



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

JUNE 8, 2009

10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

HENRY ETHERIDGE, COMMITTEE MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT:

WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMS

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.

INVOCATION:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

WILLIAM OLENDORF – AMATEUR RADIO REPEATER:

MR. DALEY EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MR. OLENDORF ON A PROJECT TO GET AN AMATEUR RADIO REPEATER LOCATED ON THE NEW TOWER THE COUNTY IS BUILDING. MR. OLENDORF EXPLAINED THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE PART OF HOME LAND SECURITY AND THE TOWERS THAT ARE BEING USED WOULD BE BLOWN DOWN IN A HURRICANE. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT JASPER COUNTY NEEDS COVERAGE AND WITH THE TOWER IS GOING TO BE BUILT IN OKATIE, HE WANTED TO GET THINGS STARTED. MR. OLENDORF SAID A NEW MACHINE WAS NEEDED AND IT COULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE 3% A-TAX FUNDS THAT WERE LEFT OVER FROM THE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR LIGHTING THE WATER TOWER. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED UP TO \$25,000.00 AND THE ELECTRIC BILL IS ONLY

GOING TO BE ABOUT \$10,000.00 TO \$12,000.00. MR. OLENDORF SAID SIGNS WOULD BE LOCATED AT BOTH ENDS OF I-95 AS PEOPLE ENTER THE STATE TO IDENTIFY THE REPEATER. MR. OLENDORF EMPHASIZED THAT WHEN ALL OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION ARE DOWN, THE HAM RADIOS STILL WORK. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT JASPER COUNTY WOULD OWN ALL THE EQUIPMENT AND THIS WOULD MEET THE MANDATE FOR A STRONG SIGNAL. MR. OLENDORF ADDED THAT A RADIO FEED LINE AND ANTENNA WERE NEEDED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS AND MR. OLENDORF RESPONDED POWER AND MAINTENANCE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT IF THIS IS FUNDED, IT COULD GO UP AT THE SAME TIME THE TOWER IS BUILT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF OTHER PEOPLE COULD PARTICIPATE AND MR. DALEY SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A TEST AND PAY FOR A LICENSE WHICH COSTS ABOUT \$15.00 FOR 10 YEARS. MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS HIS INTENT TO WORK WITH MR. OLENDORF AND TO HAVE A RADIO AT THE EOC. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THIS COULD BE PAID FOR FROM A-TAX AND MR. OLENDORF SAID IT COULD COME FROM THE 3% A-TAX FUNDS OF WHICH 99% COMES FROM POINT SOUTH. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR TOLD MR. DALEY TO GET THE FIGURES TOGETHER AS TO THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES AND BRING THEM BACK TO THE COMMITTEE.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:
COLLECTIONS:**

MR. DALEY REPORTED THAT COLLECTIONS SHOULD BE CLOSE TO THE \$650,000.00 PROJECTED IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT \$650,000.00 WAS BEING PROJECTED FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND HE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF INCREASING THE RATES. MR. DALEY SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH MR. JONES AND HAVE HIM PREPARE A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RATES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL INCOME WILL THE INCREASE IN RATES GENERATE AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED ABOUT \$110,000.00-\$130,000.00 OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT HOW LOSING THE ONE PERSON IN BILLING WILL EFFECT THIS DEPARTMENT AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT MENDY WILL HELP AND VERA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE THING AND HE DIDN'T WANT IT TO AFFECT THE BILLING. MR. DALEY SAID HIS INTENT WAS TO KEEP THE BILLING GOING AND VERA HAD A GOOD GRIP ON IT, BUT SHE COULD NOT DO IT ALL. MR. DALEY SAID HE IS CURRENTLY CROSS TRAINING HIS PEOPLE SO THAT ANOTHER PERSON CAN PICK UP THE SLACK WHEN SOMEONE IS OUT. MR. DALEY SAID THEY WILL BE GOING BACK TO 5 EIGHT HOUR DAYS INSTEAD OF THE 4 TEN HOUR

DAYS THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING. MR. DALEY SAID HE WOULD KNOW IN 2-3 MONTHS HOW LOSING THE PERSON IS AFFECTING THE BILLING.

ADDRESSING AND ROAD SIGNS:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE 15 ADDRESSES LISTED WERE NEW ADDRESSES. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THEY WERE NEW ADDRESSES.

MR. DALEY SAID THAT 17 ROAD SIGNS WERE STOLEN.

LEVY FIRE CONTRACT:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED FOR A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE LEVY CONTRACT. MR DALEY SAID HE WAS TO MEET WITH MR. GRAHAM TODAY AND MR. GRAHAM UNDERSTANDS THAT HE (MR. DALEY) WAS IN CHARGE AND THE COUNTY HIRES THE EMPLOYEES. MR. DALEY SAID THEY CAN STAY ON THE 12 HOUR SHIFTS AND ALL BILLS WERE TO BE SUBMITTED TO RONNIE MALPHRUS FOR PAYMENT AND THAT PO MUST BE ISSUED IF THE PURCHASE IS OVER A CERTAIN AMOUNT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHY THE \$275,000.00 WAS CHANGED TO \$280,000.00. MR. DALEY SAID THEY WANTED TO HAVE EVERYTHING INCLUSIVE IN ONE BUDGET FOR LEVY. MR. DALEY SAID THAT MR. GRAHAM SAID HE WOULD HAVE FUND RAISERS TO MAKE UP ANY DIFFERERECE IF NEEDED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF IT WAS IN HIS BUDGET, WHY IT WAS INCREASED. MR. DALEY SAID BECAUSE THEY TOOK IT FROM EMS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT IT SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IT MAY BE A MATTER OF BOOKKEEPING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW LONG WAS THE CONTRACT AND MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT, BUT DUE TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS' CHANGES AND FUNDING CHANGES THEY FELT IT SHOULD BE AN OPEN ENDED CONTRACT WITH NO TERM LISTED AND THE CONTRACT CARRIES THROUGH SO LONG AS THERE ARE NO CHANGES. MR. DALEY CONTINUED THAT IF THERE WERE CHANGES, THE CONTRACT WOULD HAVE TO BE RENEGOTIATED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF IT STAYS AS IS UNLESS SOMEONE WANTS A CHANGE AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUILD IN BELLINGER HILL. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BUILD THE STATION IN BELLINGER HILL AND IT WOULD BE UNDER THE COUNTY AND HE (WILBUR DALEY) WOULD BE IN CHARGE AND LEVY WOULD PUT A TRUCK THERE AND MAN THE STATION. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT IF HE (MR. GRAHAM) PROVIDED THE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS TOLD TO MANAGE AND WORK WITH MR. GRAHAM IN THAT AREA. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD OWN AND RUN ANY STATION IN BELLINGER HILL AND THE COUNTY

WILL ONLY PROVIDE THE MANPOWER WHEN REQUESTED OTHER THAN THE TWO EMPLOYEES THAT WILL WORK THERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WERE STATE MANDATED PROCEDURES AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT THEY ARE GETTING MORE STRINGENT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF MR. GRAHAM UNDERSTANDS WHO OWNS THE EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED THROUGH HOMELAND SECURITY AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT MR. GRAHAM UNDERSTANDS THAT THE COUNTY OWNS THE EQUIPMENT AND THAT IT MUST BE IN THAT STATION.

DETENTION CENTER:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY INMATES WERE AT JUST CARE, AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT CURRENTLY TWO INMATES WERE AT JUST CARE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN THERE AND MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE, BUT HE WOULD FIND OUT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW LONG BEFORE THE COUNTY GETS ANY HELP FROM THE STATE AND MR. DALEY SAID IT DEPENDED ON THE AILMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH DID THE COUNCIL NEED TO BUDGET AND MR. DALEY SAID ABOUT \$500,000.00. MR. DALEY SAID THAT FIVE AGENCIES BRING INMATES TO THE DETENTION CENTER AND THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY FOR THE ONES THAT GO TO JUST CARE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED MR. DALEY TO GET THE NAMES OF THE AGENCIES FOR THE COMMITTEE.

FIVE MILE RADIUS:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE FIVE MILE RADIUS AND WHERE DID IT START. MR. DALEY SAID IT STARTED AT THE FIRE STATION AND EXTENDED FOR FIVE MILES DRIVING DISTANCE AROUND THE FIRE STATION AND THAT IS WHAT THE ISO RATING IS BASED ON. MR. DALEY SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE COVERS TO THE CANAL.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:00 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN