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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
358 THIRD AVE.  
RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
OCTOBER 13, 2010, 3:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** LEROY BLACKSHER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, HENRY ETHERIDGE, COMMITTEE MEMBER; ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR; WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL, CHIEF DOUG GRAHAM, NELVIN 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 BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

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

**INVOCATION:** COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**JASPER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT LCOG DID THE PLAN AND THAT A RESOLUTION WAS NEEDED TO APPROVE THE PLAN. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PLAN WOULD BE GOOD FOR FIVE YEARS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PLAN IS 506 PAGES. MR. DALEY SAID THE PLAN MUST BE IN PLACE TO GET FEDERAL FUNDING. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD FOR APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL. MR. DALEY SAID HE WOULD UPDATE THE COUNCIL OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE CHANGED.

**NEW FIRE TRUCK EQUIPMENT PURCHASE - LEVY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE LEVY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS SECURED INSURANCE FOR THE TRUCK THAT WAS RECENTLY PURCHASED. MR. FULGHUM SAID A LIST OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRUCK WAS PROVIDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID HOW THE EQUIPMENT WAS PAID FOR AND WHO OWNS THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE NEEDED FOR INSURANCE. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS NOT FOR THE NEW TRUCK AND INSURANCE FOR THE EQUIPMENT MAY BE

ATTAINABLE FROM THE COMPANY THAT IS INSURING THE TRUCK. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID THE EQUIPMENT COVERS THE BASIC SUPPLIES NEEDED ON THE TRUCK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE EQUIPMENT WOULD COST ABOUT \$25,000.00. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID THE COST WOULD BE BETWEEN \$20,000 AND \$25,000. MR. GRAHAM SAID MOST OF THE OLD ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OTHER TRUCKS WILL GO ON THE NEW TRUCK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE REQUEST WAS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED TO MR. DALEY AND MR. DALEY RECOMMENDS THAT THE EQUIPMENT BE OWNED BY THE COUNTY, BUT ASSIGNED TO THE LEVY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPRHUS SAID ALL THE OTHER EQUIPMENT IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY. CHIEF GRAHAM SAID ABOUT ¼ OF THE EQUIPMENT IS THE COUNTY'S EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE ONLY SEES CERTAIN ITEMS LISTED AND MR. GRAHAM SAID THEY WERE PURCHASED WITH FEDERAL GRANTS. MR. DALEY SAID HE HAS A LIST OF WHAT EQUIPMENT THE COUNTY HAS PROVIDED TO THE LEVY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE THOUGHT THE LIST WAS ATTACHED TO THE CONTRACT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW OWNERSHIP WAS DETERMINED. MR. FULGHUM SAID IF THE COUNTY OWNS THE EQUIPMENT, THE COUNTY WOULD INSURE THE EQUIPMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WAS A PROBLEM IF THE EQUIPMENT WAS ON A TRUCK NOT OWNED BY THE COUNTY. MR. GRAHAM SAID THE COUNTY EQUIPMENT CAN GO ON THE OTHER TRUCK AND THE LEVY EQUIPMENT WILL GO ON THE NEW TRUCK. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE NEW EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE CONTRACT AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT WOULD. MR. GRAHAM SAID THE EQUIPMENT WOULD MEET ISO STANDARDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID A LIST OF EQUIPMENT WAS NEEDED AND PAPERWORK WILL BE NEEDED TO MOVE THE EQUIPMENT. MR. GRAHAM SAID EVERYTHING THAT WILL BE REMOVED WILL GO ON TRUCK 225. MR. GRAHAM SAID TRUCK 225 AND THE EQUIPMENT ON TRUCK 225 WILL BE INSURED AND PAID FOR FROM THE CONTRACT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL COME UP SHORT BY USING THE MONEY FROM THE CONTRACT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CONTRACT IS FOR 5 YEARS, BUT THE AMOUNT CAN BE CHANGED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE \$25,000 FROM THEIR BUDGET FOR EQUIPMENT. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE DID NOT FORSEE A PROBLEM AS THEY SPENT THIS MUCH ON EQUIPMENT LAST YEAR AND HAD \$35,000 LEFT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID A BILL CAME IN AFTER THE BUDGET CLOSED AND \$24,000 HAD TO BE PAID FROM THE CURRENT BUDGET. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT \$280,000 WAS OVERBUDGETED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY ONLY HAD \$13,000 REMAINING IN THEIR BUDGET. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE \$13,000 AND MR. FULGHUM SAID IT CAME BACK TO THE COUNTY, BUT THEY MAY HAVE TO PAY IT IF IT IS REQUESTED. MR. GRAHAM SAID PORTABLE RADIOS AND MONITORS WERE NEEDED AND HE HOPED THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE REPURCHASED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS. MR. GRAHAM SAID THEY WILL HAVE THE MAINTENANCE

CONTRACTS UNTIL THE EQUIPMENT IS OUTDATED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE REQUEST SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT GO OVER BUDGET. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE WAY THE CONTRACT IS WRITTEN, THEY CAN SPEND THE MONEY ON WHATEVER THEY WANT TO SPEND IT ON. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE NEW EQUIPMENT WOULD GO ON THE COUNTY TRUCK AND THE OLD EQUIPMENT WOULD GO ON THE NEW TRUCK. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WAS OKAY WITH IT.

**SERVICE CONTRACT – VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS –** MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL WANTED A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AND HE FELT THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD FUND THE PROGRAM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS MAY CAUSE MR. DALEY TO GO OVER BUDGET, BUT HE WOULD FIND THE MONEY SOMEWHERE AND THE COUNCIL COULD DO A BUDGET AMENDMENT. MR. DALEY SAID WHEN THE EQUIPMENT IS ASSIGNED AND THE VOLUNTEER IS ASSIGNED A NUMBER. MR. DALEY SAID ALL THE EQUIPMENT EXCEPT FOR THE UNIFORM COMES BACK TO THE COUNTY IF THE VOLUNTEER QUILTS. MR. DALEY SAID THE KNOWLEDGE AND AMOUNT PAID FOR CLASSES DOES NOT COME BACK TO THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COST IS ABOUT \$2,900 PER VOLUNTEER AND MOST OF THAT COMES BACK TO THE COUNTY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THE COUNTY INVESTS \$2,900 THE COUNTY SHOULD GET A COMMITMENT AND IF THEY LEAVE BEFORE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY THE COUNTY FOR THE CLASSES. MR. GRAHAM SAID THE CLASSES ARE ABOUT \$5 PER CLASS AND THE VOLUNTEERS DONATE THEIR TIME TO TAKE THE CLASS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WAS LOOKING FOR A COMMITMENT. MR. DALEY SAID IT IS HARD TO GET A VOLUNTEER TO SIGN TO GIVE BACK THE FUNDS FOR CLASSES WHEN THEY ONLY GET PAID \$8 PER CALL AND THEY GIVE THEIR TIME. MR. DALEY SAID IT IS NOT EXPENSIVE TO TRAIN THE VOLUNTEERS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANYTHING A PERSON GETS FOR FREE, AND IF THEY ARE A TRUE VOLUNTEER, THEY WOULD PAY THE MONEY BACK. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE VOLUNTEERS SHOULD HAVE TO SIGN A COMMITMENT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADDED THAT HE ONLY HAD ONE VOTE AND IT WAS ONLY HIS OPINION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT IF THEY WERE TRULY DEDICATED, THEY WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM SIGNING. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT AND PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR THE COUNCIL.

**ADJOURN:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

APPROVED BY:

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

