

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 23, 2007**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12:50 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick

George H. Smokey Davis

Absent:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman*
Bobby C. Keisler*

*Messrs. Banning and Keisler were absent due to conflicts in their schedule.

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.

Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel

– Col. Paavel reported that the County has been awarded the South Carolina Department of Transportation's Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant award in the amount of \$241,362. The Sheriff's department match is 20% at \$60,340 which has been identified in their budget for a total expenditure of \$301,702. The grant will allow for the creation of a Driving Under the Influence Traffic Enforcement Unit in Lexington County with the ultimate goal of combining resources to effect a positive change in the collision, injury, and arrest rate of traffic and DUI violations.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to accept the Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant award in the amount of \$241,362.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Clerk of Court's Office Mid-Year Budget Request – The Honorable Beth Carrigg – Ms. Carrigg presented a request for a mid-year budget amendment. She requested authorization to transfer \$5,760 within her allocated budget for the remaining of FY2007/2008 to re-instate, reclassify, and upgrade the Office Coordinator (grade 8) position to an Office Support Manager

(grade 10). The duties and scope of work have dramatically changed over the last budget year. This position would function 24 hours a day 7 days a week as the liaison in performing tasks as the official spokesperson for the Clerk of Court, as advisor for the Clerk of Court for public relations, public perception, community events, conduct research for news releases, columns speech's, and track news media coverage.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the Clerk of Court's request.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 25, 2007 – A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the September 25, 2007 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 the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk