

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6

Members: Mr. Phillip Farley, District No. 1
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mr. Dennis Fish, District No. 5
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7
Mr. Steve C. Davis, District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

A meeting of the **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday April 11, 2005**, following the meeting of the Committee on Community Services and the Committee on Justice and Public Safety in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, following the meeting of the Committee on Community Services and Public Hearings at **6:00 p.m.**

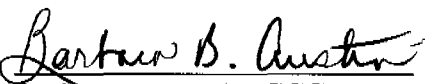
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 10, 2005

- A. **Consideration** of a modification to the agreement with the Berkeley Seniors, Re: Goose Creek Seniors Building.

April 6, 2005


Barbara B. Austin, CCC
Clerk of County Council

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A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, April 11, 2005** in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6, Chairman; Mr. Phillip Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8; Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7 and Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio were excused from this meeting.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

During periods of discussion and/or presentations, minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mims called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the Committee on Human Services Meeting held January 10, 2005.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member S. Davis to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

- A. Consideration** of a modification to the agreement with the Berkeley Seniors, Re: Goose Creek Seniors Building.

Council Member Crosby addressed the Committee and said, "I propose a change in the lease agreement with Berkeley Seniors, Inc. This is only with the South Berkeley Senior Citizen facility, not Moncks Corner or St. Stephen. This proposal will not cost Berkeley County any money. The County currently budgets \$140,000 a year and provides three facilities, upkeep and maintenance and letters of recommendation for grants to purchase vehicles. I have been unable to determine who has authority over Berkeley Seniors Executive Director or Board. I have questioned why the county provides all the services listed, which is paid by taxpayers' money, and then is turned over to a board that we do not appoint or have any authority over. The county has authority over the Goose Creek Parks and Playground Recreation Commission. All seven members are appointed by County Council. We receive a budget and an audit every year. Goose Creek Commission ran the Senior Program for years before it was turned over to Berkeley Citizens under Ms.

Alice Shook, June 1997. How did Berkeley Seniors, Inc., under Ms. Sweatman and the Board that has no members appointed by County Council, become to be in charge of the Berkeley Senior program? After researching minutes, it was found that from May 1985 until 1997, the name used was Berkeley Senior Citizens, first under Ms. Cooper and then under Ms. Alice Shook. The main reason for my proposal is to place an organization over the Seniors that will provide programs that will encourage Seniors to attend the center. Second, a program that will keep Seniors in Goose Creek from having to attend the Hanahan Senior Center where a variety of programs are offered. The Goose Creek Recreation Commission has the facilities that can offer programs like line dancing, movies, trips to gardens, and many other activities. According to the minutes of June 10, 1997, Ms. Shook stated that they requested permission to develop a sublet partnership agreement with Goose Creek Recreation Commission to allow them to use the South Berkeley Senior Center in Goose Creek when they or any other seniors do not use it. In return, Goose Creek Recreation Commission would provide Berkeley Seniors with some inkind service such as janitorial services; grounds maintenance; staff to work in the building certain hours during the week; as well as expand the type of service they believe they can provide under their budget for the Senior Citizens in the Goose Creek area. Goose Creek Recreation Commission provides the land for the building; we provide the building and support the applications of state grants. The original intent was to have a corporative effort with the City of Goose Creek, and the Goose Creek Recreation Dept. would provide some staff and some inkind services. The Goose Creek Recreation Commission presently provides the seniors with two trips a year. They also provide the seniors with meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Fish to terminate the lease agreement with Berkeley Seniors, Inc. for the South Berkeley Senior Center and enter into a lease agreement with the Goose Creek Recreation Commission.

Council Member Spooner asked for a breakdown on how the money is spent and the actual number of people being served regardless of how many programs they participate in.

This motion was passed by majority voice vote of the Committee with Council Member S. Davis voting “Nay”.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Crosby to adjourn the Committee on Human Services. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

May 9, 2005
Date Approved