

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

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:55 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; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy 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.

Old Business/New Business

Irmo Fire Department Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement continues to be a problem in the Irmo area. Lexington County Council can give the Irmo Fire District the authority for Code Enforcement Officers to write violations in the unincorporated areas. Jeff Anderson, the County Attorney, was requested to put this into an amendment to add to the current agreement between the Irmo Fire Department and Lexington County and return to the Committee for review and approval.

Open Burning Ordinance (Goal 2) – Mr. Darrell Jones, Forestry Commission Forest Protection Chief, was available for questions. The Forestry Commission is primarily responsible for forestry, wildlife and agricultural burns. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control monitors air pollution and sets regulations for open burnings. It was asked if Lexington County could make its burn ordinance more stringent. It was recommended in Sec. 30-108 to change all occurrences of the proposed 100 feet to 75 feet.

Code Enforcement Officers for Fire Service and Sheriff Department - There are currently only five people in the Fire Service department who are authorized to write citations for code violations for the whole County. Staff will review the use of Code Enforcement Officers to step up the pace of enforcing the Outdoor Burning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Banning to amend the proposed Outdoor Burning Ordinance, Sec. 30-108. Location, Item 3 – change all occurrences of “100 feet” to “75 feet”.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 13, 2007 – A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the minutes of February 13, 2007 as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to Clerk

John W. Carrigg, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk