

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2006**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:55 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Vice Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman*	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
Joseph W. Owens	Bobby C. Keisler
Johnny W. Jeffcoat	M. Todd Cullum

* Mr. Carrigg arrived during for the meeting.

Also attending: Katherine Doucett, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy 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.

EMS Staffing/Training - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator - Deferred to next Committee meeting of October 24, 2006.

2006 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Application - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator - Chief Hood updated the Committee on the 2006 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant application. The grant in the amount of \$325,000 requires no County match. Lexington County EMS will function as the host county and be responsible for developing and implementing a team of personnel from throughout the Midlands Region to respond when the team is pressed into an emergency. The grant includes medical supplies and equipment, F750 chassis with panel box body, F350 pickup with camper body, four (4) laptop computers and accessories, ten (10) 800 MHz portable radios and related communications equipment, multifunction printer, copier, and fax. In addition, a \$7,000 budget appropriation (not covered in the grant) for additional operating expenses for FY 2006-07 to cover vehicle maintenance, gas, etc., and employee training was requested.

A motion was made by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council that staff be allowed to move forward with grant application and the additional \$7,000 for operational expenses for FY2006-07 be approved.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present when the vote was taken.

Old Business/New Business - Community Emergency Response Training Grant - As an item of new business, Ms. Doucett said Mr. Neil Ellis, Emergency Management Coordinator, will be presenting to the Committee on October 24th the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant for consideration. The grant in the amount of \$10,437 will be used to support the Community Emergency Response Team Program's training and equipment when training members to become CERT team members. Ninety-eight members have been trained in the past two years since the program started.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to Clerk

Debra B. Summers
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk