

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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

Absent:

*George H. Smokey Davis

*Mr. Davis was absent due to a death in his immediate family.

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.

Contract with South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (Goals 1,3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel – Keith Kirchner, Assistant Sheriff, presented a request for a proposed contract between the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) and the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. SCDJJ has offered to provide 100% (\$100,000) funding for the first year of operation for a Juvenile Detention Case Manager. The Case Manager will be responsible for managing juvenile detention cases and provide prevention and intervention support to detention initiatives in the Lexington County law enforcement service area. The contract will support SCDJJ's efforts to provide juvenile detention alternatives in lieu of housing Lexington County juveniles in their facility at a cost to LCSD of \$50 per day per juvenile. The contract will become a 50/50 match contract similar to the School District contracts for SROs at the end of the first year. Chief Kirchner stated that the 50/50 match would be included in the Department's FY 2008-2009 budget request.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to establish a contract between the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) and the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Violent Crime Task Force Grant Application (Goals 1,3) - Solicitor's Office - Rick

Hubbard, Deputy Solicitor – Mr. Hubbard presented a request to apply for the Violent Crimes Task Force Grant. The total amount of the grant is \$195,560 with a 25% match of \$48,890. This is a continuation of a grant that was awarded to the Solicitor's office last year to establish the Violent Crimes Task Force to focus exclusively on the prosecution of violent crimes. The current grant was approved to include only two positions, an Investigator and a Case Manager. The grant application for the second year is requesting an additional position for a Victim's Advocate. Mr. Hubbard stated that the 25% match would be funded through the Solicitor's state funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to move forward with the Violent Crime Task Force Grant application.

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