Tuesday, April 8, 2014
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd - Chairman
Commissioner Virgil Watkins - Vice Chairman
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Dale Walker - Staff Contact

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The Public Safety Committee was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Committee Chairman Shepherd.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Chief Russell Nelson, Sheriff's Office
Dale Walker, County Manager
Chief Marvin Riggins, Fire Department
Charles Coney, Asst. County Manager
Steve Layson, Asst. County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Commission
Jean Howard, Asst. Clerk of the Commission
Janice Ross, Training and Events Coordinator
Chris Johnson, Asst. County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Asst. County Attorney
Ben Hubbard, Human Resources Director
Asst. Chief Shane Edwards, Fire Department
David Fortson, County Engineer
Jeanetta Watson, Election Supervisor

COMMISSIONER ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins

NEWS MEDIA:
Jim Gaines, The Telegraph
Anita Oh, 13 WMAZ

VISITORS/GUESTS:
Theron Ussery, SPLOST Advisory Committee

1. Approval of Minutes

ACTION:
On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Lucas, Shepherd and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

2. Ordinance Regarding the Operation of Ambulance Services

Mr. Drake discussed the ordinance regarding the operation of the ambulance services. The ordinance provides that ambulance services must provide equipment and personnel capable of providing advanced life support for emergency calls. Commissioner Shepherd stated that Mid Georgia is aware of the ordinance and supports Macon-Bibb County's efforts to protect the citizens by assuring that they receive optimal life-saving medical treatment when required.
ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Lucas, Shepherd and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the ordinance to adopt business regulations regarding the operation of ambulance services was approved.

3. Ordinance Establishing the Fire Civil Service System

Mr. Hubbard discussed the promotion process presently in place at the Fire Department. Chief Riggins stated that there is a good retention of officers. The promotion test, which was put in place in 2006, prepares people to be promoted and the Chief stated that all officers are instructed on areas that are on the test. Experience does play an important part of the promotion process but that must be coupled with the test results. Each individual receives a score card so they are aware of how they did on the exam and their areas of strength and weakness. Chief Riggins stated that most officers are also trained on the EMT level. Mr. Drake stated that the consolidation bill provides for a Fire Civil Service Board which will have its members appointed by the Mayor.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Lucas, Shepherd and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the item was deferred for further investigation.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Sheila Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Commission