

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman  
George H. Smokey Davis

James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman  
Bobby C. Keisler

Absent:

\*William C. Billy Derrick

\*Mr. Derrick was absent due to a conflict in his 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.

**2008 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Chief Keith Kirchner** – Chief Kirchner presented a request to accept the 2008 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant award in the amount of \$34,312. The program provides assistance for the housing of alien prisoners for at least four consecutive days in the Lexington County Detention Center. Twenty-two percent (\$7,548.64) of the award will go to Justice Benefits, Inc. for assistance with the application process. The remainder of the award will go toward covering jail personnel's salaries and wages.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the 2008 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department – Chief Keith Kirchner** - Chief Kirchner presented a request to accept the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant award in the amount of \$203,217. Twenty-five percent (\$67,739) is an in-kind match and will come from a salary that is paid from the Sheriff's Department General

Fund and has been budgeted in the FY 08-09 budget. The grant will provide the prosecutor with one investigator and a program coordinator for the domestic criminal violence program. This year's award is divided into two awards – \$109,104 will cover personnel costs and \$94,113 will cover operating and equipment cost which will run through March 31, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 23, 2008** – A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the September 23, 2008 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