

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:05 p.m. Mr. Carrigg, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman  
Debra B. Debbie Summers  
William B. Banning, Sr.

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman  
Bobby C. Keisler  
William C. Billy Derrick

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; 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.

**Resolution in Support of the EverMay at Rapha Holding Company, Inc. - JEDA Bond - McNair Law Firm, P.A. - Michael J. Seezen, Esq.** - Mr. Seezen, attorney with the McNair Law Firm, P.A., presented a request for a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs - Economic Development Authority (JEDA) of its not exceeding \$7,500,000 in Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the Evermay at Rapha Project, in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. The proposed resolution would allow funding to finance the acquisition of an existing 92-bed assisted living facility and certain renovations and to acquire an adjacent lot with expectations to expand. This facility is located on Fish Hatchery Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve the proposed resolution in support of JEDA's issuance of the bond for the EverMay at Rapha Project.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program (FEMA Grant) (Goal 1) - Chief Bruce Rucker, Assistant Sheriff/Director of Public Safety & Homeland Security** – Chief Rucker presented an opportunity for funding the new 911 Center through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program (FEMA Grant). Staff met with representatives from FEMA to discuss the possibility of utilizing the grant for the construction of the center. The FEMA funds could only be used to reinforce the structure of the building. The grant is a 75/25% match if awarded. Chief Rucker said staff will present an architectural/engineering firm for approval by Council for the project at the December 11, 2007 meeting. The architectural /engineering firm would assist with the cost of the building, the upgrade for the reinforcement of the facility and see if the grant would be beneficial to the County. There are setbacks with this award process; January 7, 2008 is the deadline for the grant application, confirmation of the award would be announced in April 2008, the amount of award would not be known until June/July 2008, and the project could not begin until September or October of 2008. Ms. Hubbard said staff was looking for the

Committee's endorsement to work with an architectural/engineering firm to submit the award application and bring back to the Committee at the January 8, 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to allow staff to proceed with filing the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program (FEMA Grant).

The vote was in favor. Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**Discussion of a Joint Public/Private Spay/Neuter No-Kill Facility** – Discussion proceeded concerning the County's participation in a joint public/private spay/neuter no-kill facility. Information was handed out to the Committee on Project Pet, Inc.'s financial statements. It was indicated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would need to be opened up for qualified groups to submit proposals for a spay/neuter no-kill facility. Mr. Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the specifications for the facility. The Committee discussed moving forward with the following items: resolution for the RFP process, first reading of ordinance for funding, and Memorandum of Understanding with Lexington and Richland Counties.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve funding and RFP for the Joint Public/Private Spay/Neuter No-Kill Facility upon contingency of the County attorney's approval.

Ms. Summers withdrew her motion; Mr. Jeffcoat withdrew his second.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to move forward with the first reading of Ordinance 07-11- An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation (\$1.5 Million) for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for a spay/neuter no-kill facility

**In Favor:**        Mr. Carrigg                      Ms. Summers  
                         Mr. Banning                      Mr. Jeffcoat

**Opposed:**        Mr. Derrick                        Mr. Keisler

Ms. Hubbard indicated that normally the RFP would fall as a request under bids and purchases which could be presented at the December 11, 2007 meeting. Following Council's approval a RFP Selection Committee would be formed to move forward with the RFP process.

**Old Business/New Business** – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

John W. Carrigg, Jr.  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk