

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2009**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:45 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.

COPS Resident Deputies Community Program Grant Application (Goal 3) - Sheriff's

Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Resident Deputies Community Program. This is part of funds available under the Stimulus Act. The total amount requested is \$937,170. This is a three-year grant with no County match required. The funds will be used for personnel cost for five Resident Deputies in the following communities: Red Bank, Dixiana, Irmo, East Lexington/Three Fountains, and Gaston. Note: After the three-year grant ends, the Sheriff's Department will pick up the Resident Deputy Program from taxes and other revenues that is collected during the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the COPS Resident Deputies Community Program Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application (Goal 3) - Sheriff's

Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the Edward Bryne Memorial Competitive Grant Program. Col. Paavel said the County was eligible for \$260,971, a larger amount as a result of the stimulus funding available. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to purchase five vehicles and other necessary equipment for the five Resident Deputies requested through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Residential Deputies Community Program Grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant Application (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant. No County match is required. The program provides assistance for the housing of alien prisoners for at least four consecutive days in the Lexington County Detention Center. Col. Paavel reported this is more like a reimbursement to the Sheriff's Department for housing. The funds received will be used to pay twenty-two percent for grant assistance to Justice Benefits, Inc. and the remainder used to offset the personnel cost of jail correctional officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis 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.

The Committee expressed concerns about the addition of new positions based on grant funding and how the positions will continue to be funded at the end of the grant periods. Col. Paavel responded that the Sheriff's Department is aware of the implications of what may happen and will look at what funds are approved and how to proceed.

Old Business/New Business - Public Defender Contract - Ms. Hubbard, County Administrator, reported that the final details of the Public Defender contract is still be being reviewed by her and the County Attorney.

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