

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:25 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III	Bobby C. Keisler
James E. Jim Kinard, Jr.	

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.

VHF Simulcast/Narrowbanding - Public Safety - Bruce Rucker, Director - Chief Rucker presented information on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Mandate for VHF Simulcast / Narrowbanding. The FCC mandate will make additional channels available across the United States by January 1, 2013 allowing more users. Chief Rucker outlined three options; 1) if the County does nothing, 2) renovate and upgrade the tower on Ball Park Road, or 3) cohab with the existing Comporium tower and 800 towers. The Committee discussed future contracts with new tower providers to allow the County the ability to tie into their tower if necessary. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 26, 2010 - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the October 26, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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