

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee V Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman	James E. Jim Kinard, Jr.
Bobby C. Keisler	Debra B. Debbie Summers

Absent:

*Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman

*Mr. Jeffcoat was absent due to a conflict with his schedule.

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.

Emergency Notification System Protocols (Goals 1,2) - Public Safety/Emergency

Management - Tom Collins, Emergency Manager - Mr. Collins presented a request for approval of the proposed Emergency Notification System policy and procedures as submitted. The purpose of the new policy is to establish procedures and guidelines for the implementation and activation of the new Emergency Notification System. The system will be maintained, managed and programmed by Lexington County Emergency Management. Mr. Collins reported that only the Public Safety Director, Emergency Manager, and Emergency Communications Center (ECC) are authorized to activate the system during emergencies.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the proposed Emergency Notification System policy and procedures.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Derrick was at the scene of the recent Gilbert train derailment and wanted to commend all the staff involved for their professionalism in handling this incident.

Fire Service Leadership Team Composition (Goal 1) - Bill Shockley, Committee Member - Chief Eddie Turner presented proposed guidelines for the Fire Service Leadership

Team Composition. He reported the Leadership Team has established guidelines for team membership in order to have a cross section of Fire Service representation for both volunteer and paid personnel. Chief Turner outlined the Team membership consisting of one facilitator, one volunteer and one career representative from each of the seven battalions, and the North and South Region Operations Chiefs for a total of 16 members.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the proposed Fire Service Leadership Team composition.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Town of Swansea Outdoor Burning Ordinance Enforcement (Goal 2) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl - Chief Rawl presented a request from the Town of Swansea for assistance in enforcing the Lexington County Burn Ordinance. Fire Service would provide the same assistance available to the unincorporated areas of the County through education, warnings, and issuance of summons if necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the Town of Swansea's request for assistance in the enforcement of the Lexington County Burn Ordinance.

Chief Rawl reported Fire Service is waiting on commitments from the towns of South Congaree, Summit, and Gilbert.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of October 13 and 27, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the October 13 and 27, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Lexington County Fire Code/Timber Cutting - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk