

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:00 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; 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.

**Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit Agreement - Sheriff's Department – Keith Kirchner, Assistant Sheriff** – Chief Kirchner presented the revised Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit Agreement. The agreement is to span the geopolitical boundaries of all areas of Lexington County to the fullest extent allowed under South Carolina law for the express purpose of investigating the illegal use of controlled substances and other crimes by continuing the Lexington County Multi-Agency Narcotics Enforcement Team formed in 2001. The agreement is between the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department, Cayce Department of Public Safety, Chapin Police Department, Irmo Police Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Lexington Police Department, Pine Ridge Police Department, Pelion Police Department, Springdale Police Department, Swansea Police Department, and the West Columbia Police Department. The changes made to the agreement are due to changes in participating agencies, personal changes and resent court rulings that affect the last agreement signed. An annual review has been implemented that may or may not require reestablishment and signing of the document. To comply statutorily, the members must notify their governing board of the new agreement. Chief Kirchner requests Council as the governing board to approve signing the document for Lexington County. The agreement may be signed either by the Chairman or County Administrator. The document has been reviewed by the County Attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve the Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit Agreement.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of December 11, 2007** - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler,

seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the December 11, 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