

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:10 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Davis, Chairman

John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

William C. Derrick

Bobby C. Keisler

James E. Kinard, Jr.

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.

Forensic Death Investigator Grant Application - Coroner's Office - Butch Reynolds, Deputy Coroner - Mr. Reynolds presented a request to apply for the Forensic Death Investigator Grant in the amount of \$87,731. There is a County match of 10 percent required at \$9,748 which will come from Coroner's fees collected. The total grant amount is for \$97,479. The funds will be used for the Forensic Death Investigator's salary and operating cost. Mr. Reynolds reported they are requesting to use \$11,700 of the grant funds to purchase security cabinets, refrigerators, and upright freezers.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Forensic Death Investigator Grant.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg did not vote.

Drug Parcel Interdiction Unit Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Drug Parcel Interdiction Unit Grant in the amount of \$259,354. There is a County match of 10 percent at \$28,817 required which will be budgeted in the FY11-12 Sheriff's Department budget. The total grant amount is for \$288,171. This is a new grant that will allow the Sheriff's Department to handle and prosecute parcel drug trafficking. The funds will be used for two drug parcel interdiction investigators, operating supplies, and equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to

approve staff's request to apply for the Drug Parcel Interdiction Unit Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Gang Task Force Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel -

Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Gang Task Force Grant in the amount of \$151,948 for the third and final year. There is a 10 percent County match at \$16,883 required which will be budgeted in the FY2011-12 Sheriff's Department budget. The total grant amount is for \$168,831. The funds will be used for two gang investigators, operating supplies and surveillance camera equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Gang Task Force Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Interstate Interdiction Unit Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel -

Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Interstate Interdiction Unit Grant in the amount of \$300,396. There is a 10 percent County match at \$33,377 required which will be budgeted in the FY2011-12 Sheriff's Department budget. The total grant amount is for \$333,773. This is a new grant which will provide drug interdiction on the County's interstates and primary roadways. The funds will be used for two investigators, operating equipment, and supplies.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the Interstate Interdiction Unit Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

White Collar Crime Unit Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel -

Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the White Collar Crime Unit Grant in the amount of \$84,981. There is a 10 percent County match at \$9,442 required which will be budgeted in the FY2011-12 Sheriff's Department budget. The total grant amount is for \$94,423. This is a continuation of a second year grant. The funds will be used for salaries, operating supplies, and related office equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the White Collar Crime Unit Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Additional Vehicles for the Reserve Deputy Program - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to add two used vehicles to the Reserve Deputy Program. The two vehicles would be selected from those that are to be replaced so there would be no additional cost involved except the associated costs for the remaining six months of FY2010-11. The vehicles would be selected by Fleet Services from the Sheriff's Department vehicles scheduled to be dead lined. The total costs for two used vehicles are listed as: vehicle repairs and maintenance at \$1,500; gas, fuel and oil at \$3,000; and, vehicle insurance at \$546.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to add two additional used vehicles to the Reserve Deputy Program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Forward Looking Infra Red (FLIR) - Systems Ultra 7500 B RAID Demo System - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to use Federal Narcotics Forfeiture money to purchase a FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) unit to be mounted to the Sheriff's Department helicopter. Col. Paavel reported the purpose of this unit is multifold with the biggest benefit being able to assist in locating and searching missing people or suspects with infrared technology. The total cost is \$129,970.76 (including applicable sales tax). This will be presented before full Council under Bids/Purchases/RFPs today. For information only, no action taken.

Explosive Ordinance Disposal Canine Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Maj. George Brothers - Maj. Brothers presented a request to accept the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Canine Grant in the total amount of \$10,000. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to purchase one explosive detection dog which would replace the current dog that is nearing the end of its service life.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Canine Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

DUI Prosecution Program Grant Award - Solicitor's Office - Chris Samellas, Assistant Solicitor - Deputy Solicitor Shawn Graham presented a request to accept the DUI Prosecution Program Grant in the total amount of \$75,000. There is no County match required. The funds would provide for a dedicated prosecutor to prosecute South Carolina Highway Patrol DUI cases primarily in the Magistrates Courts in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. This is the first year of funding and may be funded for three years. Deputy Solicitor Graham reported that Lexington County currently has 450 pending DUI cases which are prosecuted by the Highway Patrol Officers themselves.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the DUI Prosecution Program Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 12, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the October 12, 2010 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

George H. Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk