

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY CALL IN MEETING

May 19, 2014

Georgia Public Safety Training Center Board Room-Forsyth, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy-via conference call
Chief Danny Bowman-via conference call
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan-via conference call
Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic-via conference call
Mr. Murray Kight-via conference call
Commissioner Brian Owens
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.-via conference call
Chief Mark Revenew-via conference call
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Chief Craig Tully-via conference call
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Daniel M. Bryant
Sheriff Dane Kirby
Mr. Brian M. Rickman

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General-via conference call
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Lewis Young, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Jason Johnson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Johnny Jones, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Captain Keith Canup, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Doug Wilson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Sammy Young, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lt. Ken DeLoach, Department of Public Safety/GSP
SFC Darrell Dunn, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Sgt. John M. Bloodworth, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Sgt. BJ Kennedy, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Cpl. Edward Starling, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Mr. Peter Adams, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Tim Bearden, Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Department of Corrections
Representative Rusty Kidd
Mr. Terry Norris, Georgia Sheriffs Association
Mr. Matt Wurtz

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the Special Call-in May 19th, 2014, Board of Public Safety meeting to order and said a prayer.

Vice-Chairman Wood held a roll call for members calling in.

Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety thanked the BPS members for attending the meeting and stated his business comes under the heading of strike while the iron is hot. Commissioner McDonough stated whenever DPS has an opportunity to build a new post; each one tends to be an adventure in and of itself. Commissioner McDonough went on to note this opportunity is no different; a very unique circumstance which has a lot of moving parts. Commissioner McDonough briefly explained Post 33 in Milledgeville was occupied around 1971, on twelve acres of property and what is unique about this property is that the DPS actually owns the 12 acres, not a normal circumstance with a normal relationship with a community that builds the post for us and then will have a long term lease. Commissioner McDonough added Central State Hospital has a large tract of land in and around Milledgeville and are actively looking to develop the land for positive purposes for the community. Commissioner McDonough stated the Resolution being presented by Ms. Crumpler is to be able to sell the property and to put the proceeds towards the building of a new post on a piece of property provided by Central State Hospital and one can see how unique this is. Commissioner McDonough noted Representative Rusty Kidd's presence, who represents the community as a state representative and is also on the State Properties Commission Board and in this circumstance we will have to do a lot of dealings and time with the State Properties Commission and having Representative Kidd on the Board and also representing the local community, it will be very helpful to guide DPS through this process.

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Deputy Director of Legal, Department of Public Safety presented a Resolution asking for approval of the BPS to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety, in unison with the State Properties Commission, to enter into negotiations and make agreements with interested parties for the sale and temporary lease back of the headquarters and barracks of State Patrol Post 33 Baldwin/Milledgeville, contingent upon, in conjunction with, and by this Resolution further authorizing the Commissioner of Public Safety to take steps necessary to appropriate the proceeds of said sale to establish a new headquarters and barracks for State Patrol Post 33 in Baldwin/Milledgeville.

Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion for the members of the Board of Public Safety to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with interested parties and, with the authority and approval of the State Properties Commission, to enter into the appropriate agreements and leases and execute all contracts and supporting documents as necessary to enable the sale and temporary lease back of the property located at 139 Highway 49, Milledgeville, Baldwin County Georgia, and further authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety, to negotiate and enter into such memoranda of understanding, contracts and leases and prepare other appropriate documents as necessary to take full possession and effective use of property for construction of a new barracks and headquarters with sale

proceeds, and to enhance public safety and conduct the operations of DPS and the Georgia State Patrol. This was seconded by Mr. Wayne Abernathy.

Mr. Wayne Abernathy asked Commissioner McDonough when the old post is sold, would there be enough money to cover the new post being built. Commissioner McDonough stated the anticipated amount as for as the value of the property at this time is right at a million dollars and hopefully with a donation of the property, no money spent on the property, money will be close for the actual post, maybe a little shy and will look to the local government to make up the final piece.

Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr., commented it looked like a win-win situation to him and Commissioner McDonough noted it is, but there are a lot of moving parts to this and this is the reason we chose to start today and then work with the State Properties Commission to move forward in order to get an authorization for a sale.

Representative Rusty Kidd stated he was concerned with the first paragraph on the second page in regards (from said sale for all costs associated with construction of the new headquarters and barracks) and knowing this would be the majority of costs, but did not know if all would tie the State Properties Commission into saying there could not be any extra costs down the road if the project costs more than what the sale of the property would be. Representative Kidd added it could be very easy that Georgia College wants the property and if Georgia College wants the property through the State Properties Commission, it might not generate a million dollars in hard cash and was concerned with the word all.

After much discussion to change the language from all to most and after conferring with Board Attorney Joe Drolet, it was decided to completely strike the word all from the first paragraph on the second page.

The BPS members voted unanimously to approve the Resolution after striking the word all from the first paragraph on the second page.

DONATIONS

Mr. Peter Adams, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

Aviation Life Support Equipment	\$	2,800.00	Habersham County Sheriff's Dept.
One X26 Taser and Holster	\$	903.86	Hart County Board of Commissioners
One Stalker Dual DSR 2X Radar	\$	3,055.00	Stewart County Board of Commissioners
Participation in the 96 th Annual National American Legion Conference	\$	1,300.00	The American Legion
Four Bar Code Readers	\$	1,600.00	Clay County Board of Commissioners

The motion to accept these donations was made by retired Sheriff Steve Cronic, which was seconded by Chief Craig Tully, and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood thanked and commended Mrs. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center for her diligence and work for the last few months on the Georgia Public Safety Memorial that was held this morning.

Director Tim Bearden, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, advised there was a 42 year old female student that had health problems and when she did not show up for class Thursday morning, a welfare check was done. Director Bearden stated during the night, the female passed away due to a heart attack; the female was from Douglas County taking the Communications class and the GBI assisted with the death and investigation.

Commissioner Mark McDonough reminded the BPS members the ribbon cutting for Post 2 LaGrange is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 13th, with a backup date for Friday, June 20th.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded BPS members of two upcoming Fallen Trooper Road Dedications, one on May 29th in the LaGrange area and on June 4th, in Vienna.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian M. Rickman
Secretary