

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

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:42 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; 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.

FY 09 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant Application (Goals 1,3) – Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Mike McMasters, Emergency Response

Coordinator – Mr. McMasters presented a request to apply for the FY 09 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant in the amount of \$8,000 with an 80/20 match. The 20 percent can be an in-kind match and would come from the Emergency Management’s personnel and operating budget. The funds will be used to establish a dedicated Emergency Preparedness website to aid the citizens of Lexington County in preparing for disasters.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s request to apply for the FY 09 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant.

Ms. Hubbard, County Administrator, added that the web-site production would assist with establishing a unified look for other web pages for more user friendly sites. She also said it would be part of Council’s Strategic Visioning Retreat.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Private/Public Pet Services Request for Proposals (Goals 1,3) – Mr. Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator, presented the Evaluation Committee Report and Recommendations for the Private/Public Pet Services. It was recommended that the pet services contract be awarded to Project Pet, Inc. contingent on obtaining the landscape easements necessary for the Bower Parkway property. Mr. Mergo said that Richland County was reviewing the same recommendations at their Council meeting today.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the award to Project Pet Inc. contingent on obtaining the landscape easements necessary for the Bower Parkway property

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of May 27 and June 12, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the May 27 and June 12, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - No Smoking Ban – As an item of old business, Mr. Carrigg noted that emails have been received from researchers on smoking bans. Ms. Hubbard, County Administrator, said she understood Council was looking for feedback from the municipal association for Lexington County and noted they are considering placing this issue on their agenda in August or September so the municipalities can come together with basic components for one smoking ban ordinance that could be applied county-wide. The Town of Lexington will be voting on a smoking ban in two weeks and the Town of Springdale is sponsoring a smoking ban presentation in August. Staff requested to obtain information on Richland County's, City of Columbia's, and the Town of Lexington's smoking ban ordinances that they are proposing for Council to review.

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