

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Carrigg, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman

Debra B. Debbie Summers

William B. Banning, Sr.

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman

Bobby C. Keisler

William C. Billy Derrick

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy 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.

**Burton Center - Designation for Burton Center to Obtain Funds to Transport Persons With Disabilities and Special Needs Through the State Mass Transit Assistance Program - Mr. Sam Martin - Director of Procurement, Burton Center** – Mr. Martin presented a request by the Burton Center to approve a resolution designating the Burton Center as a transportation provider for the Elderly or Persons with Disability in order to obtain funds through the South Carolina Department of Mass Transit assistance program. This is a FTA grant for assistance to purchase a 15-passenger bus. The 80/20 grant match is the responsibility of the Burton Center. There is no match required by the County. There was discussion about a centralized transportation service for Burton Center and Babcock Center. Mr. Martin indicated that the transportation is for patients with disabilities and public transportation is not a viable means of transporting these individuals.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve a resolution designating the Burton Center as a transportation provider for the Elderly or Persons with Disability.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**2007 Supplemental Local Planning Grant (SLPG) Award - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Mike McMasters, Emergency Management Coordinator** - Mr. McMasters presented a request to accept the 2007 Supplemental Local Planning Grant (SLPG) Award in the amount of \$12,485. It is a 50/50 match grant. The required in-kind match will come from a portion of the salaries of the emergency management coordinator and secretary. The grant will be used to purchase equipment such as computers, desks and chairs for the Lexington County

Emergency Operations Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to accept the 2007 Supplemental Local Planning Grant (SLPG) Award in the amount of \$12,485.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**2007 Deobligated Local Emergency Management Planning Grant (LEMPG) Application - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Mike McMasters, Emergency Management Coordinator** – Mr. McMasters presented a request for the submittal of the application for the 2007 Deobligated Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$25,000 with a 50 percent in-kind match. The in-kind match will come from a portion of the salaries of the emergency management coordinator and secretary. The grant will be used to purchase equipment for the Lexington County Emergency Operations Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the submittal of the application for the 2007 Deobligated Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**Position Update - Billing Clerk for Public Safety/EMS - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator** – Chief Hood presented an update on the Billing Clerk position for Public Safety/EMS. The Billing Clerk's main objectives were listed as, 1) bring consistency and accountability to the billing information collected in the field, 2) increase revenues through providing better billing information to the billing company on the front end of the billing process, 3) increase revenues through identifying alternate funding streams in the upcoming budget process, and 4) increase productivity in other areas of the division by centralizing the billing process. Chief Hood reported that the Billing Clerk has had a positive impact on the department as well as efficiency. The department has seen a six percent growth in revenues of approximately \$132,900. Additional revenues has been indentified for the upcoming budget year anticipated to generate approximately \$7,500. For information only. No action taken.

**State Homeland Security Grant Program (RMAT) Award - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator** – Chief Hood presented a request to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program (RMAT) Award in the amount of \$50,000. There is no County match required. The funding will be utilized to procure rapid deployment tentage that is HVAC conditioned which will allow for faster deployment of tentage in an emergency event of a shorter duration.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program (RMAT) Award in the amount of \$50,000.

The vote in was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**Old Business/New Business – New Business - SC Department of Parks Recreation & Tourism Product Development Grant Program – River Alliance - Mike Dawson, Executive Director** – Mr. Dawson presented a request for a letter of intent to be submitted by the County Administrator for the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Product Development Grant for the River Alliance 12,000 Year History Park Project. The grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 is to establish a 12,000 Year History Park that links the Congaree Creek’s 300 acre site to the Three Rivers Greenway located near Interstates 77 and 26. The grant requires a 32/68 percent match. The total projected cost is \$4,650,000. It was requested to change the applicant’s name on the letter to remove the County of any financial obligations. The application to be amended to reflect Under Funding – Applicant - (Leave Blank) and Under Partners – The River Alliance - add \$3,150,000 or 68%.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council for approval as amended for the County Administrator to sign a letter of intent for the River Alliance 12,000 Year History Park Project Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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