

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 24, 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:

Ernest Burgess Jeff Davidson
Keith Lowery Lynn Duke
Michael Gregory Tharrel Kast
Mike Nunley Dan Goode
William Cope Trey King
Rosemary Faulk Randy Garrett
Larry Farley 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."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

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

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

Mr. Kast next presented a Governmental Grant Contract for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2016 for \$69,350 requiring basic staff functions which needed to be approved and accepted. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$69,350, authorize execution and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Kast next reminded the Committee he had presented the Basic Emergency Plan and Hazardous Mitigation Plan at the last meeting which need to be approved and adopted by the Committee. This process is required every five years. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearcy, to approve the Basic Emergency Plan as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

"Commissioner Nipper moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Fire-Rescue Department report as presented. 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 Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

William Cope presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Chairman Shafer advised the CWC facility has a capacity of 250 and it is not full. He asked if there was anything that could be done with the excess space. Captain Cope advised they were looking at other programs including therapeutic community and options for the work release program. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, 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. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the Recovery Court report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. King next advised he was requesting approval to apply for a grant from SAMHSA in the amount of \$325,000 per year for a total of three years with no matching costs to focus on expanding the current operations at Recovery Court. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Nipper moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to authorize application for a SAMHSA grant with no matching costs. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PROBATION REPORT:

Trey King presented the Probation report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

Mr. King next presented the six month report for the Probation Department. Chairman Shafer asked Mr. King's opinion on setting up the department and Mr. King advised he felt the department made a difference in the recidivism rate as they currently have 3,400 on probation. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the six month Probation Department 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 Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, 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 and was asked to provide a breakdown on call types in the report. Following discussion,

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

Mr. Gregory next advised PetSmart opened up grants a couple of weeks ago and he has applied for the same to be used to have the spay/neuter wagon in the County more often if received.

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee advising the Burton Street station construction is slow and it was his recommendation to bring staff on January 1 and not wait until the building is completed. Commissioner Gourley advised he wanted two more ambulance stations in the next budget as the County is getting behind. Commissioner Percy questioned a contract without a time line for completion on the building. Jeff Davidson advised there had been an issue with electrical lines which the City had to move and it was out of the County's control. Mr. Davidson will provide a report after his upcoming meeting with the builder. Following discussion,

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT:

Randy Garrett addressed the Committee advising he wanted to assure the Committee and citizens that the Sheriff's Office is stable and providing professional service. The officers took an oath to serve and they are going to uphold that oath. That projects are moving forward and the department is in the process of filling the vacant positions and the Mayor's office has helped on projects and the department will need Commission help as well.

Commissioner Gourley asked if Chief Garrett had known the Jail Cigs were being sold inappropriately and he advised he did not.

Commissioner Nipper thanked Chief Garrett for stepping up to do a hard job but when the Commission asked Sheriff Arnold to resign then the department stopped providing security at the Commission meetings. Chief Garrett advised the security will be provided.

Commissioner Nipper also addressed deputies' use of cell phones and Chief Garrett advised sometimes they are asked to call in to give more information. Commissioner Nipper also asked about lack of reports and Chief Garrett advised sometimes there is no report if there was no crime or an unfounded call, ambulance assist, etc. If there is a victim or a crime then there will be a report. Commissioner Nipper advised he knew they were trying to get the new system installed to keep up with the information. Chief Garrett advised with their antiquated system it is hard to provide reports.

Commissioner Turner asked if Sheriff Arnold is in charge pursuant to his recent statement. Chief Garrett advised they do speak daily but Sheriff Arnold is not in charge and Chief Garrett is running operations.

Commissioner Turner asked what can the Commission do to support the department and move forward for deputies and the front line. Chief Garrett advised he believes morale at the Sheriff's Department is fairly good and they are doing an outstanding job in the jail handling 800 inmates daily but he did ask for support for the staff and to thank deputies if they are seen in the community. Chief Garrett advised it is the goal to operate within budget.

Commissioner Percy asked who is running the jail and Chief Garrett advised he is and their team including the Chief Jailer and Majors over SROs, etc. and operations are running normally. Further,

Robert Arnold asks questions but he is not running the jail and Chief Garrett has the final say.

Rosemary Faulk presented proposed budget amendments to (1) recognize revenue for 2017 Bureau of Justice Assistance State Criminal Alien Assistance Grant to print inmate handbooks in English and Spanish and (2) transfer within budget from LE Equip to Uniforms for crossing guard uniforms, discussed and approved during budget but applied to incorrect line items.

To: 101-47990-	Other Federal Revenue -	\$ 4,312
To: 101-54210-349	Printing -	\$ 4,312
From: 101-54110-716	LE Equip -	\$21,366
To: 101-54110-451	Uniforms -	\$21,366

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

Keith Lowery presented the Sheriff's Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented."

Chairman Shafer questioned nine felony arrests in September by SROs and Mr. Lowery advised the SROs have stepped up and been very active in schools.

Chairman Shafer also questioned warrants data and Mr. Lowery advised it appeared to be a misprint and the CAD project is on schedule.

Jeff Davidson advised the Committee the Mental Health Court may start in January at the latest but Judge Tidwell is ready to start. Additionally, the Judge at the jail is going well and the Sheriff's Department has enhanced the Court space with private areas for the District Attorney and Public Defender.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shafer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

DOUG SHAFER, Chairman