

Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee

October 20, 2014

The regular quarterly meeting for the Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee was held on October 20, 2014 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

PRESENT: Bill Waldrop, Chairman
Kirksey Koon, Councilman
John Caldwell, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Harry Greisser, citizen; Ed LaRoche, citizen; Patrick Meetze, citizen; Wesley Boland, Sheriff's Office; Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coord.; Ervin West, Facilities Manager; Wayne Adams, County Administrator; Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council; Scott Cain, Councilman; and Gordon Johnson, Magistrate

MEDIA: None Present

1. Call to Order and Invocation

Chairman Waldrop called the meeting to order followed by invocation.

2. Approval of August 11, 2014 Minutes

August 11, 2014 minutes passed with all in favor.

3. Recommendation to purchase Capital Outlay for Rescue Squads in the amount of \$60,000.00- Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Councilman Caldwell made the recommendation to take this item to full council for approval. Councilman Koon second, the recommendation passed with all in favor.

4. Recommendation to approve bid from North Greenville Fitness and Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic in the amount of \$33,350.00 for Fire, Rescue and Hazmat Personnel Physicals- Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Mr. Adams asked what the participation rate was. Tommy Long reported all interior firefighters have to have the physicals and last year 125 participated. He also stated there was not an age limit as long as you can pass the test.

Councilman Koon made the recommendation to take this item to full council for approval. Councilman Caldwell second, the recommendation passed with all in favor.

5. Discussion of Storage Area for Mobile Morgue-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Tommy Long reported the mobile morgue needs a storage area. Councilmen Koon asked about the shed at the old Sheriff's Office on Main Street. Mr. West advised that shed would have been too low and it has now been relocated to Newberry Rescue Squad. Tommy also reported the command trailer needs a storage area also. It is now in the old EOC and it is a very tight fit in that area. Tommy stated the new storage area needed to be at least 40 feet and it could be purchased from a grant. Mr. Adams advised it should be a capital item for next year's budget because it is such a large purchase. Mr. Adams also advised Tommy should do a SOP for access to a truck and the mobile unit for other departments.

6. Discussion of Response Time for Chappells Area- Chairman Bill Waldrop

Chairman Waldrop reported that he was concerned about the response time in the Chappells area especially in the Cross Hill area. Tommy Long stated the problem is in that area there are no EMT's; but Chappells rescue are recruiting new members at this time.

7. Facilities Update-Ervin West, Director of Facilities Management

- **Courthouse-** Mr. West reported that they are trying to have everything done by December 1st for a big trial. The hardwood floors are being finished on the 2nd floor hallway and judge's chambers, the pews in the courtroom has been refinished, carpet for the new solicitor's suite, judge's office and jury rooms are in the final stages. He also advised there are several touch up jobs are being done and the 3rd floor will not be renovated at this time. The money for the 3rd floor renovations will go towards the sound paneling for the walls.
- **Whitmire Fire Department-** Mr. West reported work is nearing completion and should be finished with everything in a few weeks.
- **Whitmire Rescue/EMS-** Mr. West reported Duke Power is working on the exterior light. Request has been made for additional gates and fencing and the cable for the internet needs to be installed.
- **Sheriff's Office-** Mr. West reported that the irrigation in the front of the Sheriff's Office is completed. The grass sod has been installed. The rear parking lot needs to be widened. The hallway door needs to be moved back 3 feet because the door is too close to the window and may hurt someone when opened. The glass for the public access windows needed to be replaced because the pass thru was too small and the people had a hard time hearing what was being said.

8. Public Comments

9. Executive Session (if needed)

10. Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Waldrop.

APPROVED:

Public Safety and Courts Committee

Bill Waldrop, Chairman

Zenda McClurkin, Recorder