

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:55 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.

Child Support and Family Court Case Management System (CFS Project) (Goal 2) - Clerk of Court - Beth Carrigg - Ms. Carrigg presented information and concerns about the Child Support and Family Court Case Management System (CFS Project). The Child Support Enforcement System (CSES) is federally mandated and funded by the federal government and the Family Court Case Management System (FCCMS) is not federally mandated or funded. The two systems have been combined as part of the CFS Project for South Carolina to be deployed as a central system throughout the state. Ms. Carrigg expressed concerns about the FCCMS portion of this system that once it is deployed costs may be incurred by each individual county. The anticipated on-going maintenance is estimated at \$5.1 million annually to be distributed between the 46 counties. She indicated that the state has not committed permanent funding for the costs associated with the system and she does not want to commit the County until the State identifies the financial obligations involved. The Committee agreed a letter should be sent to DSS from the Committee Chairman about the Clerk of Court's concerns. For information only, no action taken.

Forensic Death Investigator Grant Award (Goals 2&3) - Coroner's Office - Harry O. Harman, Coroner - Mr. Harman presented a request to accept the Forensic Death Investigator Grand award in the amount of \$94,542. There is no County match required. Mr. Harman reported the Coroner's office has seen an increase in deaths in Lexington County. He said for 2006 the total was 1,171 and the projected total for 2009 is estimated at 1,225. The funds will be used for an investigator, vehicle, laptop, radio, camera, and operating cost. The funds are for

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to accept the Forensic Death Investigator Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

FY09 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the FY09 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award in the amount of \$63,570. There is no County match required. The funds will be distributed between the Magistrate Court Services for capital items, Sheriff's Department for evidence room renovations, and Sistercare for counseling services.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to accept the FY09 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Courthouse Security Enhancement Grant Award - Sheriff's Department (Goal 3) - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Courthouse Security Enhancement Grant award in the amount of \$53,150. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to enhance the current security at the courthouse with additional video cameras, proximity card readers, a duress alarm system, and magnetometers.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to accept the Courthouse Security Enhancement Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Gang Task Force Grant Award (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Gang Task Force Grant award in the amount of \$232,448. There is no County match required. The funds will be used for two gang officers, two vehicles, equipment and operating supplies for the two officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to accept the Gang Task Force Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

U.S. Marshal's Service District Fugitive Task Force (Goal 3) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a joint request by the Sheriff's Department and the U.S.

Marshall Service to reallocate a position to the District Fugitive Task Force. The U.S. Marshal's Service will provide a new vehicle, up to \$15,000 in overtime re-imbusement for task force activities, \$6,000 for fuel over the next year, and \$5,000 for emergency equipment to outfit the vehicle. All other needed equipment and supplies will be provided through the Sheriff's general fund operating budget. The total cost for the Sheriff's Department General Fund for this program is estimated at \$5,356 for one year. The new vehicle would be an addition to Fleet Services if the program continues.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the reallocation of a position to the District Fugitive Task Force and appropriate \$5,356 for the Sheriff's Department General Fund.

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