to handle the capacity requirements within Richland County.

Loveless is requesting to site this type landfill as part of the mine reclamation plan for the existing mine site located partially in Richland County. Loveless currently accepts approximately seventy (70%) percent of the residential yardwaste collected in Richland County's solid waste collection program. This disposal takes place at their existing Construction & Demolition (C&D) Landfill site located in Kershaw County. The addition of the LCD Landfill will provide flexibility in the Loveless operation and provide options for site managers in handling large bulky yard waste such as stumps, logs and heavy brush. These items are more difficult to manage than typical C&D waste streams.

Final approval of the modification is subject to South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (SCDHEC) review.

C. Financial Impact

No financial impact is required to transmit the modification to SCDHEC if approved.

D. Alternatives

1. Modify the current Solid Waste Management Plan to include the additional LCD Landfill for Loveless & Loveless Inc.
2. Do not modify the current Solid Waste Management Plan to include the additional LCD Landfill for Loveless & Loveless Inc.

E. Recommendation

Solid Waste's position on the request by Loveless & Loveless to have the Richland County Solid Waste Management Plan amended to include a Land Clearing Debris (LCD) landfill at

their existing site is not an issue. I believe Loveless & Loveless will run the site properly and in accordance with State Regulations. The only concern is that it sets a precedent concerning this type of landfill. LCDs were originally excluded from the plan as they are typically not run properly and are a difficult to monitor.

If we approve the Loveless site, we should expect numerous additional requests for this type of facility. My recommendation to Loveless was to pursue an expansion of their Commercial C&D operation which we could modify our plan for this activity without setting the new precedent concerning LCD's.

Recommended by: Solid Waste

Department: Public Works

Date: 5/9/06

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 5/15/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Defer to Public Works / Solid Waste.

Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia Linder

Date: 5/15/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Both alternatives appear to be legally sufficient; therefore, this request is at the discretion of County Council.

Administration

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date: 5/18/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Approval of the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan amendment will allow for the reclamation of mined property at the Loveless & Loveless landfill site. The existing dugout will be filled with land clearing debris, covered with soil and seeded, which should help to prevent future erosion of the property. The only reservation is that an approval of this request could set a precedent and result in future requests for permission to establish additional land clearing debris landfills.

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Midlands Commission on Homelessness

A. Purpose

Council is requested to approve the attached Inter-Governmental Agreement authorizing the creation of an 11-member commission on homelessness. Other participating jurisdictions will include the City of Columbia (which has already passed the attached Inter-Governmental Agreement) and Lexington County (which has been presented with the idea). Richland County Council will appoint three members of the proposed commission.

B. Background / Discussion

The request for approval of the Inter-Governmental Agreement is submitted by Samuel Tenenbaum, Interim Chair of the Midlands Commission on Homelessness. The request is a result of the Blueprint Plan to Address Homelessness, a ten year plan to reduce regional homelessness that was reviewed and accepted by Council representatives from Richland County, Lexington County and the City of Columbia at an intergovernmental summit on September 15, 2005. The proposed Commission will replace the existing homeless commission which was created by Richland County and the City of Columbia but was never funded nor staffed. The proposed commission will be responsible for implementing ten key strategies for reducing homelessness identified in the Blueprint plan. The proposed Commission will require a small staff (executive director and administrative assistant) and therefore funding from the participating jurisdictions to operate. The sooner the Commission is created, the sooner the community concerns about homelessness can be addressed. Among the most pressing issues is siting of the proposed new homeless center and an interim plan to shelter the 200-300 street homeless next winter (the current location is no longer available).

The Council was briefed on the Blueprint and its ten strategies by Dr. Blachman in 2005. In addition, several Richland County Council members participated in the Inter-Governmental Summit on the Blueprint held in September 2005. The Inter-governmental Agreement is the document that enables the implementation of the first strategy of the blueprint: "Create an empowered lead authority to ensure the implementation of the strategies of the Blueprint, to monitor progress and to function as the public mechanism for accountability." The Council has already reviewed and accepted the criteria presented by a Blueprint site selection committee charged with finding a location for the new homeless facility—the key component of the second strategy. The Council is aware that the site selection committee is charged to report to the newly formed homeless commission.

The draft Inter-Governmental Agreement has been reviewed by County staff in collaboration with the attorneys for the City of Columbia and Lexington County.

The City of Columbia passed the Inter-Governmental Agreement as attached on May 3, 2006.

C. Financial Impact

The attached Inter-Governmental Agreement includes funding from each jurisdiction to staff the Commission. The funding request is for \$100,000 for each of the next four years.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to accept the agreement as submitted and as passed by the City of Columbia.

If approved as written, development and operation of the commission can proceed in time to accept the recommendations of the site selection committee, to address the lack of a shelter for the 2006-07 winter and can implement the other strategies including the development of a year round facility with capacity to serve an additional 250 homeless people currently on the street.

Richland County participation and support of the Commission and the Blueprint will reinforce the growing regional collaboration in the solution of regional problems.

2. Decide not to approve the request to accept the agreement as submitted and as passed by the City of Columbia.

If Richland County opts not to participate in and support the Homeless Commission, it will be impossible to implement the Blueprint Plan as developed.

3. Delay a decision on the Commission.

If Richland County delays a decision to participate and support the Commission, some of the strategies already being implemented will be compromised or undermined. Richland County Council accepted the criteria developed by the site selection committee for locating a new, comprehensive homeless center. The committee has issued an RFP and is currently evaluating proposals. The site selection committee work is premised on creation of the Commission to whom the committee can make the recommendation. Delay of the Commission will make it even more difficult for property holders who have offered proposals in good faith that a decision on location will be made and implemented.

4. Request changes in the structure of the agreement before approval.

Changes in the structure could require new approval by the City of Columbia and delay creation of the commission. Potential consequences of delay are noted above.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to create a Midlands Homeless Commission by passing the intergovernmental agreement as presented including funding for the Commission.

Recommended by: Samuel Tenenbaum, Interim Chair of the Midlands Commission on Homelessness; May 17, 2006

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 5/18/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Council approval would require the identification of a funding source for the funding level of not less than \$100,000 per year for fiscal year 2007 - 2010. Additionally since the FY 07 recommended budget has been presented to council, approval would require a funding request with funding source be added to the FY 07 motion list.

Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia Linder

Date: 5/18/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: All of the alternatives appear to be legally sufficient; therefore, this request is at the discretion of County Council.

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 5-18-06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Council approval would require the identification of a funding source and funding level of not less than \$100,000 per year for fiscal year 2007 - 2010. This request is a policy decision of County Council.

information regarding homelessness; to identify gaps and duplications of services; and to serve as a focal point for homelessness information for citizens as well as service providers.

5. Policies of the Commission. The policies of the Commission, including rules of procedure, shall be established by the board of Commissioners consisting of eleven (11) members to be appointed as herein provided.

6. Composition. The Board of Commissioners shall be composed of members appointed in the following manner:

Three (3) members appointed by the City of Columbia City Council;

Three (3) members appointed by the Richland County Council;

Five (5) members appointed by the Lexington County Council. Of those five members, one shall serve as the representative for the City of West Columbia and one shall serve as the representative of the Town of Cayce;

7. Commissioners. Initially, members appointed by the various legislative bodies shall be appointed to a one year, a two year or a three year term as determined by the appointing body. Thereafter terms shall be for three (3) years. No person may be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Any Commissioner having served for two consecutive terms, may be reappointed after a period of absence from appointment to the Board for three years. All commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing body.

8. Vacancies. Vacancies in appointed positions on the Commission will be filled by appointment of the respective legislative body.

9. Attendance. Any Commissioner who is unable to attend a regular meeting shall give notice of such fact to the Chairman prior to the meeting. Absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board without an excuse deemed valid by the Board and so recorded by the Board will be construed as a resignation from the Board.

10. Removal and Resignation. A Commissioner may be removed for any reason upon a majority vote of the legislative body that appointed the Commissioner.

11. Compensation. No Commissioner shall receive compensation for service to the Commission. However, the Board may, by the adoption of written policies, provide for reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by Commissioners and Commission employees for business expenses related to the discharge of official duties.

12. Officers. The Board shall elect one (1) of its members as Chair, one of its members as Vice-Chair, and one of its members as Treasurer. The Commission may appoint an Executive Director who shall serve as the Secretary of the Board. Within thirty (30) days from the date of appointment, the Executive Director shall qualify for bond in the form and amount prescribed by the Commission, premium therefore being paid by the Commission.

13. Committees. The Board may create one or more committees of the Board and appoint members of the Board to serve on them.

14. Advisory Councils. The Board of Commissioners may create such Advisory Councils as may be necessary from time to time to address specific issues called for by the 10 Year Plan to Address Homelessness or by issues and situations facing the Board. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall nominate for approval by the Board, members of the Board or the community to serve on the Advisory Councils. The terms of membership on an Advisory Council shall be at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board, but in any event shall not exceed three years. If a Board member is asked to serve on an Advisory Council, his or her term on the Advisory Council will coincide with his or her term as a Board member. Advisory Councils shall report to the Board of Commissioners and shall be managed by the Executive Director under direction from the Board.

15. Meetings, Quorum and Rules of Procedure. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as deemed appropriate by the Board. A majority of the total number of Board members at any meeting of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

The Board shall establish rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and business affairs. All meetings, business activities and other affairs of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

16. Term and Removal. The Commissioners shall hold office until the expiration of their term or until their respective successors are chosen and have qualified. If the office of any Commissioner shall become vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the appointing body.

17. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and shall have such powers and duties as may be designated by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman shall be a voting member of all committees.

18. Vice Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and have all of the powers and duties of the Chairman.

19. Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Commission, if appointed, shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall have such duties and responsibilities as are prescribed by the Board of Commissioners.

20. Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board of Commissioners may direct, all of which shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the examination by any commissioner or member of the public as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Rules of Procedure established by the Board.

21. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Commission's funds and investments and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of funds belonging to the Commission.

22. Checks and Notes. All funds of the Commission will be maintained by the Commission in one or more accounts established in the name of the Commission, except those funds maintained in a Petty Cash Fund of \$500, which shall be only used when time does not permit operating through normal procedures. Checks drawn against petty cash funds shall be signed by the Executive Director and the Treasurer of the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall be authorized to sign for the Treasurer in such cases when the Treasurer is not available.

23. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Commission shall end each June 30.

24. Deposits. All funds of the Commission shall be deposited to the credit of the Commission. The Commission shall maintain accurate and timely records of the Commission funds.

25. Contracts. The Commission may from time to time enter into contracts as long as such contracts are directly related to the purposes of the Commission.

26. Books and Records. The Commission shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Commissioners and shall keep at the principal office of the Commission a record of the names and addresses of the Board and of any Committee or Advisory Council members. All books and records of the Commission may be inspected by any director or the director's agent at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

27. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Commission for any reason, all assets shall be transferred to the parties in equal shares, or to a successor entity approved by the parties.

28. Severability. In the event and to the extent (and only to the extent) that any provision or any part of a provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the remainder of that provision or any other provision or part of a provision of this Agreement.

29. Termination. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the parties agree that this Agreement may be terminated by any of the parties upon written notice of termination to be given by the terminating party not later than March 31st of any calendar year.

30. Funding. The parties agree to provide funds to the Commission in the amount of not less than One Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$100,000.00) Dollars per fiscal year, for four (4) consecutive years, commencing July 1, 2006.

31. Binding Agreement. This document serves as a written instrument containing the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall be binding on the parties, their successors and assigns.

WITNESS our hands and seals of the date first above set forth.

WITNESSES:

Witness to City of Columbia

Witness to City of Columbia

Witness to Richland County

Witness to Richland County

Witness to Lexington County

Witness to Lexington County

CITY OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____

ITS: _____

RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____

ITS: _____

LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____

ITS: _____

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Emergency Services Station Site Purchases

A. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to purchase two emergency service station sites. Specific information on the sites will be provided at the Council meeting. Funding is available – no other funding is requested.

