

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 29, 2013**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:30 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; Chris Folsom, 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.

**FY 2011 Citizens Corp/CERT Grant Award - Public Safety/Preparedness - Michael Kalec, Emergency Manager** - Mr. David Kerr, Public Safety Director, provided a brief overview of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and what it does in Lexington County communities. He reported the CERT program is 100 percent funded by grants and has close to 100 CERT members. Mr. Kalec presented a request to accept the FY 2011 Citizens Corp/CERT Grant award in the amount of \$9,000. There is no County match required. The funds are de-obligated at the state level to be distributed amongst all the South Carolina counties. The funds will be used to further enhance the Lexington County CERT program.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the grant award.

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

**Meeting of August 27, 2013 - Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the August 27, 2013 minutes as submitted.

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

**Meeting of September 10, 2013 - Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes as submitted.

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

**Ordinance 13-08 - Authorizing the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission on Behalf of the Lexington County Rural Recreation District to Issue General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$23,000,000; and Other Matters Relating Thereto** - Mr. Dave Wilson presented a Power Point presentation outlining the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission's information as requested by the Committee. He said he is the father of ten children who are active participants in the Recreation and Aging Commission programs across the County. Mr. Wilson reported the Commission has over 700 acres consisting of 22 sports complexes, 14 community parks, 7 senior centers, 6 gymnasiums, 2 tennis complexes, 2 boat ramps, and 2 equestrian facilities located within Lexington County with over a \$13 million budget. He said the driving factor is that Lexington County is one of the fastest growing counties in South Carolina and in the Midlands with 5,000 new people each year. Mr. Wilson reported currently there are 17,391 children under the age of 5 that this bond will serve since most of the projects listed will be three to four years in completion. Plus, the other aspect is the growing aging population. Mr. Wilson provided participation for the seven Senior Centers: 1) Pine Ridge Center at 290; 2) Gilbert-Summit Center at 284; 3) Lexington Center at 352; 4) Swansea Center at 281; 5) Tri-City Center at 503; 6) Pelion Center at 268; 7) Batesburg-Leesville Andre Bauer Center at 233 for a total number of 2,211 with an anticipated 2,900 in the next four years. Mr. Wilson continued with tournament participation reporting there were 80 different weekend tournaments in 2012 that brought in a total of 102,000 visitors spending on average \$42 per person in the Lexington County area. He reported that is a \$9.3 million a year in economic impact. The breakdown of proposed bond projects: 1) Midlands Sports Complex at \$5,000,000; 2) Gilbert Sports Complex at \$5,000,000; 3) Lexington Soccer Complex at \$3,000,000; 4) Collegiate Baseball Stadium at \$3,000,000; 5) Ball Park Road Gym at \$2,000,000; 6) Pineridge Senior Center at \$800,000; 7) Red Bank Sports Complex at \$800,000; 8) Old Barnwell Road Property (Pinegrove Sports Complex) at \$600,000; 9) Gilbert Senior Center at \$500,000; 10) Swansea Baseball/Football Complex at \$500,000; 11) Swansea/Gaston Soccer Complex at \$500,000; 12) Lexington Dixie Youth Complex at \$300,000; 13) Old Barnwell Soccer Complex at \$1,000,000; and 14) Contingency of \$1,000,000 only if purchase of Old Barnwell Soccer Complex is not necessary. Mr. Wilson reported the Recreation Commission has a list of other pending projects if any funds are left over. He said Lexington County is growing along the needs of the communities and economic growth opportunities. Mr. Randy Gibson, Recreation Commission Executive Director, said the savings by refinancing the current bond would at approximately \$1.2 million. Mr. Mike Gallagher, Senior Vice President of Southwest Security Inc., gave the details on the bond and the estimated one mil tax increase for seven years from 2015 through 2022. 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

K. Brad Matthews  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk