

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Davis, Chairman
William C. Derrick
James E. Kinard, Jr.

John W. Carrigg, Jr., 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.

FY10 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the FY10 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award in the amount of \$59,555. There is no County match required. The grant will be split between the Magistrate Court Services, Sheriff's Department, and Sistercare. The Magistrate Court Services will use the funds to purchase capital items; the Sheriff's Department will use their portion to purchase furniture for training and conference rooms; and Sistercare will be reimbursed for counseling services provided.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the FY10 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

11th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the 11th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network (LEN) Grant award in the amount of \$26,000. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to continue the LEN program already in place for the 11th Judicial Circuit by allocating 75 percent (\$19,500) to the LEN Traffic Support Team and 25 percent (\$6,500) to the Host Agency.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the 11th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant award in the amount of \$32,850. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to enhance the Sheriff's Department Crime Scene Investigation Laboratory by purchasing equipment, a chemically resistant workstation and cabinets, and supplies.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Violence Against Women Act Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the Violence Against Women Act (VAMA) Grant award in the amount of \$115,000. There is a 25 percent in-kind match of \$38,333 which will come from salaries of staff on the Criminal Domestic Violence (CDV) Team paid by the Sheriff's Department General Fund. This is a continuation and fourth year of the VAMA grant. The funds will be used for the CDV investigator and program coordinator personnel cost only.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the Violence Against Women Act Grant award.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

White Collar Crime Unit Grant Award - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to accept the White Collar Crime Unit Grant award in the amount of \$111,483. There is a five percent match of \$5,867 required. The original application submitted was for two investigators, two vehicles, equipment and operating supplies for the investigators; however, the award only approved funding for one investigator, one vehicle, equipment and operating supplies. Col. Paavel confirmed funds were available in the Sheriff's Department budget for the five percent match.

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

The Committee asked about the continuation of the White Collar Crime Unit after funding is no longer available. Col. Paavel responded that the Sheriff's Department has identified white collar crime as a specialized crime with a need for specific training and intends to continue funding the unit at the conclusion of the grant.

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