

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
FIRE COMMITTEE  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 3, 2007  
9:15 A.M.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

FRED TUTEN, CHAIRMAN  
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
TOM WATSON, DEP. ADM. ES  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:15 A.M.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

MR WATSON SAID THAT CATHY LANDFORD WAS INVITED TO THE COOKOUT AND THAT HE WOULD SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THEM ABOUT THE TILLMAN ISSUE. MR. WATSON SAID THAT CURRENTLY NONE OF THE AMBULANCES HAVE ANY PROBLEMS.

MR. WATSON SAID HE INCLUDED A REPORT FROM MS. DELOACHE IN THE IT DEPARTMENT AND IT HAS AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY TO HAVE THIS WORK DONE BY AN OUTSIDE AGENCY.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. MR. WATSON SAID THAT MR. GRAHAM DOES NOT WANT TO WORK WITH HIM. MR WATSON SAID THERE WAS AN ISSUE ABOUT THE STIPEING ON THE TANKER AND THAT MR. GRAHAM WANTED IT DONE DIFFERENTLY AND THE COMMITTEE INSTUCTED MR WATSON TO HAVE IT STRIPED LIKE ALL THE OTHER COUNTY TANKERS AND MR GRAHAM CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS WHEN IT GETS HERE.

MR. WATSON SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO CREATE A MOU TO INCORPORATE THE LEVY STATION INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND TO ITEMIZE THE RESPONSIBILITES SO THAT NO QUESTION WOULD GO UNANSWERED. MR. WATSON SAID IT NEEDS TO BE SPELLED OUT THE EXACT DUTIES OF THE CHIEF AND THE EXACT DUTIES OF THE COUNTY. MR FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. WATSON WAS WORKING ON A MASTER FIRE ORDINANCE AND THE MOU WOULD BE ATTACHED. MR. BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THEY COULD OFFER TO BUY THE STATION OR OFFER IT A CONTRACT. MR FULGHUM SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE OPERATION WOULD SHUT DOWN.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE PARK AT THE LEVY COMMUNITY CENTER AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE PARKED THERE.

MR. WATSON SAID HE BELIEVED ALL THE TRUCKS BELONGED TO THE COUNTY EXCEPT FOR THE NEW RESCUE TRUCK THAT WAS PURCHASED.

AT THIS POINT THE COMMITTEE WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

WHEN THE COMMITTEE RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10:30 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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FRED TUTEN  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN