

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:10 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; 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.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Colonel Allen Paavel presented a request to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Grant totaling \$16,000 with a 50% match of \$8,000. This match has been budgeted in the Sheriff's Department FY 2008-09 budget. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Grant funds up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement applicants with vest models that comply with the requirements of the Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - 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 assistance for the housing of alien prisoners for at least four consecutive days in the Lexington County Detention Center. Twenty-two percent of the award amount will go to Justice Benefits, Inc. for calculating and formatting the data to be attached to the application and 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 staff's request to apply for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col.

Allan Paavel - Colonel Allen Paavel presented a request to apply for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant totaling \$203,217 with a 25% in-kind match of \$67,739. The match will be a percentage of a salary or operating expenses that will be paid by either the Sheriff's Department General Fund or Special Revenue fund that budgeted in the FY 2008-09 budget. The grant provides the prosecutor with one investigator and a program coordinator for the domestic criminal violence program.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - March 11, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the March 11, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - City of Columbia Bond Court Cases – 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