

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:30 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.

Proposed Smoking Ban Ordinance 08-16 - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator –

Ms. Hubbard presented the draft of the proposed Ordinance 08-16 – An Ordinance to amend the Lexington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations; by adding a new article therein for the purpose of establishing regulations and requirements related to smoking in the unincorporated areas of Lexington County. The proposed draft is similar to the ones adopted in Richland County and the City of Columbia. The fine for violation is set at twenty-five dollars and would be enforced by the Sheriff Department's Code Enforcement Division. The Committee discussed the various issues surrounding a County-wide smoking ban, i.e., include all tobacco products, exempt private bars, definition of a private bar, public versus employee safety, County campuses, tobacco at schools, restaurants, restaurant kitchens, etc.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Ms. Summers seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Carrigg reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to amend the proposed ordinance to include restaurants and licensed food services only.

Mr. Derrick made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Keisler to require all businesses in the unincorporated areas to post their business as a smoking or no-smoking establishment.

Vote on amendment:

In favor:

Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler

Opposed:

Mr. Carrigg Mr. Jeffcoat
Ms. Summers Mr. Banning

Vote on original motion:

In favor:

Mr. Carrigg Mr. Jeffcoat
Ms. Summers Mr. Banning

Opposed:

Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler

Motion passes.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 23, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the September 23, 2008 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