

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 28, 2009**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:35 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.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Davis to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with one motion to be considered.

Approval of Lease for Public Defender - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council, with legal approval, to approve the lease for the Public Defender.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Multi-Crime Scene Investigative Unit Grant Award (Goals 1,3) - Sheriff's Department Colonel Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Multi-Crime Scene Investigative Unit Grant award in the amount of \$210,980. There is no County match required. The award is for the third and final year of funding. The funds will be used by the Crime Scene Investigative Unit for two investigators' salaries, operating costs, additional equipment as needed and renovations of the CSI Lab.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve acceptance of the Multi-Crime Scene Investigative Unit Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

School Resource Officers Grant Award (Goals 1,3) - Sheriff's Department - Colonel Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the School Resource Officers Grant award in the amount of \$248,595. There is no County match required. The award is for the third and final year of funding. The funds will be used for three School Resource Officers at Carolina Springs, Batesburg-Leesville and Sandhills Middle Schools for salaries, operating costs, and purchase of rifles and tasers.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve acceptance of the School Resource Officers Grant Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Violent Crime Task Force Grant Award (Goals 1,3) - Solicitor's Office - Rick Hubbard, Deputy Solicitor - Mr. Hubbard presented a request to accept the Violent Crime Task Force Grant award in the amount of \$123,680. There is no County match required. The award is for the third and final year of funding. The funds will be used by the Violent Crime Task Force.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of April 28, May 26, June 9 and 23, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the minutes for the April 28, May 26, June 9 and 23, 2009 meetings as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Lexington County Fire Code/Timber Cutting - 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