

Newberry County Council

Public Safety and Courts Committee

October 21, 2013

The regular quarterly meeting for the Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee was held on October 21, 2013 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Dehart, Wesley Boland, Gordon Johnson, Tommy Long, Patrick Meetze, Debbie Cromer, Jackie Bowers, Laurie Renwick, Sheriff Foster, Wayne Adams, and Ervin West

MEDIA: None Present

1. Call to Order and Invocation

Chairman Waldrop called the meeting to order followed by the invocation.

2. Approval of August 12, 2013 Minutes

August 12, 2013 Minutes passed with all in favor.

3. Discussion of User Fees for Deployment of Public Safety Services- Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

Mrs. Cromer and Councilman Koon attended a meeting at the annual meeting of the Associations of Counties and they were advised that some counties charge for their emergency vehicles (fire, rescue, hazmat, and EMS) to respond to accidents involving non-residents. They received some information from Colleton County who contracts with a company called Covenant. This company does the billing based on the type of incident and type of equipment used during the call. In 2012, they collected \$70,000.00. Mrs. Cromer advised that Chester County also charges for calls but it's on a volunteer base.

Councilman Koon stated they needed more information and advised that they would take this information as information only.

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

Councilman Koon recommended that the items be itemized before going to full council.

Councilman Koon made a motion to recommend to County Council. The recommendation passed with all in favor.

5. Briefing on Grant Allocations-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

- **2012 SHSP Allocation for Newberry County Disaster Preparedness-\$9,000.00**

Tommy Long stated that this grant was a 100% grant and it will develop a SERT Team of volunteers for any major events within the county.

- **2012 FEMA Allocation for Bush River Fire Department- \$57,656.00 (10% County Match-\$5,766.00)**

This grant will provide funding for air packs and face pieces for firefighters.

Councilman Koon made a motion to recommend to County Council; seconded by Councilman Caldwell. The motion passed with all in favor.

6. Update on Leitzsey Road Fire Substation-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Tommy Long stated he has talked with the land owner and has a copy of the plat. The next step will be getting the land surveyed and the paperwork signed.

7. Update on Narrow Banding Project-Major Wesley Boland, Sheriff's Office

Major Boland stated that all generators are up at tower locations and the repeaters are working as expected. We are still waiting on EMS channels; one channel is bad in Little Mountain. Chappells is up and running well and we can communicate on Lake Greenwood. He was hoping to simulcast the fire channels but the money was not available. He said maybe this is something we can look to get in the future.

8. Update on New Emergency Operations Center (EOC)-Sheriff Lee Foster

Sheriff Foster reported that project was coming along well; however, we are several weeks behind due to weather and construction issues. He stated that the kitchen, prep area, parking lot paving, fixtures and furniture are not covered in the budget. They will look into grant money and reimbursement money from the state.

9. Update on Courthouse Repairs and Renovations- Erving West, Carter Goble Lee

Mr. West reported that the roof project is substantially completed. The final inspection will be this week. The next phase (Phase 1) will be for the interior demolition of the water damaged areas and Phase 2 will follow with drawings and specs to go out for bids for the repair of these areas.

10. Public Comments

- **Bench repairs in Courtroom- Jackie Bowers, Clerk of Court**

Mrs. Bowers stated that Warren Restoration gave her a quote of \$19,000.00 to refurbish the benches in the courtroom.

- **Mr. Larry Dehart, Consolidated Fire Department**

Mr. Dehart reported that the ISO rating had increased in the St. Philips Fire Department area. Tommy Long has been given approval to remap the lines for submittal to alleviate this issue.

11. Adjourn

Councilman Koon made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Caldwell.

Chairman Waldrop declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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APPROVED:

Bill Waldrop, Chairman

Zenda McClurkin, Recorder