

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Vice Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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| Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman | Debra B. Debbie Summers |
| Bobby C. Keisler | William B. Banning, Sr. |
| William C. Billy Derrick | |

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman

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

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.

DHEC/EMS Grant-in-Aid Grant Application (Goal 3) - Public Safety/EMS - Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator – Chief Hood presented an application for the DHEC/EMS Grant-in-Aid Program in the amount of \$44,330 with a county match of \$2,438. Grant funds are awarded on a 94.5% state / 5.5% county matching fund basis. The grant program is intended to provide financial assistance to counties to improve and upgrade the EMS System in order to reduce injuries and the loss of life. Funds will be used for tuition costs to send six EMTs to paramedic school, \$6,030 grant to Gold Cross Ambulance and to purchase a Quick Response Vehicle (QRV).

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the DHEC/EMS Grant-in-Aid Program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Smoking Ban Update - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator - Ms. Hubbard provided a survey of the smoking ban ordinances in Lexington County with a list of counties and municipalities who have smoking ban ordinances in place. A color coded map was handed out with dates the ordinances were effective. She included copies of the proposed smoking ban ordinances for the Town of Lexington (effective October 3, 2008), Richland County (effective

October 1, 2008), and the City of Columbia (effective October 1, 2008).

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Banning seconded by Mr. Keisler to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jeffcoat reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Ms. Hubbard said that staff could draft an ordinance for first reading that is similar to the other jurisdictions by way of banning smoking in a workplace and then providing exceptions.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to request staff to develop an ordinance that requires the business and bar owners to post a sign at their main entrance to indicate that it is a no-smoking or smoking facility and return to Committee for review.

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler

Opposed: Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Banning

The motion failed.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Banning to request staff to review the different smoking ban ordinances and return with a draft ordinance for the Committee's review.

Ms. Hubbard's confirmed that a draft of a proposed smoking ban ordinance would include prohibiting smoking in all work places and would look at making the same general exceptions that other municipalities and counties have made such as private residences, private clubs, retail tobacco stores, and such. (City of Columbia and Richland County have the most general main stream exceptions.) The proposed draft would also include prohibiting all tobacco products as well as looking at making County campuses tobacco free.

In Favor: Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Banning

Opposed: Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 26, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the August 26, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk