



## JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

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JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MAY 11, 2009  
10:00 A.M.  
MINUTES

### **COUNCIL OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
HENRY ETHERIDGE, MEMBER

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
WILBUR DALEY, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR EMERGENCY SERVICES  
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY  
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/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE  
TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

### **INVOCATION:**

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

WILBUR DALEY PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE WITH THE MONTHLY REPORTS  
AND ASKED FOR QUESTIONS. MR. DALEY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE  
THAT COLLECTIONS WERE UP AND A CHECK FOR \$40,000.00 CAME IN  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. MR DALEY COMMENTED THAT THE  
COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ARE DOWN ABOUT \$50,000.00.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE MAJORITY OF THE PAYMENT CAME FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES. MR DALEY SAID THAT MOST OF THE MONEY CAME FROM INSURANCE AND THEY ALSO USE THE SET OFF DEBT PROGRAM FOR COLLECTIONS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH IS BILLED EACH YEAR. MR. DALEY SAID ABOUT \$600,000.00. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY COULD FIND THESE NUMBERS IN THE AUDIT.

MR. DALEY SAID THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME ISSUES WITH STOLEN SIGNS, HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ARE NO LONGER MADE OF ALUMINIUM, NOT AS MANY HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MUCH DID IT COST TO REPLACE A SIGN AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT THEY SIGNS COST \$25.00-\$50.00. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE REPORTED A SIGN THAT WAS BURNED IN HARDEEVILLE.

MR. DALEY REPORTED THAT ONE PARAMEDIC RESIGNED.

**DETENTION CENTER:**

MR. DALEY DISCUSSED THE NUMBER OF INMATES AND THAT CURRENTLY 4 INMATES WERE AT JUST CARE. MR. DALEY EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE STILL WORKING ON THE AIR CONDITIONING AND THE COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT RUNS THE AIR CONDITIONING IS BEHIND TWO UPDATES. MR. DALEY SAID IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$7,000.00 TO UPGRADE THE COMPUTER. MR. DALEY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHY IT WAS NOT UPGRADED. MR. DALEY SAID HE RECOMMENDED USING IT, AS IS, AND WHEN THE COUNTY CAN AFFORD TO DO THE UPGRADES, HAVE IT DONE THEN. MR. DALEY RECOMMENDED PUTTING A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT ON THE A/C UNITS, THE FREEZER AND THE AIR COMPRESSOR. MR. DALEY SAID A ONE YEAR CONTRACT IS \$20,000.00 AND A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT IS \$25,000.00. MR. DALEY SAID THE COMPANY CHARGES \$95.00 PER HOUR IF UNDER CONTRACT OR \$125.00 PER HOUR WITHOUT A CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO INSTALLED THEM ORIGINALLY. MR. DALEY SAID THEY HAD A CONTRACT WITH LANGS FROM SAVANNAH. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WAS IN THE SPECIAL DETENTION CENTER ACCOUNT. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED ABOUT \$400,000.00 AND IT CAN BE USED FOR MAINTENANCE. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS WORKING ON GETTING THINGS TOGETHER AND HE WOULD BE MAKING A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL. MR. DALEY ALSO REPORTED THAT A TRANSFORMER IS OUT AND THERE HAS BEEN A GROUNDING PROBLEM. MR. DALEY SAID THE TRANSFORMER COSTS ABOUT \$3,000.00. MR. DALEY SAID THE WATER HEATER ALWAYS HAS PROBLEMS AND ALL 7 ELEMENTS ARE BLOWN OUT. MR. DALEY SAID HE HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THEY PROPER CURRENT IS BEING USED. MR. DALEY SAID IF THEY HAD TO REPLACE THE WATER HEATER IT WOULD COST BETWEEN \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS TRYING TO REPAIR IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DETENTION

CENTER IS FIVE YEARS OLD AND THERE ARE SEVERAL PROBLEMS. MR. DALEY SAID HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE ARE SO MANY PROBLEMS. MR. DALEY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE WAS NO INSALLATION IN THE CEILINGS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT WOULD COME UNDER BUILDING MANAGEMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DETENTION CENTER WAS TURNKEY WITH THE ENGINEERS. THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED A LEAK IN THE COMPUTER ROOM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE DETENTION CENTER HAD A \$10,000.00 WATER BILL IN DECEMBER BECAUSE WATER WAS CONTINUALLY RUNNING INTO THE WASHING MACHINES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY ARE GOING TO NEED TO SPEND SOME MONEY SO THAT THEY CAN GET THINGS RIGHT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THE BUILDING WAS INSPECTED, HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE ARE SO MANY PROBLEMS. MR. DALEY SAID THE WASHING MACHINES WERE SHUT OFF AND WATER CONTINUED TO RUN AND HE FELT THAT SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE NOTICED IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO WASHED THE CLOTHES AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT THE INMATES DO THE WASH. COUNCILMAN EHTERIDGE SAID THE DETENTION CENTER NEEDS A SITE MANAGER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY TIMES CAN A PERSON GO TO THE ACADEMY. MR. DALEY SAID THEY CAN GO TWO TIMES, BUT IF THEY FAIL BOTH TIMES, THEY HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR UNTIL THEY CAN GO AGAIN.

MR. DALEY SAID THE COMMISSARY ACCOUNT IS BEING HANDLED BY SWANSON AND THEY HAVE NOT HAD ANY PROBLEMS. COUNCLMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT WAS THE INMATE WELFARE ACCOUNT. MR. DALEY SAID IT IS A PERCENTAGE OF WHAT IS SOLD IN THE COMMISSARY AND THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED FOR THE WELFARE OF THE INMATES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY HAD SOME INTERNAL CONTROL PROBLEMS ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO AND THAT IS WHY SWANSON TOOK OVER.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY HAD ANY FACTS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF INMATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES. MR. DALEY SAID THE MAJORITY OF THE INTMATES ARE THERE ON WEEKEND AND THE AVERAG4E STAY IS ABOUT 10 DAYS, BUT IF THEY ARE THERE 1 YEAR THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE MOVED OUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT AN ANALYSIS WAS DONE WHEN THEY WERE CONSIDERING EXPANSION AND HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH A COPY OF THE STUDY.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY JAIL HOUSES EVERYONE AND MR. DALEY SAID ANYONE ARRESTED IN JASPER COUNTY GOES TO THE COUNTY JAIL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE INMATES ARE HOUSED WITHOUT ANY CHARGE TO THE MUNICIPALITIES. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT COULD CREATE A GREAT BURDEN ON THE COUNTY ESPECIALLY IF THEY HAVE MEDICAL ISSUES. MR. DALEY SAID

ALOTOF THE INMATES ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS AND THEY END UP STAYING LONGER. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT CHAIN GANGS AND MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF THAT WAS STILL IN EFFECT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT WORK RELEASE AND IF THE INMATES HAD TO AGREE TO WORK. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO GO AND MR. FULGHUM ADDED THE AMOUNT OF RISK INVOLVED DETERMINES IF THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN WORK RELEASE ASSIGNMENTS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT MOST OF THE FAMILY COURT INMATES PARTICIPATE ON WORK DETAIL.

**C-FUND REQUEST:**

MR. DALEY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE WAS GOING TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. MR. DALEY SAID THE FUNDING WOULD BE USED TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING.

**FIRE DISTRICTS:**

MARVIN JONES PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE A DRAFT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FIRE DISTRICTS. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE THAT CREATED THE FIRE DISTRICT, PUT WILBUR DALEY OVER ALL AREAS EXCEPT LEVY, THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND, THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE. MR. JONES SAID THAT SECTION HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE NEW ORDINANCE AND MADE IT COUNTY WIDE AND IT ALSO AMENDED VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE THEM ALL ALIKE. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT IMPOSE A TAX, CHARGES OR BONDS, BUT THE ORDINANCE GIVES THE COUNTY THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT IF THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. MR. JONES SAID THE COUNTY ALREADY CHARGES A TAX FOR CHERRY POINT WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN ADDITIONAL 30 MILS AND IF THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO THAT IN OTHER AREAS, IT WOULD BE DONE IN THE BUDGET ORDINANCE. MR. JONES SAID THAT IF AN AREA WANTS TO CREATE A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN FIRE PROTECTION, THE ORDINANCE WOULD ONLY HAVE TO BE AMENDED. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING AD MUST BE ADVERTISED 3 TIMES AND A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WOULD BE NEEDED TO HAVE THREE READINGS OF THIS ORDINANCE. MR. JONES SAID HE DID NOT THINK THERE WERE ANY REASONS NOT TO SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE AND THE ORDINANCE WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR. MR. JONES SAID THAT ONCE THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED, IT CANNOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL ANOTHER ANNOUCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW WILL THE COUNTY DEAL WITH DISTRICTS WHERE THEY ARE NOT PROVIDED SERVICES LIKE LEVY. MR. JONES SAID THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE THE POWER TO DO A CONTRACT. WHEN THE COUNCIL DID THE CONTRACT WITH LEVY, THE CHIEF WAS THE FIRE INSPECTOR, THIS ORDINANCE TAKES THAT

