



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
DECEMBER 2, 2011, 9:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT- COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MARTY SAULS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS GREGORY

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: WILBUR DALEY DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK

OTHERS FIRE OFFICIALS PRESENT: RIDGELAND FIRE CHIEF MINGLEDORFF, LEVY CHIEF GRAHAM,

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 – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION - COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND HE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

WILBUR DALEY – PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE NEW VEHICLES – CHIEF DALEY EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED GRANTS FOR EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TOTALING \$151,751.90. CHIEF GRANT SAID THE A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,212.50 WITH A REQUIRED MATCH OF \$396.98 PLUS \$1,750.66 FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE BUDGET WOULD BE USED FOR A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - \$4,357, SPARE MEDIC UNIT LAPTOP \$1,605, AED TRAINER \$33.14, AND \$2,965 FOR MEDICAL TRAINING IN PLACE OF IN-SERVICE. CHIEF DALEY SAID THE \$51,344.40 WOULD BE USED FOR A NEW TAHOE AND EQUIPMENT FOR TAHOE \$33,586, \$4,000

WOULD BE USED FOR EMT AND PARAMEDIC BRIDGE COURSE AND \$13,392 FOR OVERTIME THAT WOULD NOT BE TAKEN FROM THE F/R BUDGET AND \$323.47 WOULD REMAIN IN THE BUDGET LINE. CHIEF DALEY SAID THE 2010 LEMPG REVERTED FUND HAVE A BALANCE OF \$15,545 AND \$2,900 WILL BE USED FOR A COMMAND BOX LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$12,645. CHIEF DALEY SAID THAT THERE WAS \$45,000 IN USDA FUNDS AVAILABLE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A 1991 KME FIRE ENGINE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE OLD EQUIPMENT AND OLD VEHICLE BE TURNED IN. CHIEF DALEY SAID HIS VEHICLE WILL BE USED FOR TRAINING TRANSPORTATION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE VEHICLE HAD TO BE A TAHOE OR SUBURBAN AND WHY SOMETHING MORE FUEL EFFICIENT IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE DID NOT WANT A LITTLE VEHICLE FOR HIM TO GET IN AND OUT OF AND IT WOULD BE A COMMAND VEHICLE. CHIEF DALEY SAID THEY COULD BUY IT UNDER THE STATE CONTRACT. MR. DALEY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BUY A SECOND FIRE TRUCK SINCE TWO OF THE TRUCKS NEEDED TO BE UPGRADED. CHIEF DALEY SAID THE \$50,000 COULD COME FROM THE SALARY LINE FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED. CHIEF DALEY SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR TOLD HIM THAT COULD BE DONE SINCE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR HAS NOT BEEN HIRED YET AND THAT MONEY IS IN THE BUDGET. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED HOW LONG THEY HAVE HAD THE GRANT. CHIEF DALEY SAID THAT THEY WERE WORKING ON IT SINCE JULY AND WERE NOTIFIED THAT THEY HAVE IT. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED IF THEY HAD THE CONFIRMATION IN WRITING. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE DID NOT, BUT THEY HAD VERBAL NOTIFICATION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THE COMMITTEE NEEDED THE GRANT COMMITMENT IN WRITING, A BREAKDOWN FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AS TO WHERE ALL THE NEEDED FUNDS ARE COMING FROM AND IF THEY WERE BUYING THE SECOND TRUCK DUE TO THE FIRE CONTRACTS HE WAS NEVER GOING TO VOTE TO ELIMINATE THE FIRE CONTRACTS.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE FIRE TOWER ROAD STATION. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE WAS WORKING ON GETTING PRICES TO SEE IF IT WAS CHEAPER TO BID OUT THE BUILDING OR HAVE VOLUNTEERS BUILD IT. CHIEF DALEY SAID CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED FOR HIM TO GET THE NUMBERS TOGETHER. MR. DALEY SAID THAT CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SUGGESTED USING VOLUNTEERS AND CHIEF DALEY SAID MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WAS NOT ALLOWED DUE TO THE LIABILITY. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID THAT MR. MALPHRUS DOES NOT MAKE THE DECISIONS AND THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO IT AS COST EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE AND LIABILITY INSURANCE CAN BE PURCHASED. CHIEF DALEY SAID THEY WILL HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING VOLUNTEER. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID THE COUNTY HAD A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE PAST, BUT THEY WERE RUN OFF AND THAT IS WHY THE COUNTY IS IN THE SHAPE IT IS IN. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED CHIEF DALEY TO LOOK INTO IT AND IT MAY END UP BEING A MIXTURE OF THE TWO. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE WILL BE THE ONE WHO HAS TO KEEP UP WITH THE CONSTRUCTION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS

SAID THAT CHIEF DALEY ALREADY HAD A JOB TO DO. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT SHOULD OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD ON THIS UNTIL HE GETS THE BIDS TO CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WANTS TO SEE SOME PROGRESS AND HE WILL TALK WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR. CHIEF DALEY SAID IT IS HARD TO ASK SOMEONE FOR A BID AND THEN THEY DON'T GET THE JOB. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN ON THE TABLE. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID AT LEAST 6 YEARS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THEY KNOW WHERE THEY ARE HEADED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID TO GET IT DONE.

JASPER COUNTY, RIDGELAND, AND LEVY FIRE CHIEFS – UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

CHIEF MINGLEDORF CONGRATULATED CHIEF GRAHAM ON THE ISO RATINGS AT THIS STATIONS. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THAT RIDGELAND FIRE RUNS A LOT OF MED CALLS AND THEY ARE PAYING FOR PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED, BUT THEY CANNOT GET THE FUNDS TO COVER THE COST. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THEY WERE TO RECEIVE TRAINING FROM THE COUNTY AND THEY NEEDED BE WORK TOWARDS HAVING MED CONTROL. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT GRANTS. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID THEY DO WORK ON GRANTS, BUT IT IS PROHIBITIVE TO GETTING A DHEC LICENSE. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT SERVING THE PEOPLE AND WOULD LIKE TO GET MED CONTROL BACK THAT WAS CUT BY DHEC. CHIEF MINGLEDORF SAID HIS PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE CALLS, BUT CAN ONLY DO BASIC LIFE SUPPORT UNTIL THE EMS GETS THERE. COMMITTEE MEMBER SAULS SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE A TOPIC AT THE NEXT JOINT MEETING.

MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT THE COUNTY DOES NOT NEED A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR IN AN ALREADY TOP HEAVY ADMINISTRATION. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE CITIZENS WERE JUST HIT WITH A TAX INCREASE AND NOW YOU WANT THEM TO VOLUNTEER. MS. DAVIDSON SAID WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT TIME AND IT IS HARD TO GET VOLUNTEERS. MS. DAVIDSON SAID USE THE MONEY THE TAX PAYERS PAY INSTEAD OF HIRING A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.

CHIEF GRAHAM SAID THAT WHEN HE STARTED HE KNEW IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT AND IT TOOK THEM TWO YEARS TO GET NEW ISO RATINGS, BUT NOW THEY HAVE FIRE PROTECTION, A STATION AND FIRE TRUCKS. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID VOLUNTEERS BUILT IT, BUT THEY DID HAVE TO PAY SOME PEOPLE TO DO CERTAIN THINGS. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID PEOPLE NOT ONLY VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, THEY PROVIDED THEIR EQUIPMENT. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID THEY WERE GOING TO DO ANOTHER STATION SO THAT ALL OF LEVY WILL BE COVERED. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID THAT IT COST \$120,000 TO BUILD THE STATION IN BELLINGER HILL AND THE PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID HE WOULD HELP WITH THE ROOF FOR THE FIRE STATION. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID THAT YOU WOULD BE AMAZED HOW THE PEOPLE WILL VOLUNTEER BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WANT FIRE PROTECTION. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID THE PEOPLE IN JASPER COUNTY WILL COME TOGETHER TO GET IT DONE. COMMITTEE

MEMBER GREGORY SAID HE BELIEVES THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA WILL HELP BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE STATION WILL HELP THEM. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT IN THE PAST, THEY EVEN WENT TO THE CHURCHES FOR HELP AND THEY ALL GAVE MONEY.

ADJOURN – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAULS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

MARTIN L. SAULS, IV
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN