

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 25, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Robert Peay  
Commissioner Jeff Phillips  
Commissioner Doug Shafer  
Commissioner Robert Stevens  
Commissioner Matt Young  
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess      Mary Schneider  
Jeff Davidson        Larry Farley  
Joe Russell          Dan Goode  
Michael Gregory     Randy Garrett  
Dan Goode            Lemuel White  
Randy White         Tim Hooker  
Joe F. Jernigan     Robert Arnold  
Sonya Stephenson   Joe Haffner  
Bernard Salandy     Becky Shelton

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

MINUTES:

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. 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 Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Joe Haffner presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

Randy White provided pictures of a bus that can be used for supply and to carry up to twelve patients in a mass casualty emergency. The bus is being donated by the City of Murfreesboro and the kit to convert the bus is being donated by the State of Tennessee. The State has donated another kit to Montgomery County for the same purpose. The bus will have to be used in mutual aid situations. Mr. White advised the County will paint the bus and take out the seats and install the stretchers. It can be used to move nursing home or hospital patients. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, that Public Safety Committee approve receiving the bus from the City of Murfreesboro and kit from the State of Tennessee with the Ambulance Service to proceed with equipping the bus. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee next inquired as to annual leave being rolled into sick leave. Mr. Haffner advised it was not as big a problem as it sounded advising currently nine people could lose annual leave to sick leave July 1 but four of these have not ask for time off in the next six months, two have not ask for enough time off and three have been turned down. Commissioner Shafer advised some employees want the time to roll into their retirement or they could be saving it up for a surgery. Commissioner Young advised with the limited exposure he thought the County should help the employees out. HR Director

Stephenson advised she did not know the total number of employees in the County that have time that rolls over to sick. Commissioner Young ask this information be provided by June.

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider presented the Drug Court report for the use and information of the Committee introducing her new intern Lemuel White. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the Drug Court report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Schneider next advised the Drug Court Support Foundation has offered to fund a position to be a contract position and not a County position. The position will do home visits and male drug screens on a six month trial basis. The position will also do an intervention class which could potentially fund the position. Ms. Schneider was ask to present the contract and budget amendment to the Committee for consideration.

PAWS REPORT:

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

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

Mr. Gregory next presented his proposed 13/14 budget for consideration by the Committee advising he has met with the Mayor. The budget includes step increases with no new positions but does include one new vehicle with an animal transport unit. No new vehicles have been purchased since 2008. Mayor Burgess advised the budget is a continuation budget. The Committee was advised requests for appropriations are being sent to LaVergne, Smyrna and Murfreesboro approximating \$12 per call in these municipalities. Mayor Burgess advised he was reserving final approval until the whole budget is reviewed but he had nothing to pull from this budget except the vehicle. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the budget as presented to the Public Safety Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

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

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

Mr. Hooker next presented the proposed 13/14 budget for Emergency Management Agency advising it is a continuation budget except for Line 709 for Data Processing Equipment for which the final cost has not been determined yet. Mr. Hooker next presented a personnel proposal to which Mayor Burgess advised he was not ready to proceed with at this time and the same was withdrawn. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the EMA budget as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the County Fire/Rescue Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Farley next presented his proposed 13/14 budget for the use and information of the Committee advising it contained a full-time office assistant position and increased maintenance to \$800,000. Mr. Farley oversees seven stations, twenty-seven pieces of apparatus and one hundred firefighters. Commissioner Young recommended moving the secretary from EMA to the Fire/Rescue Department. Mayor Burgess advised he wanted to look at the comprehensive package but would take under advisement seriously moving the secretary as there is no new property tax revenue. Commissioner Young advised he would like to add \$210,000 for a new rescue truck to the budget. Commissioner Young inquired if fundraisers such as a fish fry would help the revenue problem. Commissioner Shafer advised he wanted to review the budget next month with the Finance Director with information on what money from the County such as sales tax can be used for and the amount the County is generating to pay for the County Fire Department. Mayor Burgess advised the budget can't be changed much and he won't make a final decision until it goes to the Budget Committee.

Commissioner Stevens advised he was hesitant to add positions with other departments needs. Mr. Farley advised he may be receiving a grant for a Grant Coordinator position and he would know before the budget is finalized.

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to forward the Fire/Rescue Department budget to the Budget Committee without a recommendation. This motion passed by acclamation with Commissioner Stevens voting "no"."

The Committee was next advised the issue of the Elam Road Fire Hall was referred back to Property Management Committee with a copy to Public Safety for discussion whether to repair the station or raze it and rebuild from the ground up due to the fire damage. Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan addressed the Committee advising he and Larry Farley had looked at the block building and there are cracks in all walls with no place for volunteers to spend the night and the current building was too small. The estimate to repair is \$165,000 and the new station at Fosterville was built for \$365,000. Commissioner Jernigan advised he recommended bulldozing the building down and building a new one. Mayor Burgess advised the plans to rebuild includes a bedroom and for some extra money the building could include a kitchen. Commissioner Young advised he understood the fire department preferred to build a new building. Mayor Burgess advised the rebuilt building would be in full compliance with all codes when completed and an engineer had drawn the plans. Commissioner Jernigan requested everyone look at the burned out building.

Chief Farley advised the area does have fire protection because there is a stand alone building where he has housed a pumper.

Commissioner Jernigan advised he preferred to wait until the County could get the money to rebuild. Commissioner Young advised he also preferred to wait and do it right and put the building on a priority list next year.

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to suspend the rules to allow the two firemen in attendance to speak. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The firemen advised with respect to Chief Farley they would go by whatever the County decided to do but did suggest the Committee look at the building.

Commissioner Jernigan requested the matter be delayed a

month with Chief Farley to meet with the volunteer firemen at the station to get their opinions and he could try to do this before the Property Management Committee meeting.

Mayor Burgess advised the bids are only good for sixty days which is the next Commission meeting.

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to forward to Property Management a request to delay and hold off until the County can get the money to rebuild the Elam Road Fire Hall from the ground up."

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to amend the original motion to send the concept to the Property Management Committee for them to decide the matter. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

"The original motion to request a delay and hold off passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee first advising of a request that the Volunteer Behavioral health staff be authorized to write a mental health facility grant. The Volunteer Behavioral health staff want to partner with the Work Center to provide one full-time employee to make mental health classes available to inmates and employees. The grant is an 80%/20% match with part or all of the 20% being in-kind which can include but is not limited to office space, computer use, classroom space and material. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve Volunteer Behavioral Health staff writing a mental health facility grant. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

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

Mr. Salandy next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$2,778 from Account #101-54220-418 (Equipment & Machinery Parts) to Account #101-54220-335 (Maint/Repair Buildings) to provide sufficient funding to install two circuit boxes in the pods. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$2,778 from Account #101-54220-418 (Equipment & Machinery Parts) to Account #101-54220-335 (Maint/Repair Buildings). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Salandy next presented his proposed 13/14 budget for the use and information of the Committee. Mayor Burgess advised the proposed budget is less than the current budget with no new positions. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to forward the Correctional Work Center 13/14 proposal to the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Joe Russell first presented proposed budget amendments of \$2,400 increase to Account #44570 (Donations, Contrib) with \$2,390 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts) and \$10 increase to Account #54110-499 (Other Supplies); \$500 increase to Account #44570 (MTP Donations) and Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts); \$1,964 increase to Account #44130 (Sale of Materials) with \$1,536 increase to

Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts) and \$428 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Sup/Mat); \$6,421 increase to Account #44145 (Sale/Recy.Mat) with \$1,281 increase to Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg) and \$5,140 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Sup./Mat). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget amendments of \$2,400 increase to Account #44570 (Donations, Contrib) with \$2,390 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts) and \$10 increase to Account #54110-499 (Other Supplies); \$500 increase to Account #44570 (MTP Donations) and Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts); \$1,964 increase to Account #44130 (Sale of Materials) with \$1,536 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts) and \$428 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Sup/Mat); \$6,421 increase to Account #44145 (Sale/Recy.Mat) with \$1,281 increase to Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg) and \$5,140 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Sup./Mat). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Russell next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$414 increase to Account #122-44570 (K9 Narc. Contrib) and Account #122-54150-401 (Anim. Food). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the budget amendment of \$414 increase to Account #122-44570 (K9 Narc. Contrib) and Account #122-54150-401 (Anim. Food). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Sheriff Arnold advised they have received \$250 for recycling tin cans from the kitchen, \$500 for a trailer load of pallets and \$50 for cardboard boxes all of which will be used in the garden program.

The Committee was provided the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to accept the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Commissioner Shafer requested stats or a summary on conflict resolutions by SRO's for the information of the Committee.

Chairman Farley advised he had split the agenda to review budgets but a special called meeting may be required to review the Sheriff's budget and he would advise at a later date.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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GARY FARLEY, Chairman