

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2007**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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

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

Absent:

George H. Smokey Davis\*

\*Mr. Davis was not present due to a conflict in his schedule.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, 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.

**Violent Crime Task Force Grant Award (Goals 1,2,3) - Solicitor's Office - Rick Hubbard, Deputy Solicitor** – The Solicitor's office has been awarded \$104,709 from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Programs for the Violent Crime Task Force. The County match of \$34,903 is included in the Solicitor's FY2007-08 budget. The total grant application was submitted for \$139,612. The grant will establish a Violent Crime Task Force in the Solicitor's office to focus exclusively on the prosecution of violent crimes.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve acceptance of the \$104,709 Violent Crime Task Force Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Crime Scene Investigation Unit Grant Award (Goals 1,2,3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel** – The Sheriff's Department has been awarded \$283,680 from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Programs for the Crime Scene Investigation Unit. The total grant application was submitted for \$378,240. The County match of \$94,560 is included in the Sheriff's FY2007-08 budget. The grant will enable the department to form a strong crime scene investigation unit in Lexington County by combining resources to provide a unified approach to combating crime by discovering, identifying, and properly collecting and preserving vital evidence in crime scene investigations.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve acceptance of the \$283,680 Crime Scene Investigation Unit Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**School Resource Officers Grant Award (Goals 1,2,3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel –**

The Sheriff's Department has been awarded \$248,545 from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Programs for School Resource Officers. The total grant application was submitted for \$331,393. The County match of \$82,848 is included the Sheriff's FY2007-08 budget. The grant will provide each school in Lexington County with school resource officers that will provide safety and security for the students.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve acceptance of the \$248,545 School Resource Officers Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Paul Coverdell Grant Application (Goals 1,2,3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel –** The Sheriff's Department is requesting approval to apply for the Paul Coverdell Grant. It is a no match grant of \$32,000. The grant will enable the Department to purchase equipment and supplies and to renovate the present drug laboratory to efficiently and effectively analyze the drugs brought in for processing.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full County that staff be allowed to proceed with the submittal Paul Coverdell Grant Application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meetings of April 24 and May 8, 2007 –** A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the April 24 and May 8, 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

William B. Banning, Sr.  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk