

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick
Debra B. Debbie Summers

George H. Smokey Davis, V. Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler

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.

Coroner's Request for Reorganization - Coroner's Office - Harry O. Harman, Coroner - Mr. Harman presented a request for reorganization for the Coroner's office. Mr. Butch Reynolds, Special Deputy Coroner, reported the Coroner's office would like to reorganize the department to make it more efficient and cost effective within the framework of their budget. The proposed request consists of eliminating two part-time deputy coroners (Grade 11 at \$22,569) and one administrative assistant (Grade 7 at \$29,112) and reinstate the office manager/executive deputy coroner (Grade 11 at \$41,360) and one temporary special deputy coroner (Grade 16 at \$10,321) resulting in no additional cost or savings to the changes proposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve the Coroner's request for reorganization.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant award in the amount of \$229,378. There is no County match required. Col. Paavel said this is the third and final year for the grant and the Sheriff's Department will be picking these up in next year's General Budget. The grant covers the cost of three officers and operating cost for the Highway Safety DUI Enforcement program.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Highway Safety DUI Enforcement Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Violence Against Women Act Grant Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Violence Against Women Act Grant award in the amount of \$114,372. The County match required is 25% cash/in kind of \$38,124. Since the grant award was less than the amount requested, the funds awarded only covers personnel cost. Therefore, funds for operating cost will be transferred from the Sheriff's Department General Fund. This is an annual grant that can be applied for yearly.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Violence Against Women Act Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 25, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the August 25, 2009 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.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk