

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2013**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Keisler, Committee V Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Vacant, Chairman	Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
K. Brad Matthews	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtler, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Interim Finance Director; 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.

Highway Safety Aggressive Impaired Driver Enforcement Unit Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a grant application request for the Highway Safety Aggressive Impaired Driver Enforcement (AIDE) Unit in the amount of \$280,910. There is no County match required. If approved, the funds are planned to be used for two AIDE officers' salaries, operating expenses, two vehicles, and other capital expense items. This is a three-year grant and must be applied for on an annual basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend that Council approve staff's request to apply for the Highway Safety AIDE Unit Grant.

In Favor:	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Townsend

Highway Safety Advanced Speed Enforcement Unit Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a grant application request for the Highway Safety Advanced Speed Enforcement (ASE) Unit in the amount of \$280,910. There is no County match required. If approved, the funds are planned to be used for two ASE officers' salaries, operating expenses, two vehicles, and other capital item expenses. This is a three-year grant and must be applied for on an annual basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend that Council approve staff's request to apply for the Highway Safety ASE Unit Grant.

In Favor:	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Townsend

Meeting of September 25, 2012 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the September 25, 2012 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Keisler Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Jeffcoat

New Business - Handicap Parking Fines - Mr. Matthews reported that Richland County generated five million dollars in revenue for handicap parking fines. He asked if the County has a similar program. Col. Paavel responded the Sheriff's Department had a similar program years ago and at that time did not see a significant amount of revenues.

New Business - Fire Lane Violations - Mr. Keisler asked if the Sheriff's Department had resident deputies write up citations for fire lane violations at the Wal-Marts and big grocery stores. Col. Paavel responded he did not have any numbers but there have been cases written up.

Old Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Bobby C. Keisler
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk