

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Minutes of Meeting Held August 11, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Hal Averitt
Mr. Charles D. "Bud" Black
Mr. Rooney Bowen, III
Chief Lou Dekmar
Sheriff Bruce Harris
Mr. Patrick Head
Sheriff Jamil Saba
Chief Hubert Smith
Sheriff Cullen Talton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. W. H. "Dub" Harper
Governor Sonny Perdue
Chief J. D. Rice
Commissioner James Donald

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Brasher, Department of Law
Ms. Laura Jones, Board Liaison
Lieutenant Colonel K.W. Hancock, Georgia State Patrol
Captain Richard Ashmore, Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Terry Landers, Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Wayne Yancey, Georgia State Patrol
Assistant Director Chris Ash, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Ray Higgins, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Mark Jackson, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Deputy Director Paul Heppner, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Bob Sanderson, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Richard Guerreiro, Consultant with Georgia Public Safety Training Center

After the training session was completed, Vice-Chairman James Donald left, with Colonel George Ellis, Director Dale Mann, and Director Vernon Keenan, to attend a meeting with Governor Perdue.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone. He first thanked Board Member Pat Head for his hospitality of hosting dinner the evening before, noting there were many people to thank for furnishing the food and the lodge; a good time was had by all.

Mr. Bowen called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the July Board meeting. Mr. Bud Black made the motion, Sheriff Jamil Saba seconded said motion, and the Board members unanimously voted approval.

Mr. Bowen reminded everyone that the September Board meeting will be held as a two-day session. He stated that Vice-Chairman Donald had requested the Board members discuss today what issues should be brought to the September Board meeting. At this morning's training session, several issues were discussed. These issues will be expounded upon at the Committee Of The Whole, which will be held on September 7th.

The issues suggested are as follows: more discussion of the training session and what did the Board members learn from the training; discuss the budgets of the three agencies and how can the board members help during the upcoming legislative session in the budget process; discuss the process of the sub-committees; discuss the non-attendance at board meetings; and discuss the expenses incurred from G-8 Summit.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Mr. Rooney Bowen, III requested to hold off on the Directors' Reports, unless an emergency issue needed to come before the Board for this meeting. There being none, Mr. Bowen proceeded on to donations.

DONATIONS:

Mr. Terry Landers, Department of Public Safety/State Patrol, presented two donations for Board approval:

Genesis II Radar Unit	\$2,000	Sheriff Doyle Stone Twiggs County Sheriff
Decatur Genesis II Radar	\$1,515	Mr. Billy Smith Bleckley County Commissioner

Mr. Hal Averitt made a motion to approve these donations, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and unanimously voted approval by the Board.

Chief Lou Dekmar questioned if the agencies had received reimbursement from Homeland Security. Mr. Terry Landers responded that Department of Public Safety has

been reimbursed for actual expenditures. The format has changed for submitting payroll reimbursement request and that request is pending. Mr. Ray Higgins responded that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has submitted its reimbursement requests and that they are being processed through GEMA. Mr. Bob Sanderson also stated that the Georgia Public Safety Training Center submitted its request for reimbursement and the Training Center is waiting for those funds. Mr. Bowen requested that the agencies bring to the next Board meeting the figures of what has been spent and what has been reimbursed.

RULE:

Mr. Mark Jackson, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, presented two rule changes. Under O.C.G.A. § 16-12-59, Department of Public Safety Rule 92-2-10 was changed by deleting the word, "registered." Under O.C.G.A. § 16-12-53, the changes made in Rule 92-2-16 involve changes between a parent organization and its auxiliaries. Previously, the auxiliaries were able to participate in the main organization; this year, by legislation, the main organization can participate in the auxiliary games. The public hearing will be held on these rule changes within thirty days and will be brought back before the Board members for a final vote in October.

Chief Lou Dekmar motioned for initial adoption of both rules, Mr. Hal Averitt seconded said motion, and the Board members unanimously voted approval.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy thanked Mr. Mark Jackson for his help with the Board members at G-8 Summit.

Mr. Bowen reminded everyone that the September meeting will be a two-day session in Statesboro. The committees will meet on Tuesday, September 7th starting at 1:00, and, the Board meeting will be on September 8th at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Hal Averitt moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Chief Smith.

Rooney L. Bowen, III
Secretary