

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 26, 2009**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:35 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.

Paul Coverdell DNA Direct Grant Application Through US Department of Justice - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Paul Coverdell DNA Direct Grant Application through the US Department of Justice in the amount of \$125,000. There is no County match required. The grant funding is for a one-year period and applications must be resubmitted annually. The Sheriff's Department and Solicitor's office have identified the need for a Regional DNA laboratory to analyze evidence collected from crime scenes and identify criminal suspects. The funds will be used for operating expenses and renovation cost for a DNA laboratory.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Paul Coverdell DNA Direct Grant Application through the US Department of Justice.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Paul Coverdell DNA Grant Application Through SC Department of Public Safety - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Paul Coverdell DNA Grant through the SC Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$73,765. There is no County match required. The grant funding is for a one-year period and applications must be submitted annually. The Sheriff's Department and Solicitor's office have identified the need to utilize DNA analysis from crime scenes to identify criminal suspects. The grant will be used to purchase capital equipment for a DNA laboratory.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Paul Coverdell DNA Grant through the SC Department of Public Safety.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Paul Coverdell Crime Scene Investigation Direct Grant Application Through US Department of Justice - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Paul Coverdell Crime Scene Investigation Direct Grant Application through US Department of Justice in the amount of \$123,437. There is no County match required. The grant funding is for a one-year period and applications

must be submitted annually. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to improve the existing Crime Scene Investigation Unit.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Paul Coverdell Crime Scene Investigation Direct Grant Application through US Department of Justice.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Paul Coverdell Grant for Crime Scene Investigation Grant Application Through SC Department of Public Safety - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Paul Coverdell Grant for Crime Scene Investigation Grant through the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$87,562. There is no County match required. The grant funding is for a one-year period and applications must be submitted annually. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to enhance the existing Crime Scene Investigation Unit.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Paul Coverdell Grant for Crime Scene Investigation Grant through the SC Department of Public Safety.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of April 14, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the April 14, 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