

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Matthews, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

Absent: *M. Kent Collins

*Mr. Collins was not present due to an illness.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtel, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; 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.

2012 RMAT Grant Award - Public Safety/EMS - Chief Brian Hood - Chief Hood presented a request to accept the 2012 Midlands Regional Medical Assistance Team (RMAT) Grant award in the amount of \$75,000. There is no County match required. The fund will be used to purchase a prime mover needed to tow a 28-foot trailer, 12-foot trailer, and a trailer-mounted generator, replenish necessary medical supplies, and the repair/replacement of minor equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Townsend to recommend to Council to approve to accept the 2012 RMAT Grant award.

In Favor:	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Keisler

Fire Service Purchase of Rental Uniforms - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Brad Cox - Chief Cox presented a request to purchase Fire Service uniforms in lieu of continuing to lease uniforms. He reported the overall service provided by the vendor was not cost efficient and staff could maintain a stricter accountability system resulting in significant cost savings. Staff recommends purchasing uniforms, terminating the lease and consolidating the lease account with the uniform purchase account. Combined total is \$174,313 for FY12-13. (The initial start up cost is \$150,000 for FY13-14 at \$25,000 above the FY12-13 uniform budget; subsequent duty uniforms budgets are estimated at \$110,000 per year; resulting in a cost savings of \$64,000 for FY14/15 with considerable savings each subsequent year.) Staff recommends Council approval of an ABT for \$85,449 from contingency to add to the remaining uniform account balance of \$48,251 for this current FY2012/13 in order to

purchase the current uniforms. The Committee requested staff to check with the Irmo Fire District and inquire about the possibility of coordinating uniform purchases.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations to initiate the project.

In Favor: Mr. Matthews Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Townsend

Meeting of November 13, 2012 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Matthews Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend

Old Business/New Business - Narrowbanding - Other Counties not in Compliance - Staff to provide an update at next meeting.

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