

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2013**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman
M. Kent Collins	Debbie B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtel, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; 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.

Donation of Vehicle to Gaston Police Department (Goal 1) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request from the Gaston Police Department asking the Lexington County Sheriff's Department to donate a dead lined patrol vehicle to the police department. Sheriff Metts has approved the request for a marked patrol vehicle with the understanding that it would be refurbished not to resemble a Lexington County Sheriff's Department vehicle. Fleet Services has estimated the fair market value of the dead lined vehicle, with emergency equipment at \$3,500. Staff requests transfer of ownership to the Gaston Police Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend full Council approve staff's request for the donation of a dead lined vehicle to the Gaston Police Department.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Keisler
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Collins
	Mr. Jeffcoat	

Violence Against Women Act Grant Application - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request to apply for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant in the amount of \$156,197. The grant is funded at 100 percent with an in-kind match of 25 percent at \$52,066 which will come from a Criminal Domestic Violence (CDV) staff member's salary. If approved, the funds will be used for a portion of the salaries of a CDV Investigator and Program Coordinator. (The balance of salaries and operating costs will be transferred from the Sheriff's Department General Fund.) This is the seventh consecutive year of VAWA funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Collins to recommend full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the VAWA grant.

In Favor: Mr. Kinard Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Collins Ms. Summers
 Mr. Jeffcoat

Meeting of January 22, 2013 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the January 22, 2013 as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Kinard Ms. Summers
 Mr. Collins Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat

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