

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 26, 2007**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:40 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
George H. Smokey Davis	Bobby C. Keisler
William C. Billy Derrick	

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.

**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel -**

Colonel Paavel presented a request to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allocation of \$64,127 offered by the United States Department of Justice. No county match is involved. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatments, and justice information sharing initiatives. Funding will be distributed as follows: \$49,378 for the Sheriff's department to allow replacement of some outdated laptops as well as installing a radio repeater, \$7,695 for Magistrate Court Services to replace some outdated items, and \$7,054 for counseling services provided by Sistercare for battered women and their children. The only condition of the grant is that prior to applying for the grant, the application must be made public, which is scheduled today at 6:00 p.m. The application deadline is July 2, 2007 by 8:00 a.m. The Committee requested statistics from the Sheriff's Department on Sistercare's services.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council that staff move forward with the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Methamphetamine Initiative Grant Application (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel**

– Colonel Paavel presented a request to apply for the Methamphetamine Initiative grant for \$449,800. The grant will be funded by the United States Department of Justice at 100%. Lexington County received a letter on May 22, 2007 stating that the County had been selected by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to apply for competitive grant funding under the COPS 2007 Methamphetamine Initiative. The grant will assist in providing funds to address the four (4) major obstacles regarding reduction of methamphetamine related crimes. The defined obstacles are: the formation of criminal organizations, the need for enhanced investigative technology, the need for additional investigative time, and the need to increase information exchange with other government agencies and the community that will further aid in prevention and public awareness of this problem. The deadline for submission of the grant is June 29, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council that staff move forward with the Methamphetamine Initiative grant application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**New Business - State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) – Sheriff’s Department - Col. Allan Paavel** – As an item of new business, Colonel Paavel presented a request to apply for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant. This is a federal reimbursement program offered by the United States Department of Justice that provides reimbursement to the County for the housing of alien prisoners for at least four consecutive days in the County Detention Center. The application deadline is July 18, 2007 by 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council that staff proceed with the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Department of Juvenile Justice – Sheriff’s Department - Col. Allan Paavel** – Colonel Paavel advised the committee that the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has contacted the Sheriff’s department to work with them on a contract basis. DJJ will provide funding for the Sheriff’s department to add a person to be a probation officer assigned to Lexington County for DJJ. This will work with the current jail overcrowding situation in preventing juveniles from getting arrested as adults through diversion and other programs. There will be no cost for the Sheriff’s department for the first year for the one person and equipment; thereafter it would be a 50/50 match as a contract. This person would be working at the Sheriff’s department as a uniformed Sheriff employee and assigned a car. For information only. No action.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of May 22, 2007** – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the May 22, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old 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