

# Lancaster County Council Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

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

1. **Call to Order – Committee Chair Steve Harper** **8:00 a.m.**
2. **Approval of the agenda** *[deletions and additions of non-substantive matters]*
3. **Minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting – pgs.2-5**
4. **Citizens Comments**
5. **Discussion / Action Items**
  - a. Sheriff's Office Body Camera Grant. *Sheriff Faile – pgs. 6-7*
  - b. Update on Fire Truck purchases. *Darren Player – pg. 8*
6. **Adjournment**

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Members of Lancaster County Council  
Public Safety Committee

*Steve Harper District 5, Chairman*  
*Bob Bundy, District 3*  
*Larry McCullough, District 1*

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## **Minutes of the Lancaster County Council Public Safety Committee Meeting**

101 N. Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Council Members present were Steve Harper and Larry McCullough. Councilman Bob Bundy was absent. Also present was Steve Willis, Debbie Hardin, John Weaver, various Department Heads and spectators. A quorum of the Lancaster County Public Safety Committee was present for the meeting.

The following press was 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 the required length of time and on the county website.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Steve Harper called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### **Approval of the agenda**

Larry McCullough moved to approve the agenda as written. Passed 2-0.

### **Minutes of the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting**

Larry McCullough moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting. Passed 2-0.

### **Citizens Comments**

There were no citizens that spoke.

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Discussion / Action Items

*Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Rich Hill and McDonald Green*

Darren Player stated that this Assistance to Firefighters grants for Rich Hill and McDonald Green have the recommendation of the Fire Commission. The McDonald Green grant is regional covering itself, Bell Town and Gooch's for the purchase of 800 MHz radios consistent with the purchases to be made by Lancaster County in the new Radio System Project. The Rich Hill Fire department grant was for the purchase of a breathing air compressor system. Both grants require a 5% grant match as follows:

McDonald Green – grant match \$5,524 (Total grant \$116,005 with a Federal share of \$110,481)

Rich Hill – grant match \$1,190 (Total grant \$24,996 with a Federal share of \$23,806)

Larry McCullough moved to recommend approval of the grant applications. Passed 2-0.

Councilman McCullough also suggested that the Fire Service carve out a 5-year plan.

*Sheriff's COPS grant*

Major Matt Shaw reported that the Sheriff has applied for a Community Oriented Policing grant (COPS) that would be for two deputies in the patrol district 2 as community officers. This would be a three (3) year grant. Lancaster County would assume all cost as the conclusion of the grant period. Year 1, local funding would be \$19,495. Year 2 would be 45% more and in year 3, it would be \$77,980.

Larry McCullough requested that other cost such as vehicles, training, etc., (total cost of impact) be included in grant information to Council in the future. He further suggested that there be measures in place that would indicate successes/failures of the program.

Larry McCullough moved to endorse with a positive recommendation to Council. Passed 2-0.

*Sheriff's Office JAG Grant*

Major Matt Shaw, reported that the annual Federal Justice Assistance grant for 2016 is a formula driven, non-competitive 100% grant through the Justice Department. The total grant

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award is \$22,107 and the items to be procured include laptop computers, simuniton, SWAT training and crime scene cameras.

Larry McCullough moved to endorse with a positive recommendation to Council. Passed 2-0.

*Taxahaw Radio Tower site*

Chris Nunnery reported the item for consideration is a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of land for a radio tower in Taxahaw. This would be a voluntary sale by the property owner for five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for the one (1) acre site.

Steve Willis stated that the requirement for a land appraisal and environmental Phase 1 report are waived since this will only be used as a tower site.

Council committee members agreed to the waving of the environmental phase 1 study and requested that the assessor's office provide information as to the appraisal of the property.

Larry McCullough moved to endorse with a positive recommendation to Council. Passed 2-0.

**Executive Session**

Larry McCullough moved to go into Executive Session to hear discussion incident to a proposed contractual arrangement. Passed 2-0.

Larry McCullough moved to come out of Executive Session. Passed 2-0.

John Weaver noted that during the course of Executive Session there were no votes taken and no motions made.

There were no motions forthcoming from Executive Session.

