

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 22, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner David Nipper
Commissioner Steve Pearcy
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Pettus Read
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Doug Shafer, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess	Robert Arnold
Tharrel Kast	Dan Goode
Bernard Salandy	Virgil Gammon
Joe Russell	Jeff Davidson
Michael Gregory	Brian Gaither
Mary Schneider	Steve Spence
Mike Nunley	Rob Odom
Deborah Johnson	Lynn Duke
Monique Tillage	Becky Shelton

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

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. 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 Phillips, 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. Following discussion,

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

Brian Gaither next addressed the Committee advising he is a station manager and takes care of maintenance on stretchers. Mr. Gaither advised he was requesting permission to apply for an AFG grant to purchase twenty power stretchers. The grant is 80%/20% but it is anticipated there is enough money in the current budget appropriated to purchase manual stretchers to meet the 20% requirement if the grant is awarded. Additionally, the old manual stretchers can be traded in. The power stretchers could help with worker's compensation claims. The department already has two power stretchers. Mr. Gaither advised he did not have the exact dollar amount but thought \$270,000 to \$280,000 would purchase the twenty stretchers. Mr. Nunley advised this would put power stretchers on each current ambulance. Commissioner Gourley advised he would like more information on the cost. Mr. Gaither advised the grants open in November so there is time to bring information back to the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve applying for the AFG grant for power stretchers but also bring more information to the next Committee meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Information requested included types, performance and where currently being used.

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

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

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Fire/Rescue report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Odom next presented a budget amendment to appropriate additional funds to the training budget.

From: 101-54320-338 Maint & Repair - Vehicle	\$ 8,000
To: 101-54320-322 Evaluation & Testing -	\$ 8,000

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the budget transfer for the Fire/Rescue Department as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

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

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

Commissioner Phillips asked in regard to the Ambulance Service requesting permission to apply for the AFG grant, would Mr. Goode provide at the next meeting information on stretcher injuries and costs of same.

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

Mr. Salandy next advised the County has been awarded an Office of Justice Program Grant under the FY 2013 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Planning & Implementation for \$226,036. The two year grant will fund the Rutherford County Treatment and Re-entry Collaborative contract with Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System, travel and training supplies. The total project includes an additional in-kind cost of \$29,494 per year provided by the Correctional Work Center for office and classroom space for the intensive treatment program and re-entry services. In this regard, Mr. Salandy presented a proposed budget amendment.

To: 101-47990	Other Direct Federal Revenue -	\$117,978
To: 101-54220-312	Contracts w Private Agencies -	\$107,058
To: 101-54220-355	Travel -	\$ 6,720
To: 101-54220-435	Office Supplies -	\$ 4,200

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the budget transfer for the Correctional Work Center as presented forwarding the same to the Budget Committee and authorize execution of the grant as required by appropriate County officials. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

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

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Duke next presented a proposed contract and Amendment with Perry County for consideration. This is the first contract with Perry County for service. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Percy, to approve the contract and Amendment with Perry County. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT:

Monique Tillage, Director of the Domestic Violence Court, Deborah Johnson, Director of a residential shelter, and Mayor Burgess addressed the Committee advising domestic abuse offenders pay fines into a Victims Assistance Account which currently has \$540,787. Ms. Tillage runs her department with one full-time position and two part-time positions working 25 hours per week. Additionally a full-time Domestic Violence prosecutor is funded. Mayor Burgess advised they were requesting to convert one County part-time position to full-time effective 10/20/2014 and to increase the awarded amount to Domestic Violence by \$27,500 per year or an additional \$2,325 per month beginning 11/1/2014. Ms. Tillage advised her department works primarily in General Sessions Court and she has no one to assist if matters go to Circuit Court. There is only a 4% dismissal rate in General Sessions Court.

The Committee was further advised the shelter was authorized to prepare initial court filings for Orders of Protection in 1989 by Chancellor Whitney Stegall. The shelter also provides assistance for daycare, transportation, etc. to assist the victims in getting to Court. Mayor Burgess advised he fully supports the budget amendment.

From: 101-34520	VAA -	\$32,220
From: 101-53930-169	Part-time -	\$12,750
To: 101-53930-189	Other Salary & Wages -	\$19,780
To: 101-53930-201	Social Security -	\$ 435
To: 101-53930-204	State Retirement -	\$ 2,370
To: 101-53930-205	Employee & Dependent Insurance -	\$ 3,640
To: 101-53930-209	Disability Insurance -	\$ 40
To: 101-53930-212	Employer Medicare -	\$ 105

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the budget transfer for the Domestic Violence Court Program as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider presented the Drug Court report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sheriff Robert Arnold and Joe Russell presented a proposed budget amendment to recognize revenue from GHSO 2014/15 (reimbursable)

Grant into Overtime with related benefits and LE Equipment.

To: 101-47590	Other Fed/State -	\$108,615
To: 54110-716	LE Equip -	\$ 31,600
To: 54110-187	OT -	\$ 64,383
To: 54110-201	Social Sec. -	\$ 3,992
To: 54110-204	Retirement -	\$ 7,707
To: 54110-212	MC -	\$ 933

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

Sheriff Arnold and Joe Russell next presented a proposed budget amendment to request funds from Drug Control Restricted for Public Safety into Drug Fund Expense accounts.

From: 122-34525	Restric/Pub.Safe -	\$155,000
To: 122-54150-431	LE Supplies -	\$ 5,000
To: 122-54150-338	Veh. R/M -	\$ 10,000
To: 122-54150-716	LE Equip. -	\$ 40,000
To: 122-54150-718	New Veh. -	\$ 60,000
To: 122-54150-707	Build. Imp. -	\$ 10,000
To: 122-54150-709	DP Equip. -	\$ 30,000

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

The Committee was provided the line item reports for its use and information.

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was provided commendations and stats for the jail.

Chairman Shafer advised for the information of the Committee, a lieutenant position raised to a captain position was put in the Sheriff's Office side of the budget and needed to be on the jail side. This matter will be taken to the Budget Committee by Finance Director Nolen at the next Budget Committee meeting.

The Committee was next provided a proposed Resolution of Recommendation for Sgt. Shawn Applegate who works with the ICE Unit which will be presented at the next Commission.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shafer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

DOUG SHAFER, Chairman