

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WORKSHOP
JANUARY 18, 2011
3:00 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a Workshop on the above date at 3:00 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, David R. Sandifer Administration Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice-Chairman
 Commissioner J. Marty Cooke
 Commissioner Charles Warren
 Commissioner Scott Phillips
 Commissioner William Sue, Chairman

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
 Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
 Huey Marshall, County Attorney
 Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
 Ann Hardy, Fiscal Operations Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sue called the Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced that the purpose of the Workshop was to receive information regarding the Emergency/Public Safety Radio System and Performance Bonds for Private Development Infrastructure Projects and any other matter that might arise.

II. EMERGENCY/PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM

Anthony Marzano, EMS Director, presented a power point presentation providing an overview of the current radio system and its challenges. Mr. Marzano discussed radio system options, and gave recommendations for future radio communications and implementation costs. There was discussion involving minimal options with the current trunked radio system and the need to focus on another radio system solution in switching to the NC VIPER System, the only option meeting the strategic needs of Brunswick County's public safety users in a cost-effective way without using funds from Fund Balance.

Staff discussed possible funding sources that included the following:

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| 911 Fund Balance | \$350,000 |
| General Fund Contingency | \$223,000 |
| General Fund Emergency Contingency | \$100,000 |
| Capital Reserve Fund Designated for Natural Disasters | \$253,850 |
| Capital Reserve Fund Designated for Administration Courthouse/Parking | \$350,000 |
| Capital Reserve Fund Designated for Highway 211 Property Master Plan | \$170,000 |
| Capital Reserve Fund Designated for Affordable Housing Program | \$ 36,600 |
| Estimate Amount of Pending Port Security Grant | \$475,000 |
| Cumulative Total | \$1,958,450 |

There was discussion regarding “phasing-in” county fire departments to the VIPER system after funding sources, such as grant funds are successful.

Chairman Sue moved to move forward with the acquisition of the Viper system, expending the \$1.2 million to take care of the EMS/Sheriff’s Department and spend \$250,000 for tower upgrades and ask staff for recommendations for expending the other \$500,000 on a priority basis the associated budget amendment up to \$2 million. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Staff was directed to discuss transition priorities, training and grant options with the county fire departments and municipalities and give recommendations from these meetings.

Ms. Hardy informed that until an award letter from the Port Security Grant is received we would not be able to expend or appropriate those funds and this will be brought back when received.

Chairman Sue called a 5-minute break at 5:09 p.m. and called the workshop back to order at 5:15 p.m.

III. PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Jerry Pierce, Utility Operations Director, presented a power point presentation of Subdivision Financial Guarantees discussing present procedures and gave options of other means of financial guarantees. There was discussion regarding current private development procedures addressed in the Unified Development Ordinance.

Staff was directed to offer recommendations that will protect the county’s interest regarding performance bond requirements for private developers and how to possibly regulate these bonding companies.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

There was no other business to discuss.

Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn the workshop at 5:50 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

William M. Sue, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board