

Lancaster County Council Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

County Council Conference Room
County Administration Building
101 N. Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

1. **Call to Order – Committee Chair Brian Carnes** 4:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the agenda** *[deletions and additions of non-substantive matters]*
3. **Citizens Comments**
4. **Approval of Minutes from the April 10, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting – pgs. 2-4**
5. **Discussion / Action Items**
 - a. Lancaster County Fire Study – *Steve Knight*
 - b. Potential acquisition of automated message board with radar speed indications and automated license plate reader capability – *Sheriff Faile – pgs. 5-7*
 - c. Solicitation in neighborhoods – *Steve Willis – pg. 8*
 - d. STAR team – *Larry Honeycutt*
 - e. Review of Development Agreement funds received and expended – *Kimberly Hill – pgs. 9-10*
 - f. Plan for remainder of development agreement fund – *Brian Carnes/Steve Willis – pg. 11*

6. **Adjournment**

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Members of Lancaster County Council
Public Safety Committee

Brian Carnes, District 7, Chairman
Larry Honeycutt, District 4
Billy Mosteller, District 3

Minutes of the Lancaster County Council Public Safety Committee Meeting

101 N. Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720

Monday, April 10, 2017

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Council Members present were Brian Carnes and Larry Honeycutt. Billy Mosteller was absent. Also present were John Weaver, Steve Willis, Kimberly Hill, Sherrie Simpson and various Department Heads. A quorum of the Lancaster County Public Safety Committee was present for the meeting.

The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, *Fort Mill Times*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local Government Channel. The agenda was also posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and on the county website for the required length of time.

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Carnes called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Approval of the agenda

Larry Honeycutt moved to approve the agenda. Passed by a vote of 2-0.

Citizens Comments

There were no citizens that came forward for comments.

Approval of Minutes

Larry Honeycutt moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting. Passed by a vote of 2-0.

Discussion / Action Items

Heath Springs Law Enforcement Services update.

Steve Willis explained that the town of Heath Springs is not renewing their contract for law enforcement services with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated that the change is due to budgetary and financial considerations and it abides by the Attorney General's opinion for law enforcement services. Steve Willis stated that he notified the town of Heath Springs that the Sheriff's Department cannot enforce municipal ordinances since they no longer have a contract for services.

Potential donation of land to Indian Land Fire Department.

Steve Willis explained that Lancaster County has land that was originally donated to the County for an Indian Land recycling site. He stated the land was not used for that purpose and that the Indian Land Fire Department would like to have the land donated to their Department. They would use the property to expand their training facility. The Parks and Recreation Commission will review and decide on another potential piece of property to be donated to the Indian Land Fire Department.

Larry Honeycutt moved that the donation of the land to the Indian Land Fire Department should be forwarded to full council with a favorable recommendation from the Public Safety Committee. Passed by a vote of 2-0.

Steve Willis noted that the donation of land to the Indian Land Fire Department will require an ordinance when it comes before full Council, which may require some additional time to prepare.

Potential use of excess EMS billing to build EMS station.

Steve Willis explained that the Public Safety Committee has discussed using the excess EMS billing money to build the Indian Land EMS station; however, the EMS billing needs to be audited. Some of the funds may have to be refunded to Medicare due to overbilling from a computer error. Therefore, Kimberly Hill would like to wait until after the audit to reserve

any of the excess money in order to determine the exact amount that would be available to use to build the EMS station.

Brian Carnes asked if a budget amendment ordinance would be required to reserve those funds for building an EMS station. Kimberly Hill stated that no budget amendment ordinance would be required to reserve funds.

Steve Willis stated that Sun City is having problems with door to door soliciting. He provided a handout attached as Schedule A. He stated that he will research possible ordinances regarding solicitation in neighborhoods and report back to the Public Safety Committee next month. Also, at the next Committee meeting, Kimberly Hill will review the Development Agreement funds and Larry Honeycutt would like a discussion about the STAR team. Also, the fire study by Steve Knight from Fish and Company regarding the future needs for fire services for Lancaster County will be reviewed.

Adjournment

Larry Honeycutt moved to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting. Passed by a vote of 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by the Public Safety Committee

Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council

Brian Carnes, Chairman

Agenda Item Summary

Ordinance # / Resolution#:	Discussion Item
Contact Person / Sponsor:	Barry Faile
Department:	Sheriff
Date Requested to be on Agenda:	May Public Safety Committee

Issue for Consideration:

Potential acquisition of automated message board with radar speed indications and automated license plate reader capability.

Points to Consider:

The units would help in high traffic areas in the panhandle where resources are already stretched thin.

The units can help with community messages, such as AMBER Alerts, SILVER Alerts, crime watch meetings, etc.

The units can assist in traffic control with variable messages depending upon the speed of the vehicle. It is far more than a single speed display device.

The automated license plate reader technology can help identify vehicles in the area if a crime is committed.

Funding and Liability Factors:

Approximately \$51,000 each, tax included.

Sheriff Faile proposes using these in the panhandle and acquiring them from the panhandle public safety funds.

Council Options:

Approve or deny the acquisition.

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend acquisition.

Committee Recommendation:

To be determined.

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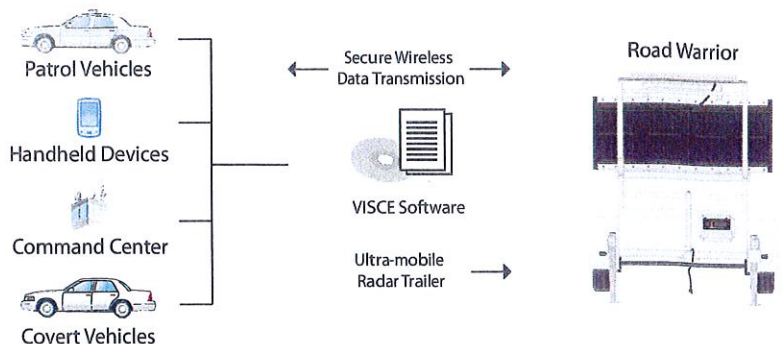
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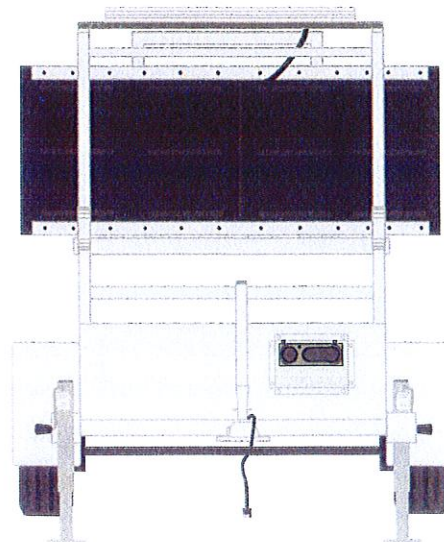
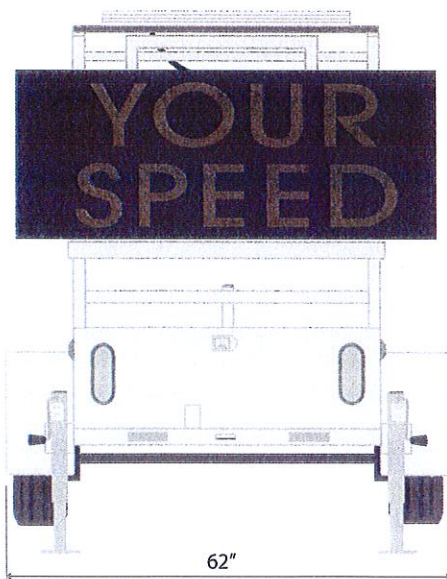
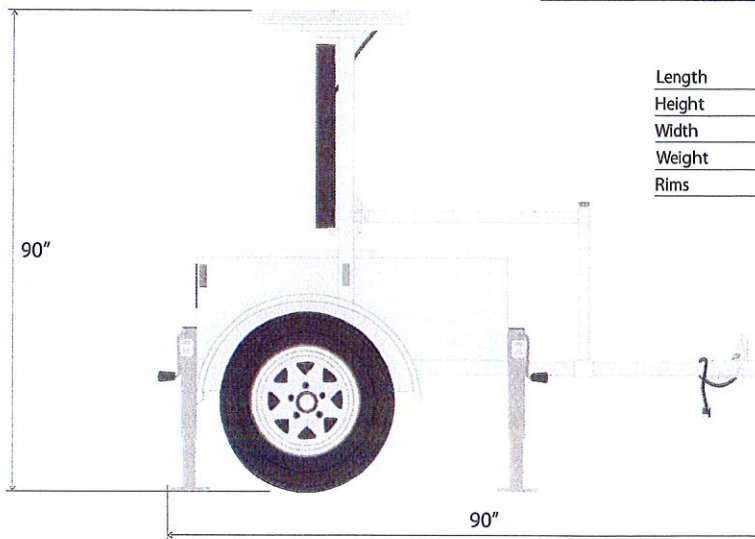
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Peddlers Ordinance from Berkley County

Sec. 12-26. - General prohibitions.

No peddler shall:

- (1) Enter upon a subdivision or private property where the property has clearly posted a visible sign indicating a prohibition against peddling, soliciting and/or canvassing.
- (2) Remain upon any private property where a notice in the form of a sign or sticker is placed upon any door or entrance way leading into the residence or dwelling indicating a prohibition against peddling, soliciting and/or canvassing.
- (3) Refuse to leave a subdivision or private property after having been notified by the owner or occupant thereof, or his agent, to leave the premises and not return.
- (4) Engage in the business of peddling within the county between the hours of one-half hour before sunset and 9:00 a.m. the following morning, or at any time on Sundays, except by specific appointment with or invitation from the prospective customer.

(Ord. No. 15-09-39, § 6, 9-28-2015)

Sec. 12-29. - Exemptions.

This chapter shall not apply to:

- (1) Vendors of perishable agricultural produce;
- (2) Solicitations, sales or distributions made by political, charitable, educational or religious organizations;
- (3) Vendors within an officially designated festival area accessible only by pedestrian traffic and managed and organized by a charitable or civic not-for-profit organization during festivals or occasions recognized by county council.

(Ord. No. 15-09-39, § 9, 9-28-2015)

Agenda Item Summary

Ordinance # / Resolution#:

Contact Person / Sponsor: Kimberly Hill

Department: Finance

Date Requested to be on Agenda: Administration Committee May 9, 2017

Issue for Consideration:

Review of Development Agreement funds received and expended.

Points to Consider:

This money is kept in a separate fund per the language of the development agreements themselves. All money expended has to be approved by a majority of County Council through three readings of either the budget ordinance or a budget amendment ordinance.

The items that have already been funded are included in the following attachment along with the monies received.

Funding and Liability Factors:

This money must be spent within the panhandle area of the county on Public Safety.

Council Options:

This is simply for information only.

Recommendation:

No recommendation is necessary.

Funds received:

Development	Date Deposited	Amount Received
Bent Creek	July 28, 2015	\$250,000
Reserve at Barber Rock	October 1, 2015	\$52,000
Barber Rock South	October 1, 2015	\$125,000
Preserve at Tree Tops	December 15, 2015	\$835,000
Covington	December 29, 2015	\$330,000
Avondale	February 14, 2017	\$730,000
	Total	\$2,322,000

Expenditures Approved/Pending:

Department	Item	Amount
Sheriff's Office	Rifles for IL substation	\$11,138
Pleasant Valley & Indian Land Fire	Pumper Tankers	\$403,899
Communications	Communications system—radio towers in North end	\$234,690
	Total	\$649,727

Money remaining: \$1,672,273

Public Safety Fund Recommendations

Revenue Assumption

Current fund balance: \$1,671,647

Expense recommendations

1. Up to \$200,000 for Indian Land and Pleasant Valley equipment for pumper tankers. With the caveat that this funding should have been requested when the trucks were ordered rather than coming back for more money, I would note that we have already committed over \$400,000 in Panhandle public safety funding in the acquisition of these trucks. We have a significant investment already in these trucks and it makes no sense not to fully equip them so they can serve the panhandle area.
2. Up to \$1,400,000 to replace EMS Station 4. Council has indicated that it just makes sense to relocate this station, both from a response standpoint (it should be further north) and given the development interest in the current location of EMS 4 and the Recreation Center. The new station should be constructed so that it can house 3 component units: EMS 4 (current ambulance for northern panhandle), EMS 9 (new ambulance in 2019 to handle population growth in the northern panhandle), and the north end Supervisor in a Quick Response Vehicle. This station will need to be larger than the normal EMS station.
3. Up to \$51,000 for a message board/ automated plate reader unit. The proposed unit can display Silver Alerts, crime watch meetings, speeding messages (built in stationary radar unit), as well as record license plates for comparison should a crime occur in the area. I would note that on this piece of equipment it could easily be moved to be used in an area outside the panhandle.

This will leave approximately \$20,000 in funding available. It could be more depending upon the actual amounts spent.

This leaves unfunded the request (amount unspecified) for assistance with a fire station for Charlotte Road/ Van Wyck. My reason for not supporting this expenditure is that I just went through a request to financially participate in funding a station addition at Rich Hill. Council was quite clear that while they recognize that we will one day be funding fire station improvements, that day is not here yet. I don't know of anything that has changed in the few short months when we discussed the Rich Hill station.

I would note that it has been suggested that we allocate General Fund surplus to the EMS Station and free up some public safety money for Charlotte Road Van Wyck. If Council has changed their mind and decided the day we are supporting fire stations in Lancaster County is here we could certainly provide financial assistance from the General Fund.

This would bring up another question to answer if Council has determined the day is here for us to begin funding fire stations. Is it the will of Council that these stations would be county property and merely operated by the departments or that we provide funding to the stations and they own and operate the stations as they do today? I think the preferable answer is that fire stations become county property but that of course that decision rests with Council.