

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 22, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Joe Gourley  
Commissioner David Nipper  
Commissioner Steve Pearcy  
Commissioner Pettus Read  
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho  
Commissioner Brad Turner  
Commissioner Doug Shafer, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Davidson            Robert Arnold  
Larry Sloan             Lynn Duke  
Michael Gregory        Tharrel Kast  
Mike Nunley            Keith Lowery  
Egon Grissom           Chris Deal  
Billy Stegall           Keith Powell  
Jennifer Williams      Trey King  
John Frost             Dan Goode  
Rosemary Faulk        Derell Cagle  
Steve Spence           Guy Goff  
Becky Scarlett

Chairman Shafer presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Pearcy moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Ms. Duke next presented a proposed contract and amendment with PREA language with Fayette County for detention bed services advising it is at the daily rate of \$175. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Contract and Amendment with Fayette County, Tennessee for detention bed services at Juvenile Detention as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

The written Correctional Work Center report was presented for the use and information of the Committee but no one was present from the Correctional Work Center. The Committee asked Mr. Davidson to advise the Superintendent someone should be present from CWC when the Superintendent is not able to attend. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearcy, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

RECOVERY COURT REPORT:

Trey King presented the Recovery Court report for the use and information of the Committee as well as information regarding a Governmental Grant Contract in the amount of \$70,000 for the Tennessee Veterans Treatment Court Initiative. Mr. King advised he wanted to ask for additional positions in FY 2017 to use the funds appropriately and requested hiring a full-time Veterans Treatment Court Case Manager and if funding allowed hiring a part-time Therapist with a background in PTSD/TBI/MH and trauma. Mr. King will present a proposed budget amendment next month. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Recovery Court reports and Governmental Grant

Contract information as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to accept the Governmental Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in the amount of \$70,000 for the Veterans Treatment Court, authorize execution and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

PROBATION REPORT:

Trey King presented the Probation report for the use and information of the Committee and advised they are actively supervising 3,333 cases. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Probation report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Percy, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee and introduced Keith Powell and Billy Stegall to address issues in the Eagleville area per Commissioner Read's concerns last month about out of zone calls when they are covering elsewhere and an ambulance has to come out to Eagleville. Commissioner Gourley advised this is not an exclusive situation for Eagleville as it happens in other areas as well although it may be more exaggerated for Eagleville. The Ambulance Department is short staffed and this needs to be looked at. Mr. Nunley advised he has talked to Superintendent Odom about an ambulance station at the new Rockvale High School. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tharrel Kast presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Larry Sloan presented the Fire-Rescue Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Fire-Rescue Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT:

Rosemary Faulk presented proposed budget amendments to (1) request remaining donated funds (Shop With the Sheriff, Vegetable Garden of Hope and SCAN) from 2015/16 year that were not included in 2016/17 and (2) recognized revenue from remaining GHSO Grants (Alcohol Enforcement and Teen Driver Safety) to Overtime and related benefits.

From: 101-39000	Unassigned Funds -	\$ 24,746
To: 54210-499	Other Supplies -	\$ 10,241
To: 54110-399	Other Services -	\$ 10,726
To: 54110-499	Other Supplies -	\$ 3,779
To: 101-47590	Other Fed/State -	\$ 64,836
To: 54110-187	GHSO OT -	\$ 54,364
To: 54110-187	Teen OT -	\$ 438
To: 54110-201	SS -	\$ 3,398
To: 54110-204	Retirement -	\$ 5,842
To: 54110-212	Medicare -	\$ 794

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Sheriff's Department budget amendment as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Sheriff Arnold next presented the line item report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was advised the 2016/17 Teen Driver Safety Grant and Alcohol Enforcement Grant have been awarded and a budget amendment will be presented next month. No matching funds are required.

Sheriff Arnold advised his department has been working on a staffing analysis for the new courthouse and requested a member of the Public Service Committee be involved and participate on that Committee. Commissioner Shafer suggested the matter be taken under advisement because the Committee may change next month.

Egon Grissom next addressed the Committee regarding alarm calls. Chairman Shafer advised 5 out of 993 alarm calls were valid and asked if the matter should be forwarded to the Steering Committee for implementation of a fine. Mr. Grissom advised no surrounding Sheriff's Departments charge for false calls although some municipalities do and the general message received from municipalities is they do not receive fines until it builds up and they take it to Court. Also, there has to be a dedicated employee to keep up with the fines. Commissioner Gourley advised the cost of recovering the fines may be greater than the cost of doing the calls. Mr. Grissom advised alarm calls are not a priority call but the Sheriff's Department does respond. Commissioner Percy advised it is a cost of doing business. Commissioner Gourley advised it may be easier to keep up with offenders with the new CAD system. Chairman Shafer advised the matter could be put on the back burner until the new CAD system is installed.

Egon Grissom advised they are reviewing applications to fill the 13 positions and it is a work in progress but the positions would be filled as soon as possible. Sheriff Arnold advised the starting salary in detention is \$14.45 and if minimum wage is raised to \$15 per hour as the political discussions suggest then the department will be competing with McDonald's for employees. Additionally, it is hard to keep communications officers and the department currently has 3 openings as well as an opening in food service. Sheriff Arnold advised he has asked recent employees that resigned to call the HR Director to discuss their reasons for leaving and previously they did not do exit interviews. Commissioner Nipper

advised if they could identify the reason for leaving is money then maybe the Commission could do something to help the department.

Guy Goff advised Officer Klegg, the SRO for Buchanan Middle School, walked a 16 year old off a bridge and he wanted to commend him. He also advised the Committee that he lost an SRO recently because he got a \$1,900 raise by transferring within the division. SROs are paid less than patrol. Sheriff Arnold advised he wanted to try to fix the inequities in the next budget year. Mr. Goff advised all schools do have SROs because officers from other departments have been subbing.

Derell Cagle advised they have interviews set up and hope to do them in an orderly fashion but it may be the first of the year before new hires are trained and on the floor. The current jail population is 823.

Keith Lowery and John Frost next addressed the Committee advising the department has been put on notice by the TBI about TIBRS reporting not being correct. Mr. Lowery advised they have been working on this and plan to engage a security company that has experience with antiquated systems as they will have to maintain the system for a long time. This is part of the records management system in CAD. If the department does not comply with reporting the County could lose State and Federal funding in all departments. Commissioner Gourley advised this may be considered an emergency purchase since it affects all County funding.

Jeff Davidson next advised the Committee as to the Occupancy and Use Permit Agreement for Blind Operated Vending Facilities advising by statute blind vendors get first right of refusal and exclusivity on vendor services. The Committee was provided information from County Technical Assistance Services regarding the State statute as to blind vendors and authority to operate a jail commissary. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Occupancy and Use Permit Agreement for Blind Operated Vending Facilities with the Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Tennessee Business Enterprises, authorize execution and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Chairman Shafer advised he wanted HR to look at the pay for all public safety departments. Jeff Davidson advised the Mayor is looking into this already and it will be considered in the upcoming budget.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shafer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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DOUG SHAFER, Chairman