



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
BUDGET PLANNING CONTINGENCY WORKSHOP
EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION
JANUARY 13, 2010
3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

GEORGE HOOD, CHAIRMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN
REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMG. SERVICES
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 HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

ECONOMIC UPDATE:

MR. FULGHUM UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF VARIOUS COUNTIES, CITIES AND STATES. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE ALLIANCE LANDED A NEW COMPANY THAT WILL BE RELOCATING FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO

BEAUFORT COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS FOLLOWING UP ON A FEW PROSPECTS FOR JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD DISCUSSED THE BOEING PLANT IN CHARLESTON.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

MR. FULGHUM LISTED THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE SALARIES OF MR. DALEY, MR. S. MALPHRUS AND MS. SAPP ARE SPLIT BETWEEN EMERGENCY SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY IS REIMBURSED \$18,000.00 FROM THE STATE FOR THOSE THREE SALARIES. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH DEPARTMENT. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE COUNTY HANDLES DISPATCH FOR BOTH MUNICIPALITIES AND THE MUNICIPALITIES PAY THE COUNTY \$55,000.00 EACH FOR THIS SERVICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY GETS \$125,000.00 FROM THE E911 FUND AND THE COUNTY IS REIMBURSED \$10,000.00 FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THEIR RADIOS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF MONEY CAN BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY DO NOT TRANSFER FUNDS, THEY TRANSFER EXPENDITURES, BUT IT IS ALL PART OF THE OVERALL REVENUE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE ASKED PREVIOUSLY IF THE OTHER COUNTIES ALL HAVE PAID FIREMEN AND HE HAS NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THAT AND HE WILL REQUEST THE INFORMATION FROM SCAC. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE CLERK CAN CHECK WITH THE OTHER CLERKS FOR THIS INFORMATION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW OTHER COUNTIES GOT BY WITH ONLY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE CITIZENS COULD GET THE SAME ISO RATINGS WITH VOLUNTEER FIREMEN. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE CITIZENS COMPLAINED AND WANTED FIREMEN AT THE STATIONS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE VOLUNTEERS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN AND THEY HAVE TO TRAIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO HAVE DISPATCH AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT IF THE COUNTY PROVIDES EMS SERVICES, THEY HAVE TO HAVE DISPATCH. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED MR. MALPHRUS HOW MUCH MONEY WAS IN THE 911 FUND AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED ABOUT \$70,000.00 AND IT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CERTAIN ITEMS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT FIRE TAX DISTRICTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO CREATE A POLICY TO

HAVE FIRE TAX DISTRICTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO DECIDE HOW THEY WANTED TO HANDLE IT.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE PERSONNEL COSTS FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION WAS \$4,207,000.00. MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO RETIREMENT PROGRAMS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF ANY FUNDING HAS BEEN SHIFTED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE DEPARTMENTS NEED TO STAY WITHIN THE BUDGET AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE MOVING FUNDS FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS WORKING ON A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PERSONNEL COSTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION AND THEY WERE WORKING ON THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE WORK WEEK HOURS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WERE ALSO LOOKING INTO OUTSOURCING OPTIONS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY DESK JOBS AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT FIRE AND RESCUE HAD NO DESK JOBS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAD 4.5 DESK JOBS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2010 AND AT THAT TIME THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE A BETTER PICTURE AS TO WHERE THE COUNTY STANDS.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATOR INVESTIGATED THE SITUATION REGARDING A DEPUTY'S VEHICLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF MR. FULGHUM RECEIVED A LETTER ABOUT IT AND MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT.

MR. TYLER ASKED IF THERE WAS A PERSON AT EACH FIRE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID THERE IS 1 PERSON AT EACH STATION AND THE STATION IS COVERED IN 3 SHIFTS.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 5:15P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN

