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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
MAY 12, 2010, 10:00 A.M.  
AGENDA**

**PRESENT:** LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, HENRY ETHERIDGE, COMMITTEE MEMBER; ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR; WILBUR DALEY, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; ARTHUR BENJAMIN, DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR; 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:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:05 A.M.

**INVOCATION:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:  
JASPER COUNTY AND CITY OF HARDEEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES:  
JASPER COUNTY AND RIDGELAND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH RIDGELAND AND HARDEEVILLE FOR ANOTHER YEAR WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CONTRACTS WITH RIDGELAND IS FOR \$195,000.00 AND THE CONTRACT WITH HARDEEVILLE WAS FOR \$195,000.00 AND THE COVERAGE FOR THE CHERRY POINT AREA WAS COVERED BY THE SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT TAX COLLECTED IN THAT AREA. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SECTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF

A FIRETRUCK FOR THE HARDEEVILLE CONTRACT HAS BEEN REMOVED AS THAT TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SECTION ADDRESSING THE SITUATION REGARDING IF THE CONTRACT IS BROKEN OR THE COUNTY DID NOT PAY THE FEE, WAS REMOVED; MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS SECTION STATED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HIRE THE MUNICIPAL FIREMEN, THREE FROM RIDGELAND AND 6 FROM HARDEEVILLE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

**UPDATE ON LEVY FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT, AMOUNT PAID TO DATE, THE BALANCE, AND EQUIPMENT FOR SUB STATION:**

MR. DALEY SAID THAT CURRENTLY THERE WAS AN \$83,371.70 BALANCE, AFTER THIS PAYROLL IS GENERATED AND THE VOLUNTEERS ARE PAID, THE NET BALANCE TO DATE WILL BE \$52,179.91. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW THE VOLUNTEERS ARE PAID. MR. DALEY SAID THEY ARE PAID \$8.00 PER CALL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE VOLUNTEER PAY FOR APRIL MAY AND JUNE WOULD NEED TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE NET BALANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS RESPOND IN LEVY. MR. DALEY SAID IN THE DAYTIME ABOUT 5 VOLUNTEERS RESPOND, BUT MORE RESPOND IN THE EVENING. MR. DALEY SAID WHEN THE CALL GOES OUT, EVERYONE WHO IS AVAILABLE GOES TO THE FIRE OR MEDICAL CALLS. MR. DALEY SAID NOT AS MANY RESPOND TO MEDICAL CALLS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT A GAS OR OIL SPILL IN LEVY. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT CAUSED IT, BUT MR. GRAHAM GETS A GOOD RESPONSE ON ALL HIS CALLS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT AT THE SUB-STATION. MR. DALEY SAID THE OLD TRUCK AND A TRAILER WITH EXTRA EQUIPMENT WAS MOVED TO THE SUB-STATION. MR. DALEY SAID THE TRUCK IS THERE FOR THE ISO RATINGS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF MR. DALEY APPROVED THE TRUCK AND TRAILER BEING MOVED. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE LEVY VOLUNTEERS OWN THE TRAILER AND THE COUNCIL APPROVED MOVING THE TRUCK. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL NEVER VOTED ON MOVING THE TRUCK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL WAS NOT INTERESTED IN MOVING THE TRUCK AND THEN BARBARA CLARK CALLED THE MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE SPOKE TO CHAIRMAN HOOD AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE, BUT COUNCIL TOOK NO ACTION. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SPEAK WITH MR. GRAHAM AND NOT PUT MR. DALEY IN THE MIDDLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT A SECOND MEETING AND HE FELT COUNCIL DIDN'T CARE IF THE TRUCK WAS MOVED AND A LETTER WAS SENT REQUESTING A COPY OF THE INSURANCE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF MR. GRAHAM CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD THE INSURANCE. MR. DALEY SAID HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING TO DATE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE TRUCK SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MOVED UNTIL THEY HAD CONFIRMATION OF THE INSURANCE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THEY WERE GOING TO DO BUSINESS, THEY NEEDED TO DO IT IN A BUSINESS MANNER. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR

ASKED FOR MR. DALEY TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A FOLLOW-UP REPORT REGARDING THE INSURANCE.

**JASPER COUNTY AND BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT RIDE ALONG TRAINING PROGRAM:**

MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE BLUFFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOKE WITH HIM ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO REGARDING THEIR PARAMEDICS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THEY HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAINED PARAMEDICS, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE AMBULANCE SERVICE. MR. DALEY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO RIDE ALONG WITH THE COUNTY'S PARAMEDICS TO GIVE THEM THE TIME NEEDED TO KEEP THEIR SKILLS UP TO PAR. MR. DALEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT REPLACE ANY OF THE COUNTY'S PEOPLE ON THE SHIFTS, THEY WOULD GO WITH THEM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY CAME UP WITH A CONTRACT THAT WAS REVIEWED BY ATTORNEY JONES AND THE BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE BLUFFTON COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONTRACT AND IT IS SET TO GO. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE HAS SIGNED THE CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY WOULD RIDE ALONG AT ALL THE COUNTY AMBULANCE LOCATIONS. MR. DALEY SAID THEY WOULD GO WHERE EVER THEY WERE ASSIGNED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP IS GETTING READY TO START PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE. MR. DALEY SAID IN THE PAST, IT WAS ALWAYS JASPER COUNTY GOING AND ASKING FOR HELP, NOW BLUFFTON IS COMING TO JASPER COUNTY ASKING FOR HELP. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT NO COUNCIL ACTION WAS NEEDED; HE WAS JUST LETTING THEM KNOW ABOUT IT.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

MR. DALEY PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF THE MONTHLY REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM JULY TO MARCH BY STATION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE VEHICLES. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS. MR. DALEY SAID THE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND EVERYONE HAS BEEN TRAINED. MR. DALEY SAID THEY PLANNED TO GO LIVE NEXT WEEK.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT WHY ROBERTVILLE F/D WAS COSTING MORE THAN GRAYS F/D AND TILLMAN F/D. MR. DALEY SAID THAT ROBERTVILLE HAS 3 PEOPLE AND GRAYS AND TILLMAN HAVE ONE PERSON EACH. MR. DALEY SAID THEY HAVE BEEN RUNNING THE STATIONS WITH PART-TIME PEOPLE SINCE FEBRUARY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT MR. DALEY WAS TOLD TO ROTATE ALL PEOPLE SO EACH STATION HAS THE SAME AMOUNT OF COVERAGE.

**HOUSING OF MUNICIPAL INMATES:**

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAS LOOKED INTO THE ISSUE REGARDING CHARGING THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING INMATES THEY BRING TO THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE REVIEWED THE SCAC SURVEY RESULTS. MR. FUGLHUM STATED THAT ATTORNEY JONES SENT HIM A LETTER CAUTIONING HIM AS TO HOW THEY

WOULD HAVE TO CHARGE DIFFERENT RATES BASED ON THE OFFENSE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. BENJAMIN HAS BEEN TRACKING THE NUMBER OF INMATES BROUGHT IN FROM THE VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THAT RIDGELAND HAD 41, HARDEEVILLE HAD 44, THE SHERIFF HAD 97, AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL HAD 14. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HAMPTON COUNTY JUST PASSED A RESOLUTION TO START CHARGING THE MUNICIPALITIES AND ARE SETTING UP THE CHARGES. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THAT THEY HAD ABOUT 80 INMATES THIS MONTH AND THE AVERAGE STAY IS 60-80 DAYS. MR. FUGLHUM SAID THE WAY HAMPTON COUNTY IS HANDLING IT IS THAT THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THE FIRST DAY AND 50% OF THE EXPENSES AFTER THE FIRST DAY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OR OTHERS PAY THE OTHER 50%. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY HAVE TO DETERMINE THE COST PER DAY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HAMPTON'S COST IS \$58.00 PER DAY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY NEEDED DIRECTION FROM THE COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THEY KNOW WHAT THEY NEED TO DO, BUT IT WILL GET PUSHED BACK IF THEY ARE ASKED TO PAY AND SAY THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE MUNICIPALITES ALSO PAY COUNTY TAXES. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THEY FEEL THAT WAY, THEN THEY CAN BUILD THEIR OWN JAIL AND THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO WHAT IT HAS TO DO TO SURVIVE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS WORKING ON A WAY TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND MR. BENJAMIN WAS WORKING WITH THE SOLICITOR REGARDING HOUSING INMATES. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD REPORT BACK WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY NEEDED TO BUDGET APPROPRIATELY AND IF THEY WERE GOING TO CHARGE THE MUNICIPALITIES, THEN THEY ALSO NEEDED TO CHARGE THE SHERIFF AND PUT FUNDS IN HIS BUDGET TO PAY LIKE THE MUNICIPALITIES. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF THE COUNTY CAN CHARGE THE STATE AGENCIES. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT DNR AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL DON'T BRING THAT MANY PEOPLE TO THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE A 30 DAY STAY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID PERHAPS THEY CAN SET UP A SYSTEM TO CHARGE FOR ANY INMATES WITH A 5 DAY OR LONGER STAY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS WILL BE A GOOD WAKE UP CALL FOR THE SYSTEM. MR. FULGHUM SAID DEBORAH MALPHRUS SUGGESTED THAT THEY BRING IN A LARGE GROUP TO TALK ABOUT THIS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MR. FULGHUM TO MOVE FORWARD AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY INMATES WERE AT THE DETENTION CENTER NOW. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THERE WERE 44 INMATES LAST THURSDAY AND ON TUESDAY THERE WERE 110 INMATES. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THAT SOME OF THE INMATES ARE CHARGED WITH MAJOR CRIMES.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPEN-  
SATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN**

**EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY, NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING:**

THE COMMITTEE WENT IN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING, CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR C CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

THE COMMITTEE RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION.

NO ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**ADJOURN:**

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:15 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN