

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM
JULY 2, 2008
10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

HUBERT TYLER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
FRED TUTEN, COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMGERGENCY SERVICES
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.

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN TYLER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SERVICES:

MR. DALEY REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 498 FIRE CALLS AND 1,132 LAW ENFORCEMENT CALLS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. MR. DALEY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT \$678,788.71 HAS BEEN COLLECTED THIS YEAR FOR EMS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH WAS BILLED. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE, BUT HE WOULD PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION IN FUTURE REPORTS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF PEOPLE COULD PAY BY CREDIT CARD AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE STILL WORKING ON IT.

MR. DALEY SAID THAT ON AVERAGE 15-30 ROAD SIGNS ARE STOLEN EACH MONTH. CHAIRMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THIS THROUGH ADVERTISING IN THE PAPER. CHAIRMAN TYLER STATED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CITIZENS KNOW THAT WHEN THE SIGNS ARE STOLEN, IT CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR EMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. MR. DALEY SAID IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAPER, BUT HE WOULD PLACE ANOTHER AD. MR. DALEY SAID THEY ARE CHANGING

WHAT THE SIGNS ARE MADE OF AND HE FELT THEY MAY CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF SIGNS STOLEN. COUNCILMAN TUTEN ASKED IF ALL THE SIGNS BEING STOLEN ARE THE ONES MADE OF ALUMINIUM AND MR. DALEY SAID THEY WERE AND THAT IS WHY THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE THE SIGNS MADE FROM A DIFFERENT MATERIAL.

MR. DALEY UPDATED THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE EMPLOYEES AT EMS AND SAID THAT 2 SHIFT SUPERVISORS AND ONE PART TIME EMPLOYEE HAVE BEEN HIRED FOR DISPATCH AND ONE DISPATCHER RESIGNED. MR. DALEY SAID THAT CAPT. LUCAS WAS HELPING WITH THE TRAINING UNTIL A TRAINING OFFICER IS HIRED. CHAIRMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE AGES OF THE FIREMEN AND VOLUNTEERS AND IF A PROGRAM HAS BEEN STARTED AT THE SCHOOLS TO GET THE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED. CHAIRMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE WAS A PROCESS IN THE SCHOOLS SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN BE TRAINED AND READY TO START. MR. DALEY SAID THAT CURRENTLY THERE IS NO PROGRAM, HOWEVER, HE HAS BROCHURES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING. MR. DALEY SAID THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE VOLUNTEERS ARE BETWEEN 18-35, BUT THERE ARE SOME OLDER VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP OUT BY DRIVING THE TRUCKS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT VOLUNTEERS AND PAID FIRE FIGHTERS HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS, BUT THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE A LONGER TIME TO COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING. MR. DALEY SAID THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THE TRAINING OF THE VOLUNTEERS. MR. DALEY SAID THE CLASSES ARE PROVIDED BY THE S.C. FIRE ACADEMY AND ARE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

DETENTION CENTER:

MR. DALEY SAID THAT MR. BENJAMIN IS VERY HAPPY WITH THE HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT. MR. DALEY REPORTED THAT THERE ARE 41 JOB SLOTS AT THE DETENTION CENTER AND 37 SLOTS ARE FILLED. MR. DALEY SAID THAT ONE PERSON IS READY TO GRADUATE FROM THE ACADEMY AND THE OTHER PERSON WHO WAS AT THE ACADEMY WAS IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THEY HAVE APPLICATION FOR THE OPEN POSITIONS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY MET WITH SHERIFF JENKINS AND ROY HUGHES CONCERNING THE SHERIFF TAKING OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FELT THE MEETING WENT WELL, AND THEY WERE TO MEET AGAIN TO GO OVER THE PROPOSAL.

AMBULANCES:

MR. DALEY SAID THAT TWO OF THE THREE NEW AMBULANCES WILL BE HERE IN ABOUT 60 DAYS AND THE THIRD ONE WILL BE READY IN ABOUT 120 DAYS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MANY WERE RUNNING AND MR. DALEY SAID THREE ARE OPERATING AND THEY ARE STILL BREAKING DOWN, BUT HE IS TRYING TO KEEP THEM ON THE ROAD. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE FELT THAT APPROVING THE PURCHASE

OF THE THREE NEW AMBULANCES WAS THE BEST THING THAT COULD BE DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SUGGESTED REPLACING THE AMBULANCES EVERY FOUR YEARS. CHAIRMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE LIFE OF AN AMBULANCE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT IN JASPER COUNTY KEEPING AN AMBULANCE ANY LONGER THAN FOUR YEARS WOULD BE PUSHING IT BECAUSE AFTER FOUR YEARS THEY HAVE OVER 120,000 HARD MILES ON THEM. MR. DALEY SAID HIS PLAN IS TO ROTATE EVERY 3-4 YEARS AND LEASE THEM AND TURN THEM IN TO GET NEW ONES. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT WHEN THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MET WITH THE DEVELOPER OF CENTER POINT THEY DISCUSSED FIRE COVERAGE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY WERE GOING TO GIVE LAND FOR A NEW FIRE STATION, HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPMENT IS IN THE CHERRY POINT FIRE DISTRICT AND AN ADDITIONAL FIRE STATION IS NOT NEEDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY ASKED THE DEVELOPER ABOUT PURCHASING AN AMBULANCE FOR THE COUNTY AND THE DEVELOPER AGREED TO DO THAT INSTEAD OF DONATING THE LAND. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE NEW AMBULANCE WOULD BE STATIONED AT CHERRY POINT SINCE THAT IS WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT IS LOCATED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT WOULD BE GREAT AND THAT WOULD GIVE THE COUNTY FOUR NEW AMBULANCES ON THE ROAD. CHAIRMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT MAINTENANCE. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS GOING TO INCLUDE THE AMBULANCES WHEN HE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EMS VEHICLES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF HE WAS GOING TO TRY AND KEEP THE CONTRACT LOCAL AND MR. DALEY SAID HE WOULD TRY TO KEEP IT LOCAL. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHY PUBLIC WORKS DID NOT DO THE MAINTENANCE ON THE VEHICLES AND MR. DALEY SAID HE WANTED A CERTIFIED PERSON DOING THE WORK, NOT INMATES. CHAIRMAN TYLER SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A SPECIAL PERSON TO WORK ON THE COUNTY VEHICLES. MR. DALEY SAID THAT MARK DOES A GREAT JOB AND HE IS THERE WHEN THEY NEED HIM. CHAIRMAN TYLER SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THINGS MAINTAINED BEFORE SOMETHING GOES WRONG. MR. DALEY SAID THEY DO HAVE A MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, THE AMBULANCES BREAKDOWN BEFORE THEY ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAINTENANCE.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH THEY WERE OVER BUDGET. MR. DALEY SAID HE KNEW THE PART -TIME LINE WAS OVER BUDGET, BUT IT WAS COVERED BY THE OVERTIME LINE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THEY WERE OVER BUDGET.

MR. DALEY SAID THAT ON JULY 1, 2008, HARDEEVILLE TOOK OVER THE CHERRY POINT FIRE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS A VERY SMOOTH TRANSITION. MR. DALEY SAID HARDEEVILLE WILL TAKE OVER ALL ASPECTS THERE INCLUDING INSPECTIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE. MR. DALEY SAID THE COUNTY WILL HAVE AN AMBULANCE WITH 2 PEOPLE PER SHIFT AND HARDEEVILLE WILL HAVE ONE FIRE FIGHTER. MR. DALEY SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE OWNS THE

STATION AND WILL TAKE CARE OF MAINTAINING IT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHERE THE FIRE FIGHTERS STATIONED AT CHERRY POINT WERE PLACED. MR. DALEY SAID THEY ARE AT POINT SOUTH.

ADJOURN:

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10:25 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

HUBERT TYLER
CHAIRMAN