# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 3, 2000 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Paul Livingston, Stephen F. Morris, James Tuten

ABSENT: Anthony G. Mizzell

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Paul Livingston, J.D. "Buddy" Meetze, T. Cary McSwain, Darren Gore, Larry Smith, Brad Farrar, Ash Miller, Pam Davis, Rodolfo Caldwell, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Marsheika Martin, Michielle Cannon-Finch

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

### **ITEM FOR ACTION**

# Approval of Purchase: Voting Machines

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator, stated there are 55 used Microvote DRE voting machines that can be purchased at \$2,200.00 a piece including tax and installation setup with the same guarantee as the others purchased. He stated because of the upcoming referendums and other issues that would create long lines in the precincts, these extra machines are needed. He stated there are approximately 600 voting machines. He stated 100 machines were just purchased.

Mr. McSwain stated the machines can be brought and added to the precincts or kept reserve for demonstration purposes or backup for machines that may break down.

A discussion took place regarding the contract. Mr. Rodolfo Caldwell, Interim Procurement Director, briefed Council on the current contract.

Mr. Smith stated he has asked Mr. Caldwell for a copy of the contract between now and the Council meeting for further review.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to forward to full Council and exercise the option to purchase 55 additional machines in the next week or two, contingent upon legal review. The vote in favor was unanimous.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph McEachern Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin