

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2008**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler

James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick

Absent:

*George H. Smokey Davis

*Mr. Davis was not present due to medical reasons.

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.

FY 08 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Grant Award (Goal 1) - Sheriff's Department - Colonel Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the FY08 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$18,999. There is no County match required. JAG program funds can go toward all components in the criminal justice system. The Magistrate Court Service will use their portion of the funds to purchase a recorder and the balance will go into small tools and minor equipment. The Sheriff's Department will use the majority of their funds to renovate the evidence room and Sistercare will receive a portion of the funds to offset some of the cost for providing counseling services for Lexington County residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the FY 08 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Crime Scene Investigation Unit Grant Award (Goals 1, 2) - Sheriff's Department - Colonel Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Crime Scene Investigative Unit Grant award in the amount of \$129,595. The County match is twenty-five percent at

\$43,198. The grant will fund the personnel, operating and equipment costs for two Crime Scene Investigators.

School Resource Officers Grant Award (Goal 1) - Sheriff's Department - Colonel Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the School Resource Officers Grant award in the amount of \$175,936. The County match is twenty-five percent at \$58,645. The grant will fund personnel and operating costs for the School Resource Officers at Carolina Springs, Batesburg-Leesville and Sandhills Middle Schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the Crime Scene Investigative Unit Grant and the School Resource Officers Grant awards.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Violent Crime Task Force Grant Award (Goal 1) - Solicitor's Office - Shawn Graham, Deputy Solicitor – Mr. Graham presented a request to accept the Violent Crimes Task Force Grant award in the amount of \$88,207. The County match is twenty-five percent at \$33,303 which will be funded through the Solicitor's state funds. The grant will fund the personnel, operating and equipment costs for an Investigator and a Case Manager on the Violent Crimes Task Force.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the acceptance of the Violent Crimes Task Force Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of June 24, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the June 24, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - City of Columbia Bond Court Cases – Ms. Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator, reported that Chief Magistrate Judge Reinhart met with Chief Carter, City of Columbia Police, about the issue with Bond Court cases. This is in reference to City of Columbia residents arrested and placed in the Lexington County Jail who need to be seen by a City of Columbia Judge which poses transportation issues. The County is waiting on the City of Columbia's response on how to address this issue.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Banning reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

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