

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.

Bobby C. Keisler
James E. Jim Kinard, Jr.

Absent:

*Debra B. Summers, V Chairman

*Ms. Summers was not present.

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.

Public Safety Chaplaincy Program - Public Safety - Sr. Chaplain David Lee - Sr. Chaplain Lee and Chaplain Dave DeDenato presented information about the Public Safety Chaplaincy Program. Chaplain DeDenato reported five Chaplains are available who volunteer their time to provide counsel and support for public safety employees that include the Sheriff's Department, Fire Service, EMS, 911 Center, Detention Center officers, and their family members. He said there is another group of chaplains that serve the detention center inmates. Sr. Chaplain Lee reported the total hours recorded for the chaplains was 935.45 in 2009. In the past two months, they have starting recording the number of contacts made along with the number of hours served (November and December 2009 list 607 contacts made). Sr. Chaplain Lee said he feels the major role of the Public Safety Chaplains is to make sure employees can function at the highest level and to provide the best quality of service to County residents by helping them to be mentally healthy. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business/New Business - 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