

Minutes

Public Safety Committee Meeting Friday, January 24, 2020

The Public Safety Committee Meeting of Friday, January 24, 2020 was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Ray Graham. Mr. Craig Wooten and Mr. Jimmy Davis were in attendance for the Public Safety Committee meeting. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Mr. Jimmy Davis.

The following items were considered by the committee:

3. Animal Control Ordinance Revision, Lieutenant David Baker

This is a recommended amendment for Section 42-116 of the Animal Control Ordinance. The current County ordinance mimics the state law requiring charges to go to the higher court. The County needs an ordinance to utilize for a lesser offense that can provide an educational opportunity. The larger serious offenses such as willful or malicious killing, abuse, maiming, beating, disfiguring, administering of any poison or exposure of poisonous substance to any animal or pet would still go to State level to the higher court. Amending the ordinance will allow us to handle maltreatment cases that are not geared toward physical abuse such as confining any animal or pet without sufficient food and water, adequate shelter and sanitary conditions. Amending this ordinance will allow us to educate the public and be able to give an officer the discretion. The staff recommendation is to amend the ordinance to remove and exclude some of the verbiage that automatically requires it to be sent to higher court.

Mr. Craig Wooten made the motion to move this ordinance revision to full council and a second from Mr. Jimmy Davis, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to Full Council.

4. Body Camera Update, Captain Ross Brown, and Lieutenant Mike Beninger

After December 3, 2019 the financing and grant funding was obtained to purchase the cameras. The body cameras arrived at the beginning of January 2020. A train the trainer class is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020 with training provided by Adam Westmoreland and Mike Beninger. The trainers will train their own shifts on how to use and implement the cameras. On January 29, 2020 the Solicitors Office and Public Defenders will attend a training class and set up accounts for access. The information will be sent out as a link. After the training is complete the body cameras units will be issued. The units have sku numbers that will be put into the supply system to be tracked. There are 126 units that will be used by the specialized enforcement units, street narcotics road patrol and animal control.

5. Dispatch Update, Mr. Steve Kelly

Ms. Becky Carter, E-911 Director and staff are in the process of revising and updating the Dispatch APCO cards that are used to determine what type of emergency is occurring when a 911 call is received. This process cannot be completed while on duty requiring staff to work on their days off to complete. Once the update process is complete the cards will need to be reviewed by Becky Carter, Steve Kelly and Dr. King before implementing. Steve Kelly will bring back pricing for Priority Dispatch including the training and overtime to the Public Safety Committee.

7. December Compliance, Mr. Steve Kelly

No discussion on this item at this time

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8. EMS PLAN 2020, Mr. Steve Kelly

In Anderson County during the night time 16 ambulances run and during the day time it fluctuates between 20-24 ambulances with 2 QRV's. We currently send the closest ambulances.

Dr. Brett Stoll stepped down and Dr. Michelle King from Anderson ER took over as the Primary Medical Control Physician. There are a new set of protocols that will be sent out by March.

Over the last 18 months the 911 compliance times have been tracked with data indicating possible recommended changes such as current placement of ambulances, and some areas with no coverage. If call volume and growth continue in the Powdersville area there may be a need to implement a 12hour ambulance in the Powdersville area. Pelzer currently runs 4 ambulances that travel on a continuous basis to the Powdersville Area.

6. EMS Fee Schedule Discussion, Mr. Steve Kelly

The Fee schedule shows what the County allows the providers to charge private insurance. The fee schedule was increased in July 2018. Steve Kelly will collect additional data and bring back to the Public Safety Committee.

9. EMD GRANT, Lieutenant David Baker

For the Financial year 2018-2019 Anderson County was awarded the Hazard Mitigation Grant from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division in the amount of \$38,778. This grant funding was used to conduct a commodity closed study by a hired contractor who came to monitor the roadways and determine what chemicals and in what quantities they are traveling through Anderson County. The purpose of this study was to put together a comprehensive plan that includes what type of training is needed and what type of equipment is needed to combat and handle any potential incident with this type of hazard. There was left over funding from the supplemental grant that could be used for Hazmat training. The total amount of funding is \$25,370. Anderson County will receive \$13,000 for training that is specific to combatting a chlorine based chemical. The training will be conducted and hosted by Anderson County. The remainder of funding in the amount of \$12,370 will go directly to the Fire Academy to be used for additional risk based, air monitoring and hazmat technician training. It is a 20% match fund grant and the salary for James McAdams can be utilized as the individual who will be responsible for reporting.


Mr. Jimmy Davis made the motion to accept this grant and a second from Craig Wooten, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to Full Council.

10. Annual Report 2019, Lieutenant David Baker

Lieutenant David Baker gave a brief summary of the 2019 Annual Report which included data from Dispatch, Animal Control, and the Sheriff's Office.

There being no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at

1:09 pm.


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9/12/20 Date