

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 22, 2011**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:52 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. 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.

**Public Protection Summary Report for Lexington County Prepared by Insurance Service Office, Inc. (ISO) - Bruce Rucker, Director of Public Safety and Fire Chief Brad Cox** – Chief Rucker and Chief Cox presented the Public Protection Summary Report which included a Power Point presentation. Chief Rucker reported the County's new ISO classification rating is now a Class 5/10 across the County and should impact insurance premiums across the county. The new ISO classification rating will take effect on June 1, 2011. The new rating was based upon three factors; 1) fire alarms and communications systems, 2) fire departments, and 3) water supply which gave us a full classification of 5/10. Chief Cox explained the ISO classification ratings with a Class 1 being the highest and a Class 10 being the minimum protection and how the County can work to gain the best ISO rating. He said Fire Service has requested information from ISO on ways to improve and that within the next 18-24 months the County could move to a Class 4 once enhancements have been completed and documented. Chief Cox reported that Fire Service plans to have a strategic plan in process by late fall and would like to return to share the new plan with Council. For information only, no action taken.

**Resolution R11-04 - Approval of a Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing to be Held Upon the Question of the Issuance of a Not Exceeding \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bond of the Irmo Fire District, SC; Providing for the Publication of the Notice of Such Public Hearing; and Other Matters Relating Thereto** - Irmo Fire District Fire Chief, Mike Sonefeld, presented a request for approval of Resolution R11-04 calling for a public hearing to be held for the issuance of a general obligation bond for the Irmo Fire District for capital improvements. He reported that the Irmo Fire District plans to replace a ladder truck, two engines and refurbish one truck as a tanker for the non-hydrant areas they serve, which would be just under \$3,000,000. Chief Sonefeld explained they are not upgrading or expanding

equipment but replacing old equipment that has reached fifteen years. Ms. Margaret Pope, of Pope Zeigler, outlined the details of the General Obligation Bond for the Irmo Fire District.

A motion was made by Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve Resolution R11-04.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Ordinance 11-03 - An Ordinance Finding that the Irmo Fire District, South Carolina, May Issue a Not Exceeding \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bond and to Provide for the Publication of Notice of the Said Finding and Authorization - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Townsend to recommend to full Council to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 11-03.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 8, 2011** - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the February 8, 2011 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