

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MAY 27, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 4:02 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.

**Forfeited Vehicle - Addition to Fleet - Sheriff's Department - Colonel Allan Paavel** – Col. Paavel presented a request to add a forfeited vehicle as an addition to the Sheriff's Department Fleet. He reported that a 2006 Dodge Charger has been forfeited and awarded to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department through the equitable sharing program with the U. S. Department of Justice. The fair market value of the vehicle is \$11,660. Fleet Services has inspected the vehicle and deemed it suitable for placement into the Sheriff's fleet system as a donated vehicle for use as an unmarked car. In the event that the vehicle is no longer serviceable, it will be eliminated from the fleet and not replaced. The operating costs will be absorbed by existing appropriations in the Sheriff's general fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend that full Council approve staff's request to add the Forfeited Vehicle as a donated vehicle to the Fleet (If the vehicle is no longer serviceable, it will be eliminated from the fleet and not replaced).

**Courthouse Security Enhancement Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Colonel Allan Paavel** – Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the National Initiative Grant which will serve as an enhancement grant to the original court security grant applied for through the South Carolina Department of Public Safety. The grant will be funded 100 percent by the United States Department of Justice. The funds will be used for operating costs, training and equipment to address the major problems that are presenting themselves to Lexington County with the demand for security at the courthouse.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend that full Council approve staff's request to apply for the Courthouse Security Enhancement Grant Application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**New Business – Jail Overcrowding Committee** – Mr. Banning commented on the Jail Overcrowding Committee meetings and recognized Ms. Hubbard’s leadership in this effort. He reported about a year and a half ago there were approximately 1,012 inmates in the jail and as of Wednesday, May 21, 2008, there were 763 inmates; down by 20 percent.

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