

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2007**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:25 p.m. Mr. Carrigg, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman

Debra B. Debbie Summers

William C. Billy Derrick

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman

Bobby C. Keisler

Absent:

William B. Banning, Sr.*

*Mr. Banning was not present due to a conflict in his schedule.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard 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.

FEMA/Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant Application - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator – Chief Rawl presented a request to apply for the U. S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. The goal of the grant is to provide funding to assist fire departments in increasing their staffing and deployment capabilities in an effort to more adequately respond to emergencies. The grant specifically identifies funding for combination volunteer and paid departments for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Total grant in the amount of \$300,000 requires no County match.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the request to apply for the U. S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program SAFER Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance 07-03 - An Ordinance Amending the Animal Control Ordinance - Animal Services - Joe Mergo, Director – Mr. Mergo reviewed the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance. He said the ordinance was amended to clearly define “shelter,” address roadside pet sales, and destroying of pets in violation of section 10-34 Restraint and Confinement after all

other capture methods were unsuccessful. In addition, Flea Market Pet Vendor sales will be regulated through an application process (form included). Vendors, will be required to allow staff to inspect the vendor's booth(s) and kennel(s). Below is the proposed Animal Control Ordinance as amended:

The following shall be added to Section 10-31. Definitions:

Section 1. Shelter - Shall be defined as a structure appropriately sized for the ~~animal~~ pet to stand or lie in a normal manner. The structure must have a roof, three sides, appropriate sized opening for ingress and egress and a dry floor so as to protect the ~~animal~~ pet from the elements of weather.

Section 2. The following section shall be added as Section 10.41 and current 10.41 shall be renumbered as Section 10.42 and current Section 10.42 shall be renumbered as 10.43.

- (a) No person shall sell, trade, barter, auction, lease, rent, give away, or display for commercial purpose, any pet, on any roadside, public right-of-way, public property, commercial parking lot or sidewalk, ~~or at any flea market~~, fair or carnival.
- (b) No person shall offer a pet as an inducement to purchase a product, commodity or service.
- (c) A flea market pet sale vendor must:
 - 1. Possess a valid registration with Lexington County Animal Services.
 - 2. Display, at all times, the Lexington County Animal Services' registration certificate at the booth.
 - 3. Permit kennel and booth inspections by Lexington County Animal Services upon request.
- (d) Licensed pet shops, commercial kennels, county animal shelters, and licensed pet rescue organizations may be exempt from the requirements of this section with prior written approval from the animal services director or designee. The written approval document must be kept on site and produced upon request to law enforcement and code enforcement personnel.

Section 3. Section 10.41 (d) [herein amended to be 10.42. (d)] is amended to add the following sentence to the end of this subsection:

Further, after reasonable attempts to capture and/or restrain unsuccessfully a pet in violation of ~~any section 10-34 Restraint and Confinement of this article~~ (by physical means and/or trapping), as a last resort, petition the Magistrate to have the pet destroyed.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council

staff's recommendations of Ordinance 07-03 - An Ordinance Amending the Animal Control Ordinance.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Appointment of Animal Control Officer - Animal Services - Joe Mergo, Director – Mr. Mergo presented a request to appoint Animal Control Officer, Mr. Brad Rogers, as a Lexington County Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the appointment of Mr. Brad Rogers as a Lexington County Code Enforcement Officer

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 24, 2007 – Minutes were not approved due to an error in the content.

Old Business/New Business – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

John W. Carrigg, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk