

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
July 27, 2011 Special Called Meeting
Department of Public Safety-Blue Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant-via conference call
Chief Jon Canada
Mr. Kacy C. Cronan-via conference call
Chief Louis M. Dekmar-via conference call
Mr. Patrick H. Head-via conference call
Mr. C. Murray Kight-via conference call
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Commissioner Brian Owens-via conference call
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.-via conference call
Sheriff H. Cullen Talton-via conference call
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Steve Cronic

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Ashley Culberson, Attorney General's Office
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Lt. Colonel M. W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Major R. D. Powell, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol
Captain A. W. Marlowe, Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Joe Hood, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Lisa Urich, Fiscal Officer, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Alan Davis
Mrs. Angie Holt, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Melissa Rodgers, Department of Public Safety
Sgt. Kevin Rexroat, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol
Mr. Peter Adams, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Gordy Wright, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dan Brown, Department of Public Safety
Sgt. Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Bart Gobeil, Governor Deal's office
Sgt. Todd Pack, Fannin County SO

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the July 27, 2011 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Public Safety to order and asked Sgt. Anthony Hughes to give the opening prayer.

Vice-Chairman Wood confirmed a quorum through a verbal roll call. Vice-Chairman Wood asked those present to introduce themselves.

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III made a motion to approve Governor Nathan Deal's nomination for Lt. Colonel Mark W. McDonough to become the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety effective August 01, 2011. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approval by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood congratulated Colonel McDonough and asked if he had any comments. Colonel McDonough thanked Vice-Chairman Wood and the Board members and said this is quite a honor and wonders how one follows in the footsteps of a legend. Colonel McDonough stated he intends to walk the same path that Colonel Hitchens has; Colonel Hitchens was his mentor, more like a father figure to him than a boss. Colonel McDonough stated Colonel Hitchens has taught him a lot of things about decision making and in particular how to treat people. Colonel McDonough added that he intends to emulate Colonel Hitchens' style of leadership. Colonel McDonough made mention to Sheriff Talton and Sheriff Kirby that he did a little reading last night of the code section that governs the DPS and made a particular point to the Sheriffs and the Chiefs that one of DPS's primary responsibilities is to support them. Colonel McDonough stated he knows what his role in state government is and he commits himself and his command staff to support all local agencies. Colonel McDonough added that the Governor's plan will be his plan, but knows that he works for this Board and looks forward to the Board's direction and their guidance and can't thank them enough for the past and looks forward to the future.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy made a motion to prepare and present a Resolution to Colonel Bill Hitchens for his many years of service to Public Safety and this state, which was seconded by Sheriff Dane Kirby and voted approval by the Board members.

Mr. Joe Hood, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

One Genesis II Select Radar	\$ 1,800.00	Ringold Police Department
Two Stalker DSR 2X Radars	\$ 5,302.50	Hart Co. Bd. of Commissioners

The motion to accept these donations was made by Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III; seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy and voted approved by the Board members.

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

29 Air Science "Safekeeper "36" evidence drying cabinets	\$326,975.00	Willie B. Arnold of Ft. Gillem, GA
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The motion to accept this donation was made by Mr. Wayne Abernathy; seconded by Chief Jon Canada and voted approval by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the Board members that some members would be meeting prior to the Thursday meeting in Richmond Hill and will take a tour on Wednesday at Ft. Stewart and Mr. and

Mrs. Bryant will be hosting the members for dinner on Wednesday night. Vice-Chairman Wood added that the BPS meeting will be in the Richmond Hill City Center and after lunch we will proceed back up I-16 on the way home to Daniel Defense for a tour of their facility.

Several Board members congratulated Colonel McDonough on his appointment and Sheriff Talton added that he appreciates the outstanding job that Colonel Hitchens did in leading the DPS and looks forward to working with Colonel McDonough as he knows he will do an outstanding job.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rooney L. Bowen, III
Secretary