

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Carrigg, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman	Debra B. Debbie Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	William B. Banning, Sr.
William C. Billy Derrick	

Absent:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman*

*Mr. Jeffcoat was not present during the meeting.

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.

2006 State Homeland Security Grant (Cobra) Application (Goal 3) - Public Safety/Emergency Management - Major George Brothers, Homeland Security

Coordinator – Major Brothers presented an application request for the 2006 State Homeland Security Grant (COBRA) in the amount of \$25,915. There is no local match required. The grant will allow the County to replace required equipment for the COBRA Team that has been used or is no longer serviceable. This equipment includes: decon shelter hoses, litter conveyors, decontamination kits, detection kits, photo ionization detectors, shelter sprayers, casualty ID tags, oxygen manifolds, biohazard bags, biphasic defibrillator, Israeli bandages, laryngoscopes, and crime scene tape. These items are required for each COBRA team.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to move forward with the application for the 2006 State Homeland Security Grant (COBRA) in the amount of \$25,915.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

DHEC EMS Grant-In-Aid Grant Application (Goal 3) - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, Coordinator – Chief Hood presented an application request for the annual DHEC EMS Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$47,300 with a 5.5% local match. The grant is intended to provide

financial assistance to counties to improve and upgrade the EMS System in order to reduce injuries and loss of life. The funds will be used to provide tuition costs to send eight EMTs to paramedic school, purchase communication radios, various equipment used for training, and Advanced Life Support equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend that full Council approve staff's request to move forward with the application for the DHEC EMS Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$47,300.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application - Public Safety/Fire Service (Goal 3) - Chief Russell Rawl, Coordinator – Chief Rawl presented an application request for the South Carolina Forestry Commission's Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$10,000. This is a 50/50 match with a maximum match of \$5,000. The grant will assist in purchasing equipment and supplies used for wildland fire fighting.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to move forward with the application for the South Carolina Forestry Commission's Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Lexington, SC and Lexington Medical Center (Goal 1) - Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator and Jim Schafer, Information Services Manager – Chief Hood presented the memorandum of understanding between the County of Lexington, SC and Lexington Medical Center relating to the EMS field Reporting and Management Information system. He said it was a requirement to help solidify the understanding of the technical relationships and expectations associated with this cooperative arrangement. EMS is required to leave completed reports at LMC but due to time constraints this makes it difficult. The agreement would allow Lexington Medical Center (LMC) to have access to the County's EMS system for patients transported by EMS to LMC facilities for these reports.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the memorandum of understanding between the County of Lexington, SC and Lexington Medical Center.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 24, 2007 – A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the July 24, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business

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