

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2008**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 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 C. Billy Derrick

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman

Bobby C. Keisler

Absent:

*William B. Banning, Sr.

*Mr. Banning was not present during the meeting.

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.

Organizational Structure (Goal 1) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Perry Bailey, Leadership Team Chairman – Mr. Bailey presented the proposed Public Safety/Fire Service Organizational Structure. This was designed to better define the chain of command, improve communications, and establish a more manageable span of control throughout the service. The change is to utilize three existing captains' positions as Battalion Chief/Captains, which will report to the North and South Region Operations Chief to assist in the day-to-day operations, and to create seven battalions within the North and South Region. Each battalion will be led by three captains who will report to the Battalion Chief/Captain. No additional funding is necessary to amend the proposed organizational structure.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to adopt staff's recommendation for the Public Safety/Fire Service Organizational Structure.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 11, 2007 – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the December 11, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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