

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 24, 2010

Georgia State Patrol Post 6 – Gainesville, GA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Sheriff Steve Cronic
Mr. Patrick Head-via conference call
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.
Sheriff Cullen Talton-via conference call
Mr. Gerald Willis
Mr. Ellis Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III
Mr. Daniel M. Bryant
Chief Louis M. Dekmar
Retired Sheriff Bruce Harris
Fire Chief Jack K. McElfish
Commissioner Brian Owens

OTHERS:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General-via conference call
Ms. Cheryl Buie, Board Liaison
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. "Bud" Black, Jr.
Colonel W. W. Hitchens, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Major Mark W. McDonough, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol
Major Stewart F. Hicks, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol
Chief Mark McLeod, Department of Public Safety/Motor Carrier Compliance Division
Captain Russell D. Powell, Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol
Lt. Steve Hart, Department of Public Safety/MCCD Region 2
SFC Pete McCaleb, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dan Brown, CIO, Department of Public Safety
Comptroller Joseph W. Hood, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety
Director J. Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the Special Meeting of the Board of Public Safety to order and began with a roll call. Vice-Chairman Wood called on Mr. Kight for the prayer.

Vice-Chairman Wood presented Mr. Bud Black with a Resolution for his service to the Board of Public Safety. Vice-Chairman Wood stated after looking around at the new GSP Post 6 facility, the Board members can certainly see Mr. Black's and Mr. Wayne Abernathy's influence in making this location come to fruition.

Mr. Black stated it had been a pleasure to serve on the Board of Public Safety and thanked everyone for the time he was able to serve on the Board of Public Safety.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the May Board Minutes. Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gerald Willis and voted approval by the Board members.

Mr. Lee O'Brien, Department of Public Safety came before the Board of Public Safety with a Resolution requesting approval authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to accept services and materials from Stephens County for the renovation of Georgia State Patrol Post 7 Headquarters and Barracks and to enter into such agreements with Stephens County for the express purpose of developing appropriate contracts and other documents as necessary to enable Stephens County to finance and renovate State Patrol Post 7 Headquarters and Barracks and for either the conveyance or long term lease of a portion of said property of not more than 1.06 acre to Stephens County for the purpose of construction and operation of a fire station for the use of Stephens County.

Mr. C. Murray Kight made a motion to adopt the Resolution allowing the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with Stephens County and the renovation of GSP Post 7 Headquarters and Barracks located at 3674 West Currahee Street, Toccoa, GA which was seconded Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approval by the Board members.

DONATIONS

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

One 2-yr old male Dutch Shepherd	\$5,000.00	MCO3 Andrew Montgomery
One Alco-Sensor FST	\$ 550.00	Meigs Police Department
Two Stalker Dual SL Radar Units	\$1,590.00	Fort Valley Police Department
Three Genesis II Select KA Band Radars	\$4,125.00	Laurens Co Bd of Commissioners
One Male German Shepherd police canine	\$6,000.00	Senior Trooper William Lovell
One Stalker DSR2 Radar	\$3,010.00	Decatur Co Bd of Commissioners
20 License E-Seek M250 Readers/Scanners	\$8,140.00	Troup County Sheriff's Dept.
40 Kodak Digital C180 Cameras w/accessories 18 Laser Lab Window Tint Meters	\$5,142.00	Carroll County Sheriff's Dept.

The motion for these donations was made by Mr. Wayne Abernathy, seconded by Mr. Gerald Willis and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Joe Hood, Department of Public Safety requested approval for the withdrawal of a previously approved donation of a black female Labrador dog valued at \$2500.00 that was approved March 11, 2010. Mr. Hood stated since accepting the donation for use by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, the DPS has determined that the dog is not suitable for use by the Department and desires to return the dog to the original donor.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy made the withdrawal of previously approved donation motion; it was seconded by Mr. Gerald Willis and voted approved by the Board members.

Director Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center requested approval of the following donation:

Two Ford Crown Victoria cars	\$ 500.00	LaGrange Police Dept.
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The motion for this donation was made by Sheriff Steve Cronic, seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Colonel Hitchens and Director Dale Mann if they had any comments they would like to make. Colonel Hitchens stated that he appreciated everyone coming today for the Post dedication and as you go through the facility you will see that this is an exceptional facility and probably one of the nicest facilities in the state. Colonel Hitchens stated the Department of Public Safety is very appreciative to the Board of Public Safety and Hall County to use the where withal to see this building completed. Colonel Hitchens added that Mr. Bud Black, Mr. Wayne Abernathy and Sheriff Steve Cronic played a significant role in seeing this facility completed.

Sheriff Cronic added that during these hard economic times and with Hall County under its second year of furloughs, without this GSP Post located here, working crashes and backing our deputies up; there is no way that Hall County SO could answer all of our calls. Sheriff Cronic stated Hall County SO is very appreciative of what everyone does to help Hall County SO support the citizens of Hall County.

Mr. Abernathy commented that SFC Dean Allen and Mr. Lee O'Brien have worked very, very hard to put this new post together and he really appreciates all they did.

Vice Chairman Wood reminded everyone to please keep in touch with Lieutenant Colonel Snellings as he continues to recover from major surgery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rooney L. Bowen, III
Secretary