

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 23, 2013**

The Justice Committee met on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman
Debra B. Summers

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler

Absent: M. Kent Collins

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, 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.

Additional (5) School Resource Officers (Goal 1) - Sheriff's Department - Col. Allan Paavel - Col. Paavel presented a request from Lexington-Richland School District Five for five additional School Resource Officers (SROs) for Lexington County area elementary schools. The Sheriff's Department has been approved for one elementary school SRO in the FY 2013/2014 budget. The School has agreed to contract and fund the additional five positions at 100 percent to include salary, equipment and operating costs for the first year with subsequent years to be negotiated, year by year, based upon available funding. Col. Paavel reported this would be a new program for the first year and after that the cost would be lower for operating and salary costs. The Committee confirmed that the five SROs be made aware that their positions would under a contractual agreement and could end due to lack of funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve Lexington-Richland School District Five's request.

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

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