

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 2009**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:20 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman	James E. Jim Kinard, Jr.
Bobby C. Keisler	Debra B. Debbie Summers

Absent:

\*William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman

\*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.

**DHEC EMS Grant-in-Aid Grant Application (Goal 3) - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, Coordinator** - Chief Hood presented a request to apply for the DHEC EMS Grant-in-Aid Grant in the amount of \$36,420. There is a 94.5 percent state (\$34,417) and 5.5 percent County (\$2,003) match. The program will provide financial assistance to counties to improve and upgrade the EMS System in order to reduce injuries and the loss of life. If approved, the funds will be used for conference, meeting and training expenses to send EMT staff to Intermediate EMT and Paramedic training. EMS has appropriated funds for the required match in their FY09/10 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the DHEC EMS Grant-in-Aid Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**V. C. Summer Facility - Approval of Emergency Planning Support Agreement (Goals 1,2) - Public Safety/Emergency Management - Tom Collins, Emergency Management Coordinator** - Mr. Collins presented a request for approval of the V.C. Summer Facility Emergency Planning Support Ten-year Agreement between Lexington County and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The agreement will provide \$17,500 per year to the County for ten years. The support funding will be used for training/conferences, equipment,

maintenance, supplies, and travel plus provide additional increases based on the annual CPI. It will also supplement the new Reverse 911 System. In return, the County will commit to work with South Carolina EMD and other agencies to develop and implement plans to respond to situations that may develop at the V.C. Summer Facility as required by the NRC and FEMA. This includes evacuation plans, housing needs of evacuees, decontamination plans, and participation in future V.C. Summer Facility emergency exercises.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve the V. C. Summer Facility Emergency Planning Support 10-Year Agreement.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Gaston Outdoor Burning Ordinance Enforcement (Goal 2) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator** - Chief Rawl presented a request from the Town of Gaston 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 Gaston's request for assistance in the enforcement of the Lexington County Burn Ordinance.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application (Goal 3) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Eddie Turner, Chief Operations Officer** - Chief Turner presented a request to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. The South Carolina Forestry Commission provides grant assistance to help Rural Volunteer Fire Departments meet the Wildland Urban Interface problem in South Carolina. The grant amount is for \$10,000 with a 50 percent County match of \$5,000. The funds would be used to supplement the purchase of a fast attack skid unit for the Mac Edisto Fire Station to fight wildland fires. Fire Service has appropriated funds for the required match in their FY09/10 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meetings of June 9 and July 28, 2009** - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the June 9 and July 28, 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

Johnny W. Jeffcoat  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk