

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MAY 7, 2012
CONFERENCE ROOM D
5:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, BOB TAYLOR
JIM BURNS
SID CATES
BUTCH KIRVEN

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

WILLIS MEADOWS

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DR. KANDALA, FORENSICS DIVISION
JACKIE KELLET, FORENSICS DIVISION
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JEFF WARD, EMS
SCOT WENDELKEN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
JOHN ZARAGOZA, EMS DIRECTOR

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Taylor called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cates provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2012. The motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

A. 2012 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM;

This is the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$147,140. This grant will fund public safety and judicial support programs. The grant will cover expenses for Sheriff's Office equipment, part-time temporary staff for the Records Division, technology upgrades and supplies for the Forensics Division, and adult and juvenile drug court funds. This grant does not require a county match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$147,140. The motion carried.

B. FY2012 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM:

This is the FY2012 National Institute of Justice DNA Backlog Reduction Program in the amount of \$100,000. This grant will fund overtime and associated benefits as well as supplies and consultant fees for the DNA Lab. This grant does not require a county match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the FY2012 National Institute of Justice DNA Backlog Reduction in the amount of \$100,000. The motion carried.

C. SOUTH CAROLINA FOUNDATION (BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD):

This is the South Carolina Foundation (EMS/GHS) Grant in the amount of \$300,000. This grant will be used to purchase a software program to be installed at the EMS dispatch center that will allow dispatchers to enter caller information to ascertain the level of emergency and will fund nurses and EMS paramedics to staff a mobile medical unit that will visit patients who have been identified as those who over utilize the emergency department. There are in-kind services associated with this grant.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to the South Carolina Foundation (EMS/GHS) grant in the amount of \$300,000. The motion carried.

D. 2011 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

This is the 2011 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$80,000. The grant was awarded for the acquisition of SWAT Team Equipment for the Sheriff's Office. This grant does not require a county match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Burns moved to approve the 2011 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$80,000. The motion carried.

E. LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM:

This is the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grant in the amount of \$33,560. The grant was awarded for Bomb Team Enhancements and funds will be used (1) to acquire Render Safe Procedures equipment for hazardous devices response operations, (2) breaching school training and (3) to acquire communications equipment for the Sheriff's Office. The grant does not require a county match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the Law Enforcement Prevention Program grant in the amount of \$33,560. The motion carried.

F. ASPCA ID ME PET GRANT:

This is the ASPCA ID ME Pet Grant in the amount of \$7,500. The grant will fund the expense of a PET ID engraving machine, ID tags and collars to be given to all animals adopted or returned to owner. The grant does not require a county match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Council Kirven moved to approve the ASPCA ID ME Pet grant in the amount of \$7,500. The motion carried.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BUDGET:

This is a request from the Greenville County Library System to approve their FY13 Budget which appropriates funds for the Library System for FY2012 -2013. The budget also authorizes the continuation of the ad valorem property tax millage rate.

Councilor Burns entered the meeting.

Beverly James, Executive Director and Don Allen, Finance Director, Greenville County Library System were present to answer questions of the committee. Other members of the Library Board were also in attendance.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the FY2013 Proposed Budget and Ordinance for the Greenville County Library System. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Councilor Kirven moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant

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