

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
FIRE COMMITTEE
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM
FEB. 05, 2007
2:00 P.M.**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN FRED TUTEN, COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR, EMS ASST. DIRECTOR- STEVEN MALPHRUS, JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE INCIDENTS ANALYSIS WERE NOT NECESSARY AND DID NOT NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKETS.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED THAT THE COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT HE WAS CHAIRMAN WOULD BE SENT TO THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE PACKET FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEXT MONTH.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AN ISSUE REPORTED BY MS. CARRIE FAIR AND THEY AGREED THAT A LETTER OF RESPONSE SHOULD GO TO HER. MR. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID HE FELT THAT MS. FAIR EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE SAME TYPES OF SERVICES SHE RECEIVED WHILE SHE WAS LIVING IN A CITY IN NEW YORK. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT MS. FAIR SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING AS TO HER REQUESTS AND SHE SHOULD BE GIVEN OPTIONS OF WAYS TO ATTAIN THOSE REQUESTS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAN THE FIRE STATION IN MS. FAIR'S AREA OR THEY COULD CREATE A SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT WHICH WOULD BE TAXED AND THE TAXES COULD PAY FOR THE ITEMS MS. FAIR REQUESTED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IN THE 9 YEARS HE HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY HE FEELS THE QUALITY OF FIRE PROTECTION HAS IMPROVED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT A STAFF MEMBER SHOULD MEET WITH MS. FAIR AND GO OVER HER LETTER AND THE RESPONSE LETTER AND THEY SHOULD HAVE MR. FULGHUM PROVIDE A LIST OF OPTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR LISTED THE ITEMS THAT MS. FAIR TOOK ISSUE WITH AND SAID THEY SHOULD BE ANSWERED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID CLAY LUCAS WAS IN CHARGE OF THAT INCIDENT AND JAMES WILLIAMS ALSO RESPONDED. IT WAS AGREED THAT MR. WATSON SHOULD HANDLE THE MATTER WHEN HE RETURNS OR MR. FULGHUM SHOULD HANDLE IT IF IT NEEDED TO BE HANDLED SOONER.

PROGRESS REPORT:

MR. MALPHRUS WENT OVER THE MONTHLY REPORT WHICH IS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT MR. WATSON WAS HAVING PEOPLE SCHEDULED AT CERTAIN STATIONS 24/7 BECAUSE THEY WERE IN LOCATIONS THAT THEY COULD BE IN SEVERAL OTHER FIRE DISTRICTS QUICKLY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE 3 MOST EXPERIENCED MEN NEED TO GO BACK TO CHERRY POINT BY MARCH 15, 2007 SO THAT THEY CAN DO INSPECTIONS.

EQUIPMENT:

THE LIST AND STATUS REPORT ON THE EQUIPMENT IS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS BREAKDOWNS AND REPAIRS. MR. MALPHRUS REPORTED THAT:

1987 E-ONE FIRE TRUCK WAS OUT OF SERVICE BECAUSE IT WAS TO HAVE A NEW WATER TANK INSTALLED.

THE 2003 AMERICAN LAFRANCE TRUCK FROM POINT SOUTH – THE PUMP WAS RUN WITHOUT WATER,

1984 HENDRICKS FIRE TRUCK IS BACK IN SERVICE

2005 AEV AMBULANCE IS BACK IN SERVICE, IT WAS IN AN ACCIDENT LAST WEEK AND MESSED UP THE BUMPER, NO ONE WAS CHARGED AND INSURANCE SHOULD COVER REPAIR.

2003 MEDIC MASTER HAS THE ENGINE BLOWN – NOT FIXING DUE TO HIGH MILEAGE AND TOO EXPENSIVE TO REPAIR.

1975 BAKER AERIAL WILL NOT PASS INSPECTION; THIS WAS THE TRUCK THE COUNTY RECEIVED IN A TRADE FROM HARDEEVILLE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD ANOTHER AERIAL TRUCK, AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID NO, AND ONE WAS NEEDED AT POINT SOUTH. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE TRUCK EVER WORKED AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT DID, BUT IT HAS HAD ISSUES.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MANY AMBULANCES WERE IN OPERATION AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID FOUR. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE AMBULANCES HAD THE SAME DRIVERS ALL THE TIME AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID 6 PEOPLE DRIVE EACH AMBULANCE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF A RECORD WAS KEPT AS TO WHO DROVE THE AMBULANCES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WILL START TRACKING THAT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT MAY BE A WAY TO SEE WHO IS USING THE TRUCKS WHEN THEY BREAK DOWN.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF ANYONE WAS MONITORING THE JAIL WHILE TOM WATSON WAS OUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT RONNIE MALPHRUS IS HANDLING THE JAIL.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE WAS WORKING ON COMPLETING THE BUDGET SINCE IT WAS NOT FINISHED WHEN TOM WATSON LEFT FOR TRAINING.

MR. MALPHRUS REPORTED THAT WILBUR DALEY WILL BE OUT FOR SIX WEEKS FOR FOOT SURGERY AND HARDY YOUAMAN, SR. WILL REPLACE WILBUR DALEY.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:55 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

FRED TUTEN, CHAIRMAN

LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN