

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:25 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman

George H. Smokey Davis

William C. Billy Derrick

Absent:

*William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman

**Bobby C. Keisler

*Mr. Banning was absent due to medical reasons.

** Mr. Keisler was not present during the meeting.

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.

Midlands Regional Explosive Ordinance Disposal Enhancement (EOD) Grant Award - Public Safety/Homeland Security - Major George Brothers, Homeland Security Officer – Major Brothers presented a request to accept the Midlands Regional Explosive Ordinance (EOD) Enhancement award from SLED in the amount of \$100,000. No County match required. The grant will be used to enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Department Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit. The funds will be used to upgrade current equipment, purchase a new bomb suit, operating tools and supplies, and train two additional bomb technicians.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the Midlands Regional Explosive Ordinance (EOD) Enhancement award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Chief Keith Kirchner – Chief Kirchner presented a request to accept the Highway Safety DUI Enforcement

Grant award in the amount of \$178,521. The County match is twenty percent at \$44,629, which is established in the Sheriff's Department budget. The grant will pay for personnel, operating cost and equipment for three officers for the Lexington County Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Unit.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Chief Keith Kirchner – Chief Kirchner presented a request to apply for the Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$4,996. There is no County match required. The grant will allow the Sheriff's Department to request 13 digital cameras and 15 binoculars to be used to collect evidence to support and strengthen court presentation of litter cases.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 14, 2008 - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the October 14, 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

James E. Kinard, Jr.
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk