

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2012**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:08 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Davis, Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III
K. Brad Matthews

Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
Johnny W. Jeffcoat

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Application (Goal 1) - Sheriff's Department - Allan Paavel, Colonel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant. The application amount is for \$141,814 with a 25 percent in-kind match required of \$47,271. The in-kind match will be met by one of the existing Criminal Domestic Violence employee's salary. The funds will be used towards the Criminal Domestic Violence program for salaries and operating costs. This is a federal grant.

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

The vote was in favor. Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

2011 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Award Supplement II (Goal 1) - Public Safety/Preparedness - Thomas Collins, Emergency Response Coordinator - On behalf of Mr. Collins, Mr. Joe Mergo, County Administrator, presented staff's request to accept the 2011 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Award Supplement II in the amount of \$7,237. There is a 50 percent County in-kind match required which will be met by staff salaries. Mr. Mergo reported this is additional funds turned in by other agencies that went unspent and the County was allowed to apply for the funds. The funds will be used to purchase a replacement 800 MHz radio and offset cost for the Emergency Response Coordinator to attend a Homeland Security Workshop.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Townsend to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to accept the 2011 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Award Supplement II.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Meeting of February 14, 2012 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the February 14, 2012 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