

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY CALL IN MEETING

June 17, 2016

Department of Public Safety Blue Room
Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Danny Bowman-via conference call
Commissioner Homer Bryson-via conference call
Retired Sheriff Steve Cronic-via conference call
Sheriff Dane Kirby-via conference call
Mr. Lester L. Rampy, Jr.-via conference call
Chief Mark Revenew-via conference call
Mr. Charles D. Sikes-via conference call
Chief Craig Tully-via conference call
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Wayne Abernathy
Mr. Danny Bryant
Mr. Kacy K. Cronan
Mr. Peter J. Skandalakis
Sheriff Joey Terrell

OTHERS:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Cheryl L. Buie, Board Liaison
Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety
Major Hank Fielding, Department of Public Safety/ GSP
Major Billy Boulware, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Captain Jeremy Vickery, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
Sergeant Anthony Hughes, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Department of Public Safety
Mrs. Amy Stancil, Department of Public Safety-via conference call
Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-via conference call
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-via conference call
Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Mr. John Fleisch, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Terry Norris, Executive Director, Georgia Sheriffs' Association-via conference call
Mr. Rob Kirk
Mrs. Cathy Wood

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the June 17th, 2016, Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Sergeant Anthony Hughes led the group in prayer.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Commissioner Mark McDonough, Department of Public Safety stated the Department received a letter from the Town of Trion, located in NW Georgia in the post territory of Post 38-Rome indicating they would like to enter into discussion with DPS to take a look at the potential of building a new patrol

post within the city limits of Trion. Commissioner McDonough advised Trion has identified the property and has funds set aside and would like to look at a set of plans with DPS. Commissioner McDonough asked the BPS for their support in moving forward with the offer from the Town of Trion.

Chief Mark Revenew made the motion for Commissioner McDonough to enter into negotiations with the Town of Trion for the construction of a new GSP post inside the Town limits of Trion. This was seconded by Mr. Lester Rampy and voted approved by the BPS members.

Commissioner McDonough gave a brief update concerning the efforts of the MCCD, noting that last year the Georgia Ports Authority dedicated over a three year period of time, 27 million dollars for an effort specific to the I-95 and I-16 corridor and of the 60 positions that were to be filled, at this point, there have been 56 officers hired. Commissioner McDonough stated the officers recruited have gone towards this effort, but when looking at the manpower position status report, one will see this time last year, the numbers are no different, even though the Department has hired and put 56 people towards the corridor project. Commissioner McDonough added the recruitment effort will continue and from this point forward any additional hires will increase the MCCD manpower, but as far as meeting the commitment within a year, the MCCD is just four officers away from completing this. With this effort, Commissioner McDonough advised the MCCD has switched how they have done business from being inspection driven; have identified the five things that are the causation factors and the officers have really been hammering away. Commissioner McDonough stated with what has been seen with "Stop the Threat" effort, is that with those probable cause stops and those citations for speeding, following too closely, improper lane changes, all of those driver behaviors that cause the accidents, the officers have done a great job in their inspections that at this point they have almost met their inspection requirement for the year and have 2-3 months left to go. Commissioner McDonough declared the unintended consequence of shifting it to one thing has actually had an excellent outcome on the other and applauded the MCCD efforts.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation recognized and commended Colonel McDonough and DPS officers for their investigation where a tractor trailer driver and trucking company was indicted for the death of five Georgia Southern University nursing students in South Georgia last year.

Mr. Kirk stated the GBI is well on the way hiring 22 new agents and scientists that were in last year's budget and hopes to have them on board July 1; have been feverishly interviewing and going through the process to fill the positions. Mr. Kirk advised in keeping with what the governor and OPB has put forward regarding the pay increases, the GBI is proceeding with merit increases and increases for retention for all of the employees, the ones not getting raises are those that received below 3.0 on their PMF. Mr. Kirk advised the GBI is getting some push back from those not receiving a raise, very few, but they really do not have anything to comment on except they are not going to get a raise this time.

Vice-Chairman Wood stated Director Keenan and Mr. Kirk had advised him that there is a deficiency in the medical examiner's office in the state and are working aggressively to correct this problem.

Mr. Tony Hightower, Deputy Director, Georgia Public Safety Training Center stated there is no change since the last BPS meeting, everything is going along very positive and very well and once again appreciates the BPS support and Colonel McDonough and Director Keenan and Mr. Kirk for their support these last few months.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Amy Stancil, Comptroller, Department of Public Safety requested approval of the following donations:

One Taser X26P Unit	\$	931.45	Charlton Co. Sheriff's Dept.
One Stalker Dual DSR Radar Unit	\$	2,500.00	Colquitt Police Dept.
One Apple iPad & Accessories	\$	1,600.00	Coffee Co. Sheriff's Dept.
One Apple iPad & Accessories	\$	1,600.00	Jeff Davis Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Fifteen Apple iPads & Accessories	\$	23,969.85	Ford Motor Co. Fund
One Kustom Signals Eagle IIXE Radar	\$	2,830.27	Long Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Two Stalker DSR Radar Units	\$	2,790.00	Douglas Police Dept.
One Element LED 32" TV	\$	150.00	Blue Ridge Walmart
One Television	\$	700.00	Upson Co. Sheriff's Dept.
One Emerson 32" Television	\$	250.00	Upson Co. Sheriff's Dept.

WITHDRAWAL OF DONATION

One 3 License Plate Reader System	\$	19,973.00	Walton Co. Sheriff's Dept.
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The motion to accept these donations was made by Sheriff Dane Kirby, which was seconded by retired Sheriff Steve Cronic, and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller, Georgia Public Safety Training requested approval of the following donations:

Two 200 CF Nitrogen Bottles	\$	610.00	Safety Plus, Inc.
Siemens Desigo Voice Fire Alarm Demo Unit	\$	12,500.00	Siemens Building Technologies

2004 Suzuki Motorcycle (salvage)	\$	946.73	State Farm Insurance
2004 Yamaha Motorcycle (salvage)	\$	678.94	State Farm Insurance
2004 Yamaha Motorcycle (salvage)	\$	368.03	State Farm Insurance
1996 Honda Motorcycle (salvage)	\$	100.00	Wrecker 1, Inc.
Yamaha Motorcycle	\$	100.00	Elkins Towing and Recovery, LLC

The motion to accept these donations was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Chief Danny Bowman, and voted approved by the Board members.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Joan Crumpler, Legal Services, Department of Public Safety presented for approval a Resolution that would authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations and all agreements to acquire real property currently known as the "Scale Barn" which has been utilized by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division for more than 30 years.

Chief Mark Renew made the motion authorizing the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with the Georgia Department of Transportation and enter into the appropriate agreements and execute all contracts and supporting documents as necessary, including any steps necessary on behalf of the Board of Public Safety, to obtain real property located at 30 Little John Trail, Hampton, Henry County, Georgia 30228. This was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler presented for approval a Resolution that would authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety, in unison with the State Properties Commission, to enter into negotiations and make agreements with interested parties for transfer of a land lease and aircraft hangar at the Charlie Brown Airport, 4005 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr., made the motion authorizing 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, memoranda of understanding, and leases, contracts and supporting documents as necessary to enable the transfer of the land lease and the hangar located at the Charlie Brown Airport, 4005 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. This was seconded by Commissioner Homer Bryson and voted approved by the BPS members.

Ms. Joan Crumpler presented for approval a Resolution that would authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations and all agreements to acquire use of a communications building

at Post 4 in Villa Rica from the United States Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Investigation/Drug Enforcement Administration and to provide a land lease for that purpose.

Mr. Charles Sikes made the motion for the Board of Public Safety authorizing the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations with the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, to enter into the appropriate agreements and execute all contracts and supporting documents as necessary, including any steps necessary on behalf of the Board of Public Safety, to accept use and ultimate ownership of a communications building in exchange for use and an associated land lease at the DPS tower site of Post 4, 746 West Bankhead Highway, Villa Rica, Carroll County, Georgia. This was seconded by Sheriff Dane Kirby and voted approved by the BPS members.

Mr. Dan Kirk, Assistant Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation presented for approval a Resolution approving the State Properties Commission to approve the Revocable License and Non-Exclusive Easement to the Georgia Power Company.

Mr. Charles Sikes made the motion for the Board of Public Safety to approve the granting of the Revocable License and Non-Exclusive Easement to the Georgia Power Company for 30 feet of said land on the Conyers, Region 10 property for the installation and maintenance of electrical lines to serve the investigative office and also requests the State Properties Commission to grant the Revocable License and Non-Exclusive Easement to Georgia Power Company in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures. This was seconded by Mr. Lester Rampy, Jr., and voted approved by the Board members.

Mr. Terry Norris, Executive Director, Georgia Sheriff's Association, stated he appreciates being able to sit in on the BPS meeting and has taken a renewed interest in attending state meetings that Sheriffs' often ask him to do.

Vice-Chairman Wood reminded the BPS members of the upcoming meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chief Mark Revenew
Secretary