

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES
Minutes
December 14, 2020
4:00 P.M.

County Square – Council Chambers with Limited Seating
Remote Participation by Council Members

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Rick Roberts, Chairman, District 21
Mr. Lynn Ballard, Vice Chairman, District 26
Mr. Mike Barnes, District 18 (remote participation)
Mr. Willis Meadows, District 19 (remote participation)
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, District 23 (remote participation)

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
John Vandermosten, *Assistant County Administrator*
Jeffrey D. Wile, *Assistant County Attorney*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk To Council*
Helen E. Wood, *Clerk to Public Safety Committee*

Others Present:

Berea Fire Department – Gary Brock, Chief
Gantt Fire Department – Chip Dickert, Assistant Chief
Parker Fire Department – Greg Farley, Chief
Parker Fire Department – Wayne Murphy, Assistant Chief

Call to Order:

Chairman Roberts

Invocation:

Councilor Norris

Approval of Minutes:

Action: Vice Chairman Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, Special Called Committee Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CO-LOCATED COUNTYWIDE DISPATCH CENTER FOR THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, GREENVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND LOCAL FIRE DISTRICTS, TO PROMOTE OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL EFFICIENCIES FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CITIZENS.

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CO-LOCATED COUNTYWIDE DISPATCH CENTER FOR THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, GREENVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, LOCAL FIRE DISTRICTS, AND MUNICIPAL FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PROMOTE OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL EFFICIENCIES FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY CITIZENS.

Chairman Roberts reiterated this resolution is only for ground work planning for a building and space for the co-located county wide dispatch center design phase and does not allocate funds for this co-location from any of the entities listed in the Substitute Resolution. Details for funding will be for a later date.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Ballard moved to forward the Substitute Resolution in support of a co-located countywide dispatch center for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Emergency Medical Services, Local Fire Districts, and Municipal Fire and Law Enforcement Agencies to promote operational and financial efficiencies for the health and safety for Greenville County citizens to the full Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

ACTION: Vice Chairman Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Helen E. Wood, Clerk to Public Safety Committee