

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler

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.

Midlands Regional Medical Assistance Team (RMAT) Grant Award (Goal 3) - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, Coordinator - Chief Hood presented a request to accept the Midlands Regional Medical Assistance Team (RMAT) Grant award in the amount of \$150,000. There is no County match required. Chief Hood reported each year federal homeland security dollars are provided to the State which is then allocated for continuation of Regional Medical Assistance Teams. The funds will be used for an oxygen generator, patient accountability software, a RMAT response vehicle, an enclosed trailer, and Basic Disaster Life Support training for staff.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to accept the Midlands Regional Medical Assistance Team (RMAT) Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Town of Pelion Outdoor Burning Ordinance Enforcement (Goal 2) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl, Coordinator - Chief Rawl presented a request from the Town of Pelion for assistance with 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. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the Town of Pelion's request for assistance in the enforcement of the Lexington County Burn Ordinance.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Committee asked about the status of the towns of Gilbert, Summit and Swansea. Chief Rawl reported that Fire Service is following up with each town and provided each with information on the County's burn ordinance.

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