

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 12, 2009**

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:20 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman

James E. Jim Kinard, Jr.

Debra B. Debbie Summers

William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman

Bobby C. Keisler

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.

2009 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Award - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness (Goal 3) - Tom Collins, Emergency Response Coordinator - Mr. Collins presented a request to accept the 2009 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant award in the amount of \$69,275. There is a fifty percent in-kind match of \$82,236 which is the County's cost of personnel salary minus the amount the grant pays. The funds will be used by the Emergency Preparedness Division to enhance staff and communication services.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the 2009 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Fire Inspections/Town of Gaston - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl - Chief Rawl presented a request from the Town of Gaston for Lexington County to perform fire inspections for commercial and public buildings within the Gaston town limits. Staff recommends implementing the same procedures currently used in the unincorporated areas and other municipalities within the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend that full Council approve the request from the Town of Gaston contingent on receiving a formal resolution from the Town Council requesting Lexington County fire inspections.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

New Business - Lexington County Fire Code/Timber Cutting - The Committee asked if timber being cut and the debris left on property was a fire or health hazard. Robert Risinger, County Fire Marshall, responded that majority of the fire codes deal mainly with commercial properties not with single residential dwellings. He said there is nothing in the fire code for one or two family dwellings when it comes to timber debris left on the property. Staff will research regulations, as well as the State Forestry Commission regulations, and report back to the Committee.

Conservation Assessment Program Grant Award (Goal 3) - Museum - JR Fennell, Director - Mr. Fennell presented a request to accept the Conservation Assessment Program Grant award in the amount of \$7,190. There is an 8.52% match for \$670 to be paid by the Friends of the Museum with no cost to the County. The funds will be used toward paying two conservation professionals to assess the Museum's collections and historic structures.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Conservation Assessment Program Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of March 24, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the March 24, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Public Defender Contract - None.

New Business - Lake Murray Pedestrian Walkway - Chairman Jeffcoat reported on the Lake Murray Pedestrian Walkway and irresponsible pet owners not cleaning up after their pets. He received a request from SCANA through SCDOT for an ordinance to ban animals on the walkway. The Committee recommended in lieu of an ordinance that a sign to be erected indicating no animals allowed on the walkway. Public Works' staff to coordinate with SCDOT for the placement of the necessary signage to prohibit all animals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk