

The Public Safety Committee met Thursday September 5, 2024 in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse.

Minutes taken by Teresa Boehm

Call to order by Tad Mayhall at 7:30 p.m. Boehm, Cole, Mayhall, and Ross present. Martz, Morse, and Edwards absent.

-Motion to approve minutes from July 3, 2024. Motion made by Boehm, second by Cole. Passed 4-0.

-Public Body Comment-Questions about the new animal control truck were asked. Discussion was had about the truck still being fitted with necessary upgrades and the old truck was still being used. There was also a comment that there was discussion on advertising bids for a new truck and keeping the old truck as a backup/secondary truck.

-Item 5, Sheriff Department Updates. The sheriff updated the window project. The process is moving along quickly, within budget, and is on or slightly ahead of schedule. He mentioned that negotiations for the FOP contract haven't moved anywhere due to lack of board member participation. It was discussed that when he needed a board member present for discussion, to call Mr. Mayhall and he would ensure someone would be present.

-Item 6, Animal Control Updates. Updates provided via email.

Item 7, Dive Team Updates. Mr. Pritchard stated that training was ongoing and that the team had a couple of new additional applications for membership.

-Item 8, EMA update. Mr. McKee provided information regarding the purchase of a drone for the county, with a desire to purchase it with ARPA funds. Features and specifications for the drone (UVT M30T) were discussed and how it could help multiple agencies (sheriff, dive, rescue). The cost would be a little over \$15,000. There was also discussion about an emergency response system for all emergency response organizations in the county called lamResponding. A subscription would be for 5 years for \$33,803 with a request to pay through ARPA funds. The service would be used in conjunction with Active 911 and the 5 years would allow for the county organizations to determine the long-term use of the system as well as integrate with the area 911 system. Another system and website, TextMyGov, was discussed to replace the current notification system. TextMyGov would be useable by all county departments to provide timely updates for emergencies, as well as useful to announce voting updates and property tax reminders. The system also allows for isolated updates in the event of an emergency and a location on a map can be chosen to send the text to any phone in that area, whether the phone belongs to a local individual or someone visiting from out of the area. Questions were had about the contract renewal process and confirmation that there was not an automatic renewal clause that would require the county to renew. Mr. McKee would verify that portion of the contract and have information to provide at the regular board meeting.

-Items 9-10, No old business, new business.

Motion to adjourn by Cole, second by Boehm. Passed 4-0. Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.