B. Background / Discussion

Council previously issued a bond to make improvements in emergency services. One area needing improved EMS coverage is the Lower Richland area of the County. We have located a suitable site for a new station in the Horrell Hill area. The second site is in the Hardscrabble Road area of the county. This site will be used for a combination fire and EMS station.

C. Financial Impact

Site location and cost will be presented at the meeting. After the sites are purchased, we will begin planning for the construction of the buildings. All funds for these sites are included in the bond and Emergency Service budgets. No additional funding is needed.

D. Alternatives

1. Authorize staff to purchase the sites.
2. Continue looking for alternative sites.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council authorize staff to purchase the Horrell Hill and Hard Scrabble Road sites.

Recommended by: Michael A. Byrd **Department:** Emergency Services **Date:** 04-26-06

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 5/12/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Unable to make recommendation prior to reviewing information.

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood

Date: 5/15/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia Linder

Date: 5/15/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Unable to make a recommendation based on a lack of information concerning these purchases.

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 5-15-06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Jackson Creek Emergency Services Station Construction

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to authorize the Procurement Director to award a contract to the most responsive, responsible construction company for the construction of the Jackson Creek Emergency Services Station. The project has been advertised with a pre-bid conference held on April 27, 2006. The bidding will close on May 18, 2006. The results will be presented to Council after the evaluation process. Funds are budgeted and available.

B. Background / Discussion

The facility will serve as an EMS and Fire station. EMS will relocate an EMS crew currently working out of a trailer and the fire crew is budgeted in the fire budget.

This structure will be wood frame, brick veneer and metal roof of 7925 square feet including three vehicle bays. Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, Inc. developed construction drawings and specifications for the new Emergency Service Center.

Bidding of the project began on April 16th, 2006.

C. Financial Impact

Funding is available in the following accounts so no other funds are needed:

1890347.5322 (Fire Bond)
2210348.5322 (EMS Bond)
7500765.5322(Fire)

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the request to award a construction contract to the most responsive, responsible bidder, to be determined after the evaluation of the bids with funds coming from existing accounts.
2. Do not approve the award of contract and forfeit the opportunity to construct the Jackson Creek Emergency Service Center at this time.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that County Council authorize the Procurement Director to award a contract for the Jackson Creek Station construction to the most responsive, responsible bidder, to be specified after the bids are evaluated. Funding to be taken from existing accounts.

Recommended by: Michel Byrd Department: Emergency Svcs Dept Date: 04/24/06

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 5/12/06
✓ Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation: Cost estimates not included but funds are available in accounts stated above therefore recommend that funding not exceed available funds in those accounts.

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood Date: 5/15/06
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia Linder Date: 5/15/06
✓ Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope Date:
 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation:

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Emergency Services Purchase Orders for 2006-2007

A. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to award Purchase Orders for services in the 2006-2007-budget year. These services are required for the operations of the Emergency Services Department. These Purchase Orders and Contract approvals are subject to Council's adoption of the 2006-2007 budget.

B. Background / Discussion

The Emergency Services Department uses vendors to provide service for operations. It is necessary to have agreements in place July 1, 2006, so that service will not be interrupted at the start of the new budget year.

VENDOR	SERVICE	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
City of Columbia	EMS/Diesel & Gasoline	\$150,000
Medtronic Physio Control	EMS/EKG-Defibrillator Maint.	\$ 45,000
Motorola	EMS/Radio Service	\$ 80,000
Motorola	ETS/911 Equip.Service Agreement	\$ 53,000
Motorola	FIRE Radio Service	\$170,000

C. Financial Impact

Funding is included in the 2006-2007 budget.

D. Alternatives

1. Approve the purchase orders and contracts.
2. Do not approve the purchase orders and contracts.

E. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the purchase orders and contracts for the services so there will not be an interruption of these mission essential services at the beginning of the new budget year.

Recommended by: Michael A. Byrd Department: Emergency Services Date: 05-03-06

F. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 5/16/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Contingent to Council approval of FY-07 budget.

Procurement

Reviewed by: Rodolfo Callwood

Date: 5/16/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia Linder

Date: 5/16/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Administration

Reviewed by: J. Milton Pope

Date: 5/17/06

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: