

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**April 26, 2007**  
**White County High School, Cleveland, Georgia**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice-Chairman James E. Donald  
Mr. Wayne Abernathy  
Mr. Bud Black  
Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III  
Sheriff Bruce Harris  
Mr. Patrick Head  
Mr. Gene Stuckey  
Sheriff Cullen Talton  
Mr. Ellis Wood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Dub Harper  
Chief J. D. Rice  
Sheriff Jamil Saba  
Chief Lou Dekmar  
Chief Dwayne Orrick

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Board Attorney  
Ms. Laura Jones, Board Liaison  
Colonel Bill Hitchens, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Major Corky Jewell, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Mr. Joe Hood, Department of Public Safety/State Patrol  
Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety/State Patrol  
Chief Mark McLeod, Motor Carrier Compliance Division  
Major Christopher Long, Motor Carrier Compliance Division  
Corporal David Herring, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Sergeant Dean Allen, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Corporal Al Whitworth, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Lieutenant Brown, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Corporal Kevin Rexroat, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Sergeant R.D. Hayes, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Major Stewart Hicks, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol  
Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Ms. Chris Ash, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Dr. George Herrin, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Ms. Lisa Urich, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Director Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Butch Beach, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Richard Guerreiro, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Mr. Reuben McGee, Houston County Sheriff's Department  
Mr. Wiley Gammon, Georgia Tech Police Department

Sheriff Neal Walden of White County  
Sheriff Charles Chapman of Banks County  
Ms. Justine Palmer, works with Mr. Bud Black  
Principal Brian Dorsey, White County High School  
Students of Government Class, White County High School

Vice-Chairman James Donald called the April meeting to order, welcoming everyone to the Board of Public Safety.

Vice-Chairman Donald began with explaining the mission of the Board of Public Safety to the students. This Board is commissioned by Governor Perdue to review all issues regarding safety and security of citizens. The Board also takes specific reports from the Director of Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Colonel of Georgia State Patrol, and Director of Georgia Public Safety Training Center. The Board holds this public trust in high regard; this meeting is an example of state government at work. Vice-Chairman Donald stated there may be many students contemplating careers in public safety. Vice-Chairman Donald then requested each Board member introduce himself.

Vice-Chairman Donald requested Board members introduce any guests with them. Mr. Wayne Abernathy introduced Sheriff Charles Chapman of Banks County. Colonel Bill Hitchens introduced himself and members of his staff; also, Director Vernon Keenan and GBI staff members, and, Director Mann and GPSTC staff members were introduced.

Mr. Black and Board Members thanked Principal Dorsey and staff for their hard work and for allowing the Board meeting be held at the school.

Vice-Chairman Donald explained further that Sheriffs work closely with the Department of Corrections. Vice-Chairman Donald stated there are over 60,000 men and women in prisons; ranging from age 13 to 78 years of age. The message to high school students is that this is a tough environment these days, and, some of the decisions made may land a young person squarely in jail. Vice-Chairman Donald wanted the students to know to make the right choices in their lives. A person may be swayed by peer pressure and other things but to listen to that little voice inside that tells what is right and wrong. Vice-Chairman Donald noted the role of the Sheriffs in the process, in that after a person goes to trial and subsequently convicted, the Sheriff holds that person until picked up by Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections runs safe prisons; however, there are times when Director Keenan of GBI has to get involved in situations. Vice-Chairman Donald stated the message is very clear: to have a safe community for people to live in and with everyone pitching in and doing what is right.

Vice-Chairman Donald stated the first order of business is to confirm the re-appointment of Director Vernon Keenan in the continued status of Director of Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Bud Black made a motion to recommend that the Board of Public Safety accept the re-appointment of Vernon Keenan effective March 1, 2007, said motion seconded by Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III. The Board members unanimously voted approval of the re-appointment. Vice-Chairman Donald issued the Oath Of Office to Director Vernon Keenan.

Vice-Chairman Donald called on Colonel Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol. Colonel explained that this is a learning experience, a type of civic lesson of seeing how some things transpire.

Colonel Hitchens then read the Resolution for Major Corky Jewell. The Board of Public Safety presented a Resolution to Major Jewell, who is retiring the end of April. Mr. Bowen stated that Major Jewell's expertise in communications and technology will be sorely missed. Vice-Chairman Donald presented Major Jewell a Commissioner's Coin, on behalf of Georgia Department of Corrections, that recognizes and honors individuals for outstanding performance. The Coin symbolically represents everyone in law enforcement. Major Jewell thanked the Board, stating that this day, other than the days he received his Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree, is considered his highest award for professional achievement. Major Jewell stated he appreciates what this Board of Public Safety has done.

Vice-Chairman Donald asked for approval of the Minutes from the March meeting. Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bud Black, and voted approval by the Board members.

## **DIRECT REPORTS**

Colonel Bill Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety/State Patrol, began with pointing out the Annual Pursuit Summary. As he pointed out in Item 23, which has to do with Bystander Vehicles Involved In Accidents, there was a significant spike this year from last year. Last year there were 19; this year there were 46. Colonel Hitchens stated the possible reason is that last year is the first time submitting this report; the numbers shown the first year are not long-term statistics. However, this is the only area in the report that has a significant difference. In responding to a question of the numbers under Forcible Stop Techniques, Colonel Hitchens stated that the item shows other techniques were used and P.I.T. is the last maneuver used when it is obvious the individual is not going to stop for anything. Vice-Chairman Donald pointed out item Driver Suspect Gender reflecting numbers of 287 Males and 11 Females. Vice-Chairman Donald explained to the students the important message is that females need to get out of the back seat of the car. There are many cases being prosecuted that involve females who go along for the ride; it is important for females to be aware that if the male has been driving and drinking, then the female needs to get out of the car. Colonel Hitchens added back in the era of 1969, a

female driver was never taught to flee. However, last year's Pursuit Report reflected 24 Female Drivers, which is significant, because females sometimes do get dragged into the situations.

Colonel Hitchens reported that he has made two changes in the organization. With a copy of the Organizational Chart to the Board members, Colonel Hitchens stated that he has moved the Special Investigations Unit to be assigned to him. Most police organizations across the country are organized in that fashion. Colonel Hitchens believes this is the proper place for the Unit to be. Colonel Hitchens stated the Public Information Officer is under Training. The reason is that the agency has appointed a fulltime recruiter; and when the recruiter has two or three places to be at one time, then an instructor from Training Unit can be pulled to help instead of one individual recruiter. Training personnel are the best people to assist in this endeavor. Mr. Wayne Abernathy made a motion to approve the new Organizational Chart, which was seconded by Sheriff Cullen Talton, and unanimously voted approval by the Board.

Colonel Hitchens reported that for about a year-and-a-half, the agency has been devising a protocol for dealing with incidents, such as the situation that happened at Virginia Tech campus. State Patrol put in place two weeks ago a training scenario of an active shooter. Previously, the protocol has always been to form a perimeter and secure the area and wait for the SWAT team to come in. Time is of the essence in those kinds of situations, and when waiting for SWAT team to arrive, many people could lose their lives. So the agency started an active shooter program. The scenario is that minimum of two troopers go in and take charge then and do whatever they can to neutralize the subject who is causing the problem. The agency is using an abandoned school for this training; it has been positive for the people who have been through it people to learn how to move in and take charge and do the right thing in saving people's lives. Mr. Rooney Bowen, III added that he had the opportunity to watch the training scenario. He described it as phenomenal training; teaching troopers how to go through hallways, how to clear the rooms, how to handle the hostage situation, how to handle the shooter. Mr. Bowen commended State Patrol, stating this was the one of the best training scenarios he has ever seen; it is nice to be proactive and know that if this situation arises that there is good help on the way.

Colonel Hitchens reported on the detail at the Waycross fire. Colonel stated State Patrol has been involved in working closing roads, dealing with evacuations of people from those houses that are in close proximity to the fire. State Patrol is working today to draw up an executive order to give waivers to logging trucks. There is about \$26m worth of timber that is damaged but still valuable. Governor Perdue is looking at this area of damage and Department of Transportation is working on this. In response to a question of how the troopers were holding up, Colonel Hitchens stated that the troops are psychologically fit to deal with problems of seeing people who have lost their homes. Colonel Hitchens stated troopers deal with it pretty well, but hate to see other people suffer like that. Vice-Chairman Donald stated he spoke with Chairman of Ware County Commissioners, who had requested the need and assistance from state agencies to Waycross.

Colonel Hitchens reported that for the past year his agency and other state authorities have been working with ICE on the Memorandum of Understanding. The Assistant Secretary of ICE decided to re-write the Memorandum of Understanding to effect the entire country. Immigration and Naturalization will be providing five weeks of training for law enforcement agencies. Several Sheriffs have sent their people to train on dealing with their jails and monitoring people coming in on immigration status. However, State Patrol deals primarily with criminal interdiction on the highways. The GBI and Drivers Services will send their staff to train on how to deal with license fraud. Board Attorney Joe Drolet explained that this is an agreement between those federal agencies dealing with immigration, and the Department of Public Safety and GBI and other agencies of state government, where all agencies can work together to help in helping with the federal immigration laws. With the MOU, it allows cooperation between federal agencies and state agencies, in knowing what are their various roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Pat Head requested Colonel Hitchens look at possibilities of rearranging manpower, based on an article in today's AJC paper, to provide cover during night in the rural counties in Georgia. He stated the areas of metropolitan Atlanta, Macon, Savannah, already have good police and sheriff coverage. He requested Colonel move some manpower down to the areas that really need the State Patrol. Colonel Hitchens stated that unfortunately there are only 46 troopers in the metropolitan counties. State Patrol is 195 troopers short. Colonel Hitchens has taken a hard look at that, and, is trying to do the best he can. Colonel stated the agency is actively engaged in a recruiting process; there are positive results. There is a lot of positive feedback from people to see they have done some good in helping others.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, began with thanking the Board for allowing him to continue as GBI Director. He stated he has been blessed by God to be given the opportunity to serve with the men and women of the GBI and also serve the citizens of Georgia.

Director Keenan reported on the ICE issue. Yesterday, a Governor's Agency Head meeting of law enforcement officials was held. A presentation was made by senior staff from ICE Detention and Deportation Unit based in Atlanta. Director Keenan stated the largest illegal alien detention center is at Stewart County, Georgia. There are 1500 illegal aliens in the process of being deported from United States. During the presentation and conversations with ICE official, it was learned that the facility, although it is filled with illegal aliens in the custody of ICE, is operated by Corrections Corporation of America, a private company. ICE contracted with Stewart County officials, who have contracted with CCA, to run the facility. It was learned that because it is not a federal government facility, that if there are any instances of assaults, detainee deaths, assaults on correctional officers, a riot, or emergency, or criminal activity in that facility, then it becomes a state and local matter. Federal government is not involved in the investigation or enforcement of laws in that facility. This brings into focus some issues that state and law enforcement need to investigate, research, and be prepared to respond to. Director Keenan stated there is the need for lawyers from Attorney General's office and lawyers from various involved agencies to look at these issues with the ICE counsel and get some answers about exactly what

are state and local responsibilities. Vice-Chairman Donald stated this becomes serious liability issues for the state; the federal viewpoint is they have no liabilities if something happens while illegal aliens are under supervision. Board Attorney Drolet reiterated they will be happy to look into this; the federal government has people in State of Georgia and the question is who is responsible for the illegal aliens. Director Keenan stated he will organize a meeting with counsel from ICE and other agencies to begin research.

Director Keenan reported that the General Assembly just ended, but will be coming back on budget issues. During the recent session, the GBI was very successful with its legislation. One bill passed is when someone receives a felony probated sentence for certain crimes that the GBI would take a DNA example from that person. With this new law, the GBI will begin DNA samples from about 15,000 felony probationers. This will greatly increase the population of DNA samples, leading to solution of many more unsolved cases. Vice-Chairman Donald announced that 200 people nationally had been vindicated due to DNA samples across the nation. Director Keenan reported that the Department of Corrections is responsible for 60,000 inmates and also 139,000 felony probationers; a large part of Georgia's population is in the custody of the prisons. The second legislation, which passed, gives the GBI subpoena power to obtain service provider records relating to the use of internet to sexually prey n children, for use in the investigations with approval of the Attorney General. This new law further expands the definition of electronic devices used in the enticement of children for sexual purposes. The third law enacted gives the GBI the authority to receive fingerprints electronically.

Both Vice-Chairman Donald and Director Keenan emphasized the impact of the new law of information on electronic devices and cell phones. Director Keenan stated that a young person should never put personal information on the internet, on chat rooms, on personal profiles, because that is where sexual predators hover. The GBI has done live demonstrations of having an agent posing as a teenager and putting information on the internet; and the response was instantaneous and so graphic and very dangerous. The GBI works hundreds of cases where teenagers and children are enticed for sexual purposes; some children fall prey to the enticement and wind up seriously harmed.

Director Keenan reported on a donation to GBI. One of the GBI's responsibilities is to manage criminal records for State of Georgia. There are 2.7m criminal history records that GBI is responsible for and there are 19m other records. Part of these records are filed by local law enforcement, Chiefs and Sheriffs, relating to missing persons. Currently, in Georgia there are 452 women which have been reported missing to law enforcement. These are in a Missing Persons file, which GBI manages. The GBI began a program to look at those 452 women who have been reported missing. The purpose is to determine if these women are in fact still missing or are no longer an interest to law enforcement. In going through the database checks, the GBI has located 131 of the 452 women. The Lexis/Nexus Corporation learned of the pilot program that the GBI was operating. The corporation offered access to their public database, which has millions of records in their system. The corporation has offered to donate three months service to the GBI at the cost of \$975.00. Director Keenan requested approval to accept the donation

from Lexis/Nexus Corporation. Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made a motion to approve the donation, which was seconded by Mr. Pat Head, and voted approval by the Board.

Director Keenan continued with his report in introducing Dr. George Herrin, who is the Acting Director of State Crime Lab. At a previous Board meeting, the GBI had been asked to give an update on the State Crime Laboratory. Director Keenan pointed out that GBI operates these State Crime Laboratories for State of Georgia. GBI provides service to every Sheriff Department, every Police Department, every District Attorney, every Court in this state. Dr. Herrin is responsible for nearly 300 scientists and support personnel and handles over 90,000 cases per year. Dr. Herrin stood before the Board reporting the Crime Lab has 281 positions authorized and 261 are filled. That includes federally funded grant staff; three scientists and two laboratory technicians. Currently, the Crime Lab is in the hiring process for ten more positions and four additional grant positions. The unfortunate thing is that Crime Lab loses people almost as fast as being trained. About 40% of scientific staff leaves within five years of employment. That is a problem because it takes about three years for scientists to become useful. So far, the Crime Lab has completed over 8,000 services, which includes everything from drug identification to toxicology to convicted offenders. Just a little over 5200 of those were done within thirty days when service was requested; the Crime Lab is improving greatly. So, far this year, the Crime Lab has had almost 69,000 services overall; 43,000 of those were done in thirty days. In March, 8600 services were requested in the eight laboratories across the state. Dr. Herrin stated this has been quite a lot of work they have been doing. Even though there are 260 people in the Lab, only 110 are scientists performing analyses. The Crime Lab has about 15 doctors, and, the rest are support staff. Turnaround time for most reports is improving as the backlog is being reduced or eliminated; now down to around 40-50 days for most services. The backlog is at 3500 services today; nearly one-third of those are casework in forensic biology which is DNA testing. About 760 services are backlog in firearms, 370 in latent prints, and 120 in trace evidence. Toxicology and chemistry eliminated their backlogs. The backlog in DUI cases for blood alcohol is zero statewide; the average turnaround time on DUI blood alcohol cases is twenty days. For toxicology, DUI and drug cases are around 40-45 days; it is more complex in analysis. Chemistry turnaround time is less than thirty minutes. Board Member Pat Head stated his office has seen a difference in the backlog, it has helped in prosecution of cases. Mr. Head questioned that when outsourcing cases to New Orleans and getting those people to testify in Georgia cases, and, has the GBI gotten additional funds to fund bringing in the witnesses to court cases. Dr. Herrin stated the GBI has made the effort requesting the funds, but there was no funding; however, there is money left in the outsourcing budget in FY05. An effort is being made to transfer that money to be used for bringing in outsource lab witnesses. Dr. Herrin stated when those types of cases come up, the Crime Lab is offering three options; those being the District Attorney could fund the bringing of witnesses, or, the Crime Lab could review the data and be the court witness, or, call the data back in to the Crime Lab and re-examine that data. Dr. Herrin continued with his report on cooperative audits of local agencies that are conducting marijuana identification; hundreds of local law enforcement agencies and officers are trained to do that analysis similar to what is being done in the Crime Lab. The Crime Lab has improved DUI toxicology under development; implementing a new methodology using a new

type of instrument that should improve turnaround and detect more drugs that people are using while driving under the influence. There is a significant increase in the number of people who are driving under the influence of the new sleep aids. Also, the Crime Lab is expanding of the DNA testing. Dr. Herrin reported on the Northeast Crime Lab located in Cleveland. The lab is staffed with two chemists, two lab technician, and one manager, and an evidence receiving technician will be starting in May. The Northeast Lab receives about 300 drug identification requests each month and is turning about 250 around each month. The toxicology services is handled at headquarters, but in August of 2007 it is planned to move those to Augusta Laboratory. The biggest thing for the Cleveland Laboratory is that the complete DNA offender program is being moved from headquarters to the Cleveland Lab; although funding has not been given to staff that program at Cleveland Lab.

Director Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, reported that the prison population at Burruss Correctional Institute prison has increased, which calls for more attention from the Training Center.

Director Mann called on Mr. Butch Beach, who brought a presentation of Pistol Ruptures. With the first powerpoint slide, Mr. Beach showed a picture of a failed pistol that occurred in 1998. Mr. Beach explained that the Training Center does not know who is responsible; the Training Center is not aware of the conditions of firearms. The Training Center shoots about 200,000 rounds of ammunition a year; not counting those of State Patrol, Corrections, GBI, and other local agencies bring them in. There is a lot of ammunition fired on the Training Center's ranges. Mr. Beach stated the problem has happened twice; this is not frequent. The next slide shows a picture of how serious it is. The picture shows a .40 caliber round that has split the barrel. The cartridge exploded and lifted the barrel. Mr. Beach continued with describing the pictures of failed barrel and unfailed barrel; begin to see breakdown in that particular piece of metal. Mr. Beach showing the second one; pointing out the picture of a weapon from Cherokee County Sheriff's office. This weapon was not fired; across the top the split that began to happen was discovered in their bi-annual arms inspection. This weapon was discovered prior to rupture. The Training Center looked at this problem because safety is the primary concern. There have been a couple of ruptures over the last couple of years; both .40 caliber pistols. Mr. Beach pointed out a picture of a weapon belonging to Pardons and Paroles; this picture shows it actually blew apart the frame. Fortunately, there was no serious injury. With another picture, Mr. Beach pointed out the whole top half is missing. The weapon leveled, which means it went right back past the shooter's head or somewhere on the range. The next picture showed a Smith & Wesson Model 99 that happened in April of 2007. This is one of those that separated the cartridge but not the barrel. The barrel held together in this incident but damage is to the right side. The last picture shows the separated cartridge. Mr. Beach stated that Glock manufacturers use the same barrel stock to build a nine millimeter and .40 caliber and .45 caliber. Mr. Beach stated the arms manufacturer will say it is an ammunition problem; that some of these are low seeded and they create high pressure chambers. Mr. Beach stated there are similar incidents that have occurred. Director Dale Mann added that one of the things the Training Center is doing now is disassemble



guns and checking those areas in the barrel, looking for small cracks before the shoot. Director Mann recommends that agencies start doing inspections during the year, disassemble the guns, have an armor look it, and see if there are cracks. Mr. Beach completed his report with reporting on Similar Incidents. Mr. Beach stated further information is supplied on a web site, kaboom.com.

Director Mann reported there are 21 students remaining in Basic Training class which started April 1<sup>st</sup>. At the Board meeting in June, Director Mann will be able to report on the pilot class.

## **FISCAL REPORTS**

Mr. Joe Hood, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol, reported on the Budget from July, 2006 through March, 2007, the first three quarters of the fiscal year. The budget is at approximately 25% remaining. The report shows the column on far left of Actual Expenses occurring so far in Fiscal Year 2007. The next column reflects Adjusted Budget so far this year. The next column is the Surplus or Deficit column. The last column shows the Percentage Remaining. To be on budget for a particular category it would be 25% remaining. Mr. Hood pointed out Personal Services has 28% remaining; this being the largest category in the budget, dealing primarily with vacancy rate. Mr. Hood pointed out Regular Operating Expense of 10% remaining; this will have budget amendments. The only negative area is Real Estate Rentals, and that is primarily encumbering contracts at the beginning of the year that will go the whole twelve months. When closing the quarter on March 30<sup>th</sup>, the numbers were accurate, but now depending upon the Amended Budget, this may change. The other variable funds will increase as finishing out the rest of year.

Ms. Lisa Urich, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, reported the quarterly report on funds spent. The GBI should have spent 75% of the budget by this point. The State dollars are pretty much on target, spending 73.25%. Federal dollars are the ones that have not been spent up to level yet. Computer Charges is the only line item showing a real low percentage. With federal dollars now in and projects on target, Ms. Urich stated they anticipate spending those as appropriated.

Mr. Richard Guerriero, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, reported on the quarterly report for the Public Safety Training Center, which includes Georgia Police Academy and Georgia Fire Academy. Mr. Guerriero stated they are under in few Object classes through 75% of the year. They are at 67.9% and for State Funds is at 70.5%. The Training Center is reviewing its operations to see where they can address issues where there are funding shortfalls and will be replenishing the inventory and food service areas and various other areas.

## DONATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Joe Hood, Georgia Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol, requested approval of the following donations:

Three Genesis II Select Radars	\$4,950.00	Sheriff Tommy Corbin
One Image Treadmill	600.00	Treutlen County Sheriff and
One 24" Sanyo TV	268.00	Emanuel County Commissioners
2007 Dodge Charger	\$30,000.00	Chief T. Esco Braselton Police Department
One Watch Guard Digital In-Car Video Recording System	\$ 5,400.00	Sheriff Donny Turner Troup County Sheriff
Window Tint For Twelve Patrol Cars	\$ 1,560.00	Gordon County Drug Task Force
One Stalker Radar	\$13,550.00	Commissioner Dan Booker, Jr. Ware County Commissioners
Two Stalker Radars	\$ 5,420.00	Commissioner Mitch Bowen Pierce County Commissioners
One Stalker Radar	\$ 2,710.00	Commissioner Eugene Dyal Bacon County Commissioners
One Stalker Radar	\$ 2,710.00	Commissioner Jessie Smith Charlton County Commissioners

Mr. Wayne Abernathy made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Mr. Pat Head, and voted approval by the Board members.

Ms. Lisa Urich, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, requested approval of the following donation:

2007 Dodge Durango	\$31,600.00	Sheriff Gary Vowell Tift County Sheriff
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Sheriff Cullen Talton made a motion to approve the donation, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy, and voted approval by the Board members.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/EMERGENCY ISSUES**

There being none, Vice-Chairman Donald moved to next item.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made a motion that the May Board meeting be cancelled; that the June Board meeting be scheduled for June 13 and 14; that a Committee Of The Whole be held on June 13 and Board Meeting on June 14 in Cordele. Questions were posed about the Committee Of The Whole. Director Dale Mann responded that the committee will be addressing the following issue: increase of basic students coming in; 18% increase from 2005 to 2006. Literally, it is this Board's decision on how the Training Center goes. There is no pre-conceived notion of what is the best thing to do for this. This is the Board's decision on how to grow with the future and how to do regional training or if regional training will be done. This Board needs to look at the numbers and figure out where to go from here and how to do regional training; if continue with regional training or do training together. After questions and discussion, Mr. Bud Black seconded the motion. The Board voted approval of the motion. It is noted that the Sheriffs Association and Chiefs Association will be invited to speak before the Committee Of The Whole.

The Board members thanked Mr. Bud Black's hospitality for dinner and arranging the venue for the Board meeting. Vice-Chairman Donald thanked Mr. Black and community leaders for seeing this was followed through; this is a model for future meetings. This is very instructional for young people to see state government at work and consider career opportunities in public safety area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Rooney L. Bowen, III  
Secretary