

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 14, 2006**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:10 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	William C. Billy Derrick, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	James E. Kinard, Jr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Absent: Joseph W. Owens\*

\*Mr. Owens was absent due to illness.

Also attending: Katherine Doucett, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy 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.

**Cars for Reserve Deputies - Sheriff's Department - James R. Metts, Sheriff** - Sheriff Metts requested that four used cars that are being replaced in the Sheriff's Department be reassigned to the Reserve Deputies for their use. These vehicles will be kept under separate inventory.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend full Council to approve the reassignment of four cars that are being replaced in the Sheriff's Department for the Reserve Deputies.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Law Enforcement Network Grant - Sheriff's Department - Col. Paavel** - Col. Paavel recommended to the Committee to consider a request to accept a \$20,000 mini-grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety, for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Law Enforcement Network. The Law Enforcement Traffic Support Team will be allocated 75% of the awarded funds to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the traffic enforcement units in all Lexington County municipalities. The remaining 25% is mandated to be used by the coordinating agency for the same purpose. The grant does not have a match amount.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend full Council approve to accept the \$20,000 grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Update on School Resource Officers and Crime Scene Investigation Grants - Sheriff's**

**Department - Col. Paavel** - Col. Paavel updated the Committee about potential grants for School Resource Officers and Crime Scene Investigation Units by the State Public Safety Department. If the state releases these grants the Sheriff's Department will pursue these especially with all the events happening in the schools recently. Once notification comes in, they will be submitting budgets and requests for these.

Information only. No action taken.

**Lexington County Sheriff Department (LCSD) Title IV-D Program - Sheriff's Department -**

**Col. Paavel** - Col. Paavel asked the committee to consider changes for the Title IV-D Program due to a recent contract amendment with the South Carolina Department of Social Services Child Support Enforcement Division. The contract amendment still allows for reimbursement for the successful service of Title IV-D papers but will also provide reimbursement for investigative hours, travel miles and meal expenses incurred. An Administrative Budgetary Transfer (ABT) has been submitted requesting \$47,909 of this revenue be transferred to various accounts for the purchase of equipment and services that would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the newly created Fugitive Task Force Unit. In addition, a request has been made to eliminate the part-time clerk position associated with the service of the Title IV-D papers, this task will be handled by the Fugitive Task Force Unit.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council that they approve changes to the Title IV-D Program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 26, 2006** - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the September 26, 2006 minutes as submitted.

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Committee reconvened in open session, no issues required a vote as a result of Executive Session.

**Old Business/New Business** - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk