

# **Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee**

**January 12, 2015**

The regular quarterly meeting for the Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee was held on January 12, 2015 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

**PRESENT:** Bill Waldrop, Chairman  
Kirksey Koon, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wayne Adams, Tommy Long, Laurie Renwick, Sheriff Foster, Todd Johnson, Jackie Bowers, Art Jayroe, Gordon Johnson, John McCarley, Keith Minick, Gene Shealy, Chris Johnson, Blair Long, David Andrews, and Larry Dehart.

**MEDIA:** None Present

## **1. Call to Order and Invocation**

Chairman Waldrop called the meeting to order followed by invocation. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Adams for the election of Chairman.

Councilman Waldrop nominated Kirksey Koon for Chairman. The nomination passed with all in favor and the meeting was turned over to Chairman Koon.

## **2. Approval of October 20, 2014 Minutes**

October 20, 2014 minutes passed with all in favor.

## **3. Discussion of Law Enforcement Security Requirements-Chief Deputy Todd Johnson, Sheriff's Office**

Chief Deputy Johnson reported that SLED through CJIS had created new security guidelines and he wanted to make everyone was aware of what they were. He said the entire state will undergo these updates and Newberry County has been the first county to be audited because of how far ahead we are in the network. If these updates are not done, agencies can lose their NCIC connection. The updates include intrusion alerting of the network which will alert you if someone is trying to hack into the network; dual identification for laptops in all patrol cars; data encryption; password changes every 90 days; and anti-virus for all cell phones.

He reported that they are not asking for any funding for this project at this point but may have to in the near future.

#### **4. Discussion of Health Services Agreement-Chief Deputy Todd Johnson, Sheriff's Office**

Chief Deputy Johnson reported they are currently using Southern Health Care Partners at the detention center to contract a nurse who is there 8 hours a day, Monday-Friday, and 4 hours a day on Saturday and Sunday. With budget cut backs, jails are fast becoming the holding facility for the mentally ill because they are not getting the proper help from mental health; instead, they are getting locked up in jail when many should not be there. The sheriff's office has been negotiating with Southern Health Care to have a certified counselor who will come to the detention center and work 2 hours a week to help with evaluations and people with suicidal risk. This would help speed up the process of getting that person the proper mental health care. This position will be paid from the \$10,000.00 contingency fund with Southern Health Care and at the end of the year, if the amount is over, we will be billed.

#### **5. Update on Grants-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

Information only:

- **DHEC Grant- \$46,114.00-** This grant would purchase digital radios for EMS. Tommy reported he will be send bid out soon.
- **50/50 Forestry Grant for Bush River Fire Dept.-\$2,250.00**
- **50/50 Forestry Grant for Little Mountain Fire Dept.-\$1,680.00**
- **50/50 Forestry Grant for Silverstreet Fire Dept.-\$ 2,216.00**

Departments receive 50/50 Forestry Grants and the grant match is in the current budget for coverage.

#### **6. Update on ISO Ratings-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

Tommy Long reported they are in the process of updating all fire department ISO ratings. Friendly Fire was 7/10 rating and now they are 5/10 rating. This will help lower home owner's insurance rates in that area.

#### **7. Update on Paid Firefighter Service-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

Tommy Long and Chris Johnson presented a power-point presentation to the members of how they are coming along on the Fire/Rescue Committee.

Tommy reported some of the goals that were set by the Committee:

Goals were set to be obtained over 3-5 years.

- 2-3 years- 3 paid Fire/Rescue personnel
- 1 year-Fire and Rescue under 1 set common SOG (Standard Operating Guideline)
- Incentives for Volunteers

Tommy reported the 1<sup>st</sup> hire would be a Fire/Rescue Coordinator to the Emergency Management Coordinator. This coordinator would then help in making future hiring's.

Chris Johnson reported on the SOG part of the presentation. He advised that this committee wanted to have rules, regulations, and guidelines set in place before they hired the paid personnel. That way the paid personnel would know what was going on and what was expected of them. He stated the fire departments had initially started the SOG's and rescue used some of

theirs and expanded on it. The document is now 126 pages and still growing. He also advised that all departments in the county unanimously support the SOG'S.

**8. Public Comments**

**9. Executive Session (if needed)**

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Koon.

**Public Safety and Courts Committee**

**APPROVED:**

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**Kirksey Koon, Chairman**

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**Zenda McClurkin, Recorder**