

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
October 24th, 2011 Special Called Meeting
Department of Public Safety-Blue Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. C. Murray Kight
Sheriff Dane Kirby

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Lt. Colonel R. D. Powell, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Major Wayne Beck, Department of Public Safety, MCCD
Lt. J. K. Boatright, Department of Public Safety, GSP
Captain Allen Marlowe, Department of Public Safety, GSP
Mrs. Melissa Rodgers, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Joseph W. Hood, III, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Allison Hodge, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dan Brown, Department of Public Safety
Sgt. Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Patrice Kerner, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Bart Gobeil, COO, Governor's Office
Representative Tim Bearden
Mr. David Taylor, Department of Corrections

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the October 24th, 2011 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Public Safety to order and asked Chief Jon Canada to give the opening prayer.

Vice-Chairman Wood confirmed a quorum through a verbal roll call.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated the purpose of this special called meeting was to vote on Governor Deal's nomination and the compensation for the new Administrator of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Commissioner Brian Owens made a motion that the Board of Public Safety approve the appointment of Tim Bearden as Administrator of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center effective on November 1, 2011 and further moved that the BPS set the salary for the Administrator of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center at \$125,500.00 per year, which was seconded by Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. Vice-Chairman Wood opened up the floor for discussion.

Chief Lou Dekmar moved to table the motion in order to have an opportunity for the BPS to review this matter, which was seconded by Mr. Pat Head. Vice-Chairman Wood opened up the floor for discussion on the motion to table. Chief Dekmar stated he had received numerous contacts from law enforcement regarding the appointment of Tim Bearden and would like an opportunity to explore these contacts with the BPS and that is why he is asking that this motion be tabled.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked for a vote on the motion to table the original motion of the appointment of the Administrator for GPSTC. Chief Lou Dekmar and Mr. Patrick Head voted to table the original motion while Mr. Rooney L. Bowen, III, Mr. Daniel M. Bryant, Chief Jon Canada, Sheriff Steve Cronic, Commissioner Brian Owens, Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr. and Sheriff Cullen Talton voted no and the motion to table failed.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for a vote on the original motion made by Commissioner Owens. Chief Lou Dekmar voted no and the remainder of the Board members voted to approve.

Vice-Chairman Wood congratulated Mr. Tim Bearden and asked him to come forward for comments.

Mr. Bearden thanked the BPS and Governor Deal for this opportunity and looks forward to making the training facility the best, not just in the southeast but across the nation.

DONATIONS

Mr. Joseph W. Hood, III, Comptroller for the Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

27" GE Single Wall Oven	\$ 1,099.00	Roper Corporation
Two LIDAR units	\$ 2,590.00	GOHS, Piedmont Area TEN

The motion to accept these donations was made by Chief Lou Dekmar; seconded by Sheriff Steve Cronic and voted approved by the Board members.

Sheriff Steve Cronic made a motion to prepare and present a Resolution to Director J. Dale Mann for his service to the state, which was seconded by Mr. Kacy Cronan and voted approval by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the members that there would be a retirement gathering for Director Mann on October 31, 2011 at the GPSTC from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated the next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 at 1600 hours at the GPSTC and the following day will be the 88th Trooper School graduation.

Sheriff Cronic relayed to the Board members that Richmond County Deputy JD Paugh was killed in the line of duty Sunday morning and asked that everyone please keep Deputy Paugh's family and the Richmond County Sheriff's Department in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Bryant relayed that a trooper from the Glennville area lost his mother-in-law, niece and nephew in a violent crash in Tattnall County last week and asked everyone to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers. Vice-Chairman Wood added there were a total of five deaths in this crash and that the family was well known in the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rooney L. Bowen, III
Secretary