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**Adjournment**

Larry McCullough moved to adjourn. Passed 2-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by the Public Safety Committee

Debbie Hardin  
Clerk to Council

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Steve Harper, Chairman

## Agenda Item Summary

Ordinance # / Resolution#: Discussion Item - Grant  
Contact Person / Sponsor: Barry Faile/ Steve Willis  
Department: Sheriff/ Admin  
Date Requested to be on Agenda: August Public Safety meeting  
August 22, 2016 Council meeting

**Issue for Consideration:**

Body camera grant from the state.

**Points to Consider:**

The Department of Public Safety has offered a \$186,267 grant to cover the initial cost of providing our deputies with body cameras.

As Council is aware, these are required under state law when the state provides funding.

The amount is almost the entire amount requested (see below). Staff also has concerns with future funding.

**Funding and Liability Factors:**

The grant is \$11,980 short of the needed amount. We will have to make up that difference locally.

The grant covers one time costs for the start-up as well as recurring costs. Those are mainly for data storage as well as an employee to archive the huge amount of data and handle segments needed for court or FOIA requests.

There may well be future state funding for this activity but given the legislatures track record ranging from education funding to the Local Government Fund we would be prudent to plan for local dollars funding future expenses.

Sheriff Faile will present information regarding ongoing operational and maintenance costs at the meeting.

**Council Options:**

Approve or reject the grant.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve – plan for local funding future costs while hoping the state may actually come through with funding.

**Committee Recommendation:**

To be determined.



## South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs

July 19, 2016

Sheriff Barry S. Faile  
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office  
P.O. Box 908  
Lancaster, SC 29721

Dear Sheriff Faile:

On behalf of the SC Public Safety Coordinating Council and the SC Department of Public Safety (SCDPS), I am pleased to announce that your agency will be receiving funding for the purchase of body-worn cameras and associated maintenance and storage in the amount of **\$186,267**.

This funding is being provided pursuant to SC Code of Laws §23-1-240 and may be applied to the initial purchase of equipment, storage, and/or maintenance; as reimbursement for such items purchased by your agency on or subsequent to July 1, 2012; or a combination of both as indicated in your agency's Request for Financial Support (Body-Worn Cameras) document submission.

In the near future, your agency will receive an official Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) Cash Award document with accompanying conditions governing the use of the funds. In order to receive your award check, you will need to sign the BWC Cash Award document, which, by so doing, also affirms your understanding of and agreement to abide by the conditions for receiving this award, and return the document to the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs within thirty days of receipt.

**For those agencies that will receive funding for initial purchase of hardware, storage, and/or maintenance, please do not expend funds until you receive your BWC Cash Award document. You may choose to wait to expend funds until your agency receives its BWC Cash Award check, which will be subsequent to the receipt of the BWC Cash Award document.**

Congratulations on receiving this award. Should you have any questions, please contact :sitate to contact Mr. Craig Luccy of our office at 803-896-7789, or by e-mail at [craiglucy@scdps.gov](mailto:craiglucy@scdps.gov).

Sincerely,

Phil Riley  
Director

cc: Craig Luccy  
Joyce McCarty  
Ed Harmon

## Agenda Item Summary

Ordinance # / Resolution#:

Contact Person / Sponsor: Darren Player; Chief Leonard Sims (Rich Hill FD)

Department: Fire Commission

Date Requested to be on Agenda: August 9, 2016

**Issue for Consideration:** Building addition for Rich Hill Fire Department and the use of funds from fire apparatus sale (up to \$250,000). Verbal update and fire department perspective.

**Points to Consider:** The new fire apparatus purchase is proceeding. Folios are being prepared on each piece of used apparatus that will be sold once council approves the sale. Rich Hill Fire Department requested funds for a station addition rather than having apparatus purchased for the station. The Fire Commission presented the purchase plan to County Council with this request in mind and this has also been presented to the Public Safety Committee on several occasions during the previous budget year.

**Funding and Liability Factors:** Funding considerations would be based on the amount of money accrued from the sale of the used decommissioned fire apparatus. Liability would be tied to the funding on the county's behalf and legal considerations to attain that funding on the Rich Hill Fire Departments part.

**Council Options:** Fund Rich Hill Fire Department's request based on the Fire Commission's recommendation or Council could choose to not fund the request.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommendation is that the Fire Commission recommendation be followed and the process continue as staff further explores projected pricing on the used apparatus.