

Law Enforcement Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Courthouse – 2nd Floor

Present: Gary Walsh, Mary Ann Baker, Beverly Atwood, Shane Burton, Rick Davis, Richard Johnson, Steve Whittaker and Mayor Stephen Chambers.

Absent: Dwight Jewell, Rachel Jones, Amber Russell and Lonnie Taylor.

Others Present: Chris Gregory, Branden Bellar and Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron.

Vice Chairman Gary Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Secretary Baker conducted a roll call.

Approval of Minutes

Richard Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2021 meeting, seconded by Steve Whittaker.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

- A. MOE School Resource Officers – Mayor Chamber advised this is a memorandum of understand between the Sheriff’s Department and the School System. Branden Bellar advised that it is a work in progress and they had started on a very comprehensive one last year and the council for the school system was in Memphis and they hope to have it completed soon.

New Business

- A. Appoint Subcommittee to review Title 11 of the Municipal Code. – Mayor Chambers advised that some of the ordinances were overwritten by state statute. The committee would be made up of the Mayor, County Attorney, Sheriff and a member of this committee (Gary Walsh). After some discussion Shane Burton made a motion to include Wayland Cothron in this committee, seconded by Beverly Atwood.

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- B. Criminal Justice Proposal – Jim Hart, Jail Management Consultant with the County Technical Assistant Service had completed a needs assessment for the Trousdale County Jail which was presented to members for review. The proposed facility included 105 beds consisting of 89 male beds and 12 female beds. With that size of facility inmates with special/medical needs, work programs could be separated as needed.

The Criminal Justice Committee highly recommended including court facilities, attorney/client meeting and criminal clerk facilities in this new facility.

Mayor Chambers advised that the next step in this process would be to issue a request for qualification in an engineering firm to look at this project to get a cost.

Members discussed female beds being too low, engineering costs and property needing to be purchased for this facility. Also discussed were options to pay for the facility such as using Core Civic administrative fees, perhaps a wheel tax, etc. However, must be cautious with counting on State Inmates as a source of revenue as they can be moved at any time.

- C. Other – None

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Richard Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Beverly Atwood and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by

Mary Ann Baker

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