

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2007**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:35 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	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, 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.

Violent Crime Task Force Grant Application - Solicitor's Office - Ann Hubbard, Director of Diversion - Rick Hubbard, Assistant Solicitor for the Solicitor's Office, presented the Violent Crime Task Force Grant application request. The grant in the amount of \$226,334 requires a 25% local match of \$56,583. This grant is to establish a Violent Crimes Task Force focusing exclusively on the prosecution of violent crimes. The grant would allow funding for three new positions and the capital equipment necessary for this Task Force, including six Blackberry devices. It is understood that the program will be eliminated if funding is discontinued. The Communications Committee will review the request for the Blackberry devices prior to purchasing.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend that full Council allow the Solicitor's office to proceed with the Violent Crime Task Force grant application only. The \$56,583 local match to be considered during the Solicitor's 2007/08 budget process.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revision of the Lexington County Drug Court Grant Application - Solicitor's Office - Ann Hubbard, Director of Diversion - Ms. Hubbard presented the revised Lexington County Drug Court grant application. The grant in the amount of \$77,916 requires a 25% local match of \$19,479. No new positions are being requested as a result of this grant. The revised program includes contracting with an assessment professional to conduct a bio-psycho-social assessment on each applicant to detect, diagnose, and make recommendations for the appropriate treatment as soon after the arrest and charging procedures as possible.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend that full Council allow the Solicitor's office to proceed with the revised Lexington County Drug Court grant application only. The \$19,479 local funds to be considered during the Solicitor's 2007/08 budget process.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of November 14, 2006 - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the November 14, 2006 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 Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk