

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 24, 2012**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:35 p.m. Mr. Matthews, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

K. Brad Matthews, Chairman	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III	Bobby C. Keisler
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, Interim County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

**Fire Service Advancement Plan - Public Safety/Fire Service - Brad Cox, Fire Chief** - Chief Cox presented the proposed Fire Service Advancement Plan that will assist Fire Service in achieving full compliance with National Fire Protection Standard 1720 by 2020. The standard is nationally recognized for combination fire departments. Staff provided a list of benchmarks towards measuring effectiveness. They will report their performance to County Council annually based on the national standards. The plan calls for hiring fifty new personnel contingent upon the ability to sustain them within the Fire Service Millage as approved by Council. Fire Service proposed to hire ten employees for FY2011/12 with another ten for FY2012/13. This will allow all fire stations to be staffed with a minimum of two personnel per station by the end of the calendar year 2012. Staff is requesting approval today in order to begin advertising for February and completion of hiring by April so training classes could begin in April.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Townsend to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for the Fire Service Advancement Plan.

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

K. Brad Matthews  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk