

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2009**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	George H. Smokey Davis, V. Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	Bobby C. Keisler
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

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.

Personnel Position Re-classification Upgrade - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel

- Col Paavel presented a request for a personnel position re-classification presented in the FY 2009/10 Sheriff's Department requested budget but not approved by Council. The request is for the Special Operations Unit supervisor's position to be upgraded. The unit has been re-organized with the position given more supervisory and specialized duties as well as being the lead helicopter pilot. Col. Paavel reported there are sufficient funds in the personnel salaries account to cover the costs due to current vacancies at the Sheriff's department. The total amount of this upgrade, from a Grade 13 to Grade 16 (Sergeant), is \$7,366, including the cost of fringe benefits for one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the personnel position re-classification upgrade for the Special Operations Unit supervisor as submitted.

The Committee discussed concerns about using personnel funds from vacant positions and how this upgrade will continue to be funded after this year. Col. Paavel replied that the Sheriff's office should be able to absorb the \$7,366 not only this year but in the upcoming years.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard

Opposed: Mr. Derrick

Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award. He reported the JAG grant funds were originally intended to purchase equipment for five Resident Deputies anticipated through the COPS Grant, however the COPS grant was not awarded to the Sheriff's Department. Staff is requesting to accept the grant award of \$260,971 with the understanding that it would be reallocated at the end of October after confirmation of other pending grants and report back to the Committee in October on how the money will be spent. There is no County match.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to accept the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 28, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the July 28, 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