



County Council Committee Minutes

Public Health and Human Services Committee June 15, 2020

The Public Health and Human Services Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, June 15, 2020, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Honorable Whitney Farr, Chairman; and Honorables Michael Brown and Bob Walker, Committee Members; along with Manning Lynch, Jack Mabry, David Britt, and Roger Nutt, Council Members. Also attending were Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney.

I.

Honorable Whitney Farr called the meeting to order.

II.

- A. Ms. Kathy Rivers, Director of Community Development Department, presented information in reference to the **Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding Allocations and Recommendations for FY 2020 Program Year**. As a part of the CARES Act, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$919,000 to Spartanburg County for preventing, preparing for, or responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are to be used to assist low to moderate income individuals within the unincorporated areas of the County. As with our other entitlement awards, the Community Development Department published and posted a request for proposals; reviewed the proposals for eligibility; rated and ranked them; submitted recommendations to the Community Development Advisory Committee for comments and approval; received their approval; held a public hearing and received positive comments from citizens and agencies. Some of the agencies were in attendance at the County Council meeting. A concurrent comment period ended June 15, 2020. Approval was requested in order for the Annual Action Plan CDBG-CV FY2020-21 to be submitted to HUD no later than the June 30, 2020 deadline. Mr. Brown asked if there was any type of challenge in terms of organizations hearing about the process to apply

this year. Ms. Rivers stated there was not any type of challenge. Motion made by Mr. Brown to approve the Annual Action Plan CDBG-CV FY2020-2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and carried.

- B. Ms. Kathy Rivers, Director of Community Development Department, presented information in reference to **County Duplication of Benefits Policy**. The Duplication of Benefits Policy is required by the Stafford Act, because the County will receive funds as a result of the pandemic. The policy would ensure no duplicate benefits are paid by local, state or federal agencies on behalf of its citizens. It would help ensure that these funds are necessary and reasonable and monitored for compliance. Adoption of the County Duplication of Benefits Policy was requested in order for the County to receive the \$919,038 award. This policy would prevent a person applying for these dollars from getting more than they need. Motion made by Mr. Brown to adopt the County Duplication of Benefits Policy. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and carried.

Meeting adjourned.