AUTHORITY AWAY AND WILBUR DALEY WILL BE THE FIRE MARSHALL FOR ALL OF JASPER COUNTY, BUT HE WILL NOT BE THE FIRE MARSHALL IN THE MUNICIPALITIES. MR. JONES SAID HE DOES NOT MAKE POLICY, BUT HE FELT THAT JASPER COUNTY SHOULD HAVE A UNIFIED FIRE SYSTEM AND LEVY WAS CUT OUT FROM IT. MR. JONES SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE IMPOSES THAT THE ENTIRE DISTRICT BE UNDER THE SAME ADMINISTRATOR. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW THE COUNTY COULD DO A CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS NO FIRE TRUCKS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE RESPONDED THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO A CONTRACT AND STATE THAT THE COUNTY IS PROVIDING THE FIRE TRUCKS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE THAT THE COUNTY OWNS THE TRUCKS AND ONE FIRE CHIEF WANTS TO CUT OUT A PORTION OF THE COUNTY AND HAVE A CONTRACT. MR. JONES SAID THE COUNCIL STILL HAD TO DEAL WITH LEVY AND THE COUNTY TOOK BACK THE MAINTENANCE ON THE TRUCKS AND WILBUR DALEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRUCK MAINTENANCE. MR DALEY SAID THE CONTRACT PRESENTED TO LEVY WAS REJECTED AND IT WAS NOT DRAFTED THAT WAY. MR. JONES SAID THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH LEVY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE COUNTY REJECTED THE FIGURES PROVIDED BY LEVY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE COUNTY DID NOT ASK LEVY FOR A CONTRACT, LEVY PRESENTED A CONTRACT TO THE COUNTY AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WAS FOR \$280,000.00 AND THERE WOULD BE NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE COUNTY'S FUNDS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WAS NOT RIGHT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT IT IS NOT COSTING THE TAXPAYERS AS MUCH TO RUN LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER A CONTRACT THAT IT WAS COSTING TO RUN THE COUNTY STATIONS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT LEVY OPERATES WITH 2 PAID FIREMEN AND HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTS RUN BY THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF LEVY WAS INCORPORATED AND HAD IT'S OWN TRUCKS THERE WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY OFFERED TO PURCHASE OR LEASE THE LEVY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. FACILITIES AND THAT WAS DECLINED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT LEVY COMES IN UNDER EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HARDEEVILLE IS BEING PAID \$275,000.00. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT FIGURE INCLUDES A PAYMENT FOR THE LADDER TRUCK. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO DOES THE TRUCK BELONG TO AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT BELONGS TO HARDEEVILLE, BUT THE COUNTY IS HELPING WITH THE PAYMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE \$464,500.00 FOR CHERRY POINT AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT REFLECTS THE TAXES THAT ARE COLLECTED AND THE COUNTY COLLECTS THE TAXES AND GIVES THE MONEY TO HARDEEVILLE FOR COVERING THE CHERRY POINT AREA. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY WAS SPENDING OVER

\$2,000,000.00 FOR 7 FIRE STATIONS AND THAT INCLUDES TWO AMBULANCES. WILBUR DALEY SAID THAT \$1,500,000.00 IS FOR SALARIES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT OVERTIME AND PART TIME PEOPLE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT ROBERTVILLE AND GRAYS HAVE ONE PERSON 24 HOURS PER DAY, 365 DAYS PER YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT THE \$11,000.00 PER STATION COVERS AND MR. DALEY SAID IT COVERED EQUIPMENT THAT IS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IT COSTS THE COUNTY MORE TO RUN A STATION THAN THE LEVY CONTRACT AND THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO AUDIT LEVY'S BOOKS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE ASKED HARDEEVILLE TO BID ON A CONTRACT FOR LEVY AND THEY NEEDED A LIST OF THE EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY GIVE THE EQUIPMENT TO HARDEEVILLE WHERE WILL IT GO. MR. DALEY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT THEY CAN'T TAKE IT OUT OF LEVY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT THE CITIZENS AND THE SERVICE THEY ARE GETTING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SUGGESTED OFFERING LEVY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT \$195,000.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE FIRE STATION CANNOT OPERATE ON \$195,000.00. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE COUNCIL IS TRYING TO PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICES FOR EVERYONE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED MR. DALEY IF THE COUNTY COULD OPERATE THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR LESS THAN \$280,000.00. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT MR. DALEY WILL DO WHAT THE COUNCIL TELLS HIM TO DO. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FORSEES THIS AS A PROBLEM EACH YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY AT THIS TIME FOR A LONG TERM PLAN FOR LEVY. MR. DALEY SAID IF THE COUNTY OFFERED LEVY A CONTRACT FOR \$195,000.00 THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS PAID FOR BY THE COUNTY FOR THE OTHER STATIONS. MR. DALEY ASKED WHAT WAS LEVY'S FIRE DEPT. PROPOSAL AND MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS FOR \$280,000.00. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY CAN'T THE COUNTY RUN ITS STATIONS FOR \$280,000.00. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. MR. DALEY SAID THE COUNTY HAS A LOT MORE OVERHEAD. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT LEVY HAS 14 VOLUNTEERS AND THAT MR. GRAHAM SAID THE VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT WORK FOR THE COUNTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THEY MAY NOT IN THE BEGINNING, BUT THEY WOULD COME BACK. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY NEEDED TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION SO THE COUNTY CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ORDINANCE AND HOW TO SERVICE THE LEVY AREA. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE SUPPORTED THE CONTRACT WITH LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000.00 AND THAT THE COUNTY FURNISHED THE EQUIPMENT AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AUDIT THE BOOKS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHY THE CONTRACT WAS \$350,000.00

LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR THEY ONLY NEED \$280,000.00. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID LEVY SELLS FIREWORKS EACH YEAR AND THE PROCEEDS ARE TO GO TO THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MR. GRAHAM PROMISED TO HIRE 3 EMPLOYEES AND HE DID NOT DO THAT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT WAS NOT IN THE CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO KEPT UP THE BUILDING AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW.

MR. JONES ASKED THE COMMITTEE IF THEY COULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE ORDINANCE HE PROVIDED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. MR. JONES SAID THE STAFF DID NOT WANT TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT UNTIL THEY HAVE A CONSENSUS RECOMMENDED FROM THE COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CONTRACT FOR \$280,000.00 MAY NEED SOME CHANGES BASED UPON THIS ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE BOOKS SHOULD BE AUDITED . MR FULGHUM ASKED THE COMMITTEE IF THEY COULD COME UP WITH A UNIFIED AGREEMENT AND THEN THE ENTIRE COUNCIL WILL NEED TO DISCUSS THIS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY WERE DEALING WITH VOLUNTEERS AND THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE. MR FULGHUM SAID THAT BACKUP WILL BE NEEDED IF THERE IS NO CONTRACT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNTY COULD HAVE PURCHASED PROPERTY IN LEVY AND NOT COST THE TAXPAYERS MONEY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT AND THIS WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE FULL COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. DALEY WILL GET A PROPOSAL FROM THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE TO COVER LEVY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF HARDEEVILLE WAS INTERESTED IN SERVING LEVY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE ISO RATING WOULD CHANGE FOR THE PEOPLE IN LEVY IF HARDEEVILLE COVERS THAT AREA. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD BRING THE INFORMATION BACK TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL AND HE DID NOT THINK THE FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE SHOULD BE TIED TO LEVY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE JUST RECEIVED THE ORDINANCE AND HE WOULD HAVE TO READ IT, BUT HE SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM. MR JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE JUNE 1, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING.

**BUDGET:**

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE SALARY LINE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,000.00 WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT WAS CORRECT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE SALARIES COST TO OPERATE THE OTHER STATIONS. MR. DALEY SAID THE FIREMEN MAKE OVERTIME EVERY WEEK.

**ADJOURN:**

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:30 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN