

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 10, 2007**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:50 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/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.

Update for 911 Center Upgrades and Renovations - Public Safety/Communications - Nikki Rodgers, Communications Coordinator – The purpose of this update for the 911 Center is that funding was approved two years ago and again as a carryover the 2006/07 budget, and as Ms. Rodgers explained, will be carried over again for 2007/08. The 911 Center is currently located in the Administration basement with 6,000 square feet of space; ideally a more efficient area for personnel and 911 equipment would be approximately 10,000 square feet. The basement area consists of 8,000 square feet. Ms. Rodgers indicated that the basement was a safe and secure location for the 911 Center if renovations were made to make better use of space. It was requested that Staff return with a solution for upgrades and renovations to include an option to relocate to Ballpark Road. Repairs to basement noted as a number one priority item. For information only. No action taken.

FEMA FY07 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application (Goals 1,2,3) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator - Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator, advised the Committee of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter grant that would help with the replacement of a 15-year-old reserve pumper being used at the new Sharpe's Hill Fire Station. Fire Service wants to replace the reserve pumper with a compressed air foam system (CAFS) pumper at a cost of \$388,590. The grant would provide an 80% match of \$310,872 with the County matching 20% at \$77,718. The match has been included in the Fire Service FY2007-08 budget request.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to move forward with the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Award (Goals 1,3) - Public Safety/ Emergency Management - Major George Brothers, Interim Emergency Management Coordinator – The Local Emergency Management Performance grant allocation for 2007/08 is \$32,076 and requires a 50/50 in-kind match. The grant will be used to supplement the amount of funds needed from the General Fund for Emergency Management. The in-kind match will come from the General Fund to pay the remaining amount to run Emergency Management for the length of the grant period, April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007. The award also includes the \$10,000 for Special Project P-5 (Full Scale Exercise) and \$700 for the 2008 Hurricane Workshop. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division requests a signed copy of the grant award from Lexington County by April 20, 2007. Total grant amount is \$42,776.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of March 13, 2007 – A motion was Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the March 13, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Handling of the Seizure of Equines – None.

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