

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2009**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman

William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman

James E. Jim Kinard, Jr.

Bobby C. Keisler

Debra B. Debbie Summers

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.

2008 Citizen Corps (CERT) Grant Award (Goal 3) - Public Safety/ Emergency

Management - Tom Collins, Emergency Response Coordinator - Mr. Collins presented a request to accept the 2008 Citizen Corps (CERT) Grant award in the amount of \$4,773. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to purchase manuals, a banner, tents, t-shirts, caps, and sweatshirts to support the Citizen Corps/CERT program in Lexington County.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the 2008 Citizen Corps (CERT) Grant award.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Request for Approval to Utilize the Competitive Sealed Proposal Process for Reverse 9-1-1 System - Public Safety/Emergency Management - Tom Collins, Emergency Response

Coordinator - Mr. Collins provided information on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Reverse 9-1-1 System that would replace the current 9-1-1 System for Lexington County. In addition to costs, staff recommends looking at an emergency notification system that would have the capability to contact up to 1,000 households per minute in the event of a countywide large scale emergency such as chemical spills, leaks, dam failures, large fires, or even a nuclear release from the VC Summer Plant. The current system only reaches approximately 1,300 citizens an hour and is unserviceable with the new system reaching up to 60,000 citizens an hour. Mr. Collins reported that the current system cost \$17,820 annually to operate and estimates the new system would be approximately \$25,000 annually. The remaining balance of \$7,180 would be covered through a portion of \$7,500 available from the LEMPG Grant, and if needed in the future, funds could be provided through the SCE&G Support Funds. The Request for Proposal

will be presented during the afternoon Council session under Bids/Purchases/RFPs. For information only, no action taken.

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Application - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Rawl - Chief Rawl presented a request to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant in the amount of \$800,000. There is no County match required. The grant is available to assist fire departments with upgrading fire stations, improving response capabilities, and energy efficiency improvements. The funds would be used towards the construction of the Lake Murray Fire Station.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business- Public Defender Contract, 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

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk