

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

**October 19, 2015**

Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee meeting was held on October 19, 2015 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

**PRESENT:**

Kirksey Koon, Chairman  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

County Administrator Wayne Adams, Finance Director Debbie Cromer, Finance Department Karen Brehmer, Emergency Services Coordinator Tommy Long, Chief Todd Johnson, Major Wesley Boland, Judge Gordon Johnson, Assistant Chief Chris Johnson, County Attorney Jay Tothacer, Clerk of Court Jackie Bowers and, Facilities Manager, Ervin West.

**MEDIA:**

None Present

**1. Call to Order and Invocation**

Chairman Koon called the meeting to order followed by invocation.

**2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda-Kirksey Koon Chairman**

- **6A-Security Control System at the Detention Center**
- **6B-Rescue Squad Purchasing Procedures**

Councilman Waldrop made a motion to approve the amended agenda; Councilman Reeder second. The vote was unanimous.

**3. Approval of May 4, 2015 Minutes**

Councilman Waldrop moved to approve the minutes as presented; second by Councilman Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Discussion of Microwave Simulcast Radio System Proposal- Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator and Major Wesley Boland, Sheriff's Office**

Major Boland reported Microwave Simulcast Radio System would select best reception towers and Communications would dispatch a call out once. The pricing for Motorola on State pricing \$564,438.94 reprogramming and taxes included. He would like recommendation from this Committee to move forward to County Council. Councilman Waldrop recommends this request to full Council; second by Councilman Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Discussion of 800 MHZ Radios and System-** Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator and Major Wesley Boland, Sheriff's Office

Major Boland reported the Palmetto 800 Radio System is statewide contracted with Motorola. All public safety, law enforcement, fire, rescue, and EMS would have Palmetto 800 radios. Simulcasting will still be needed because that is what would set off all the towers, sirens and pagers. This system would give everyone 1 radio to talk to throughout the county and surrounding counties except two. This can be added to the 1% sales tax (CPTS) to help lower user fees. The radios alone would be 4 million dollars to install, with towers and with the addition of 2 towers the total is 9 million dollars for 10 years.

**6. Discussion of Maintenance and Repair Budget Department for Law Enforcement and Detention Center-** Wayne Adams, County Administrator

Mr. Adams reported the maintenance at the detention center has been neglected for several years and the repairs are piling up due to the county just hiring a seconded maintenance worker in 2010 and hiring a facilities manager a year and a half ago. He stated they may possibly have to hire 1 or 2 people to perform maintenance duties for the detention center, sheriff's office and EOC. He presented a draft amendment on how to fund this position and provide a vehicle. The position pay salary per year would be \$36,400.00 including retirement, insurance and workers comp. Transfer the \$74,000.00 that is budgeted for repairs for the jail to fund a vehicle for this position. None of this would create additional expenses because they are cutting from existing accounts. The total budget is \$162,500.00.

Chief Johnson reported they are in favor of adding a person; but he reported Sheriff Foster is concerned of the ability to supervise this position. He is requesting additional time to explore who will supervise this position.

Chairman Koon stated this Committee is in favor of allowing additional time requested.

**6A. Security Control System for the Detention Center-** Chief Todd Johnson, Newberry County Sheriff's Office

Chief Johnson reported the detention center is a 40 year old facility and the locking systems is a 20 year old systems that beginning to fail more than it works. The former provider is too expensive for repair. He reported Technology Solutions of Charleston is on State contract but labor is not on contract. The camera system at the detention center now is provided by TSC and they are very pleased with them. The bid \$89,040.00 for the locking system and would like this bid to be a recommendations from this Committee to move forward to the November 4<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting.

Councilman Reeder made a motion to accept the bid from TSC of Charleston to go before Council; second by Councilman Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**6B. Rescue Squad Purchasing Procedures-** Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator and Assistant Chief Chris Johnson, Board of Rescue

Tommy Long and Chris Johnson reported they would like the proviso to be removed for Rescue for Capital Outlay because of the 3 readings and public hearings.

Mr. Adams recommends this for the next budget process and to take to County Council for the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting without presenting to Committee.

**7. Public Comments**

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

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Koon.

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**APPROVED:**

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**Kirksey Koon, Chairman**

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**Zenda McClurkin, Recorder**