

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Johnson, Kane, Markley, Philbrook; and BPU Board Member Jeff Bryant. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell, Joe Connor and Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrators; Wilba Miller, Director of Community Development; Matt May, Emergency Management Director; Lideana LaBoy, Traffic Engineer; Susan Alig, Attorney; and Doug Bailey, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Approval of standing committee minutes from October 24, 2016. **On motion of Commissioner Markley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda

**Item No. 1 – 16934... RESOLUTION: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR
OPERATION GREEN LIGHT**

Synopsis: A resolution for a two-year extension of the interlocal agreement with MARC for funding operations of Operation Green Light Traffic Controls System, submitted by Susan Alig, Legal.

Lideana LaBoy, Traffic Engineer, said Operation Green Light provides service to the entire metro area to signalize traffic signals and coordinate it for particular corridors going through jurisdictions. For our particular case, we had about 64 traffic signals that they manage and operate on an ongoing basis. Their agreements are renewed every three years. We have a new agreement to renew their services. Each of the intersections cost about \$1,600 per intersection to

manage every year. The city pays about half of them; the other 50% is funded by further funding through MARC. This is to renew the agreement for the 2017 and 2018.

Acton: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bryant, Philbrook, Markley, Kane, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 17002... PROPOSED REVISIONS: COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN - ESF 15

Synopsis: Request approval of proposed revisions to Section 15 - External Affairs/ Emergency Public Information of Wyandotte County's Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP), submitted by Matt May, Emergency Management Director.

Matt May, Emergency Management Director, said it's our usual compliment of parts of our County Emergency Operations Plan, but I do want to start by introducing somebody new to you. As you guys know, Mike Baughman retired out. In the meantime, I've asked Jackie Miller to come in as a contractor to help finish working on this plan while we get that position filled. Jackie had worked for the State Emergency Management Office. She has a history in public safety as a highway patrolman and lots of other great experience that would really help us. Bottom line is, I wanted to introduce you to Jackie so that you knew who she is.

She has worked already and made some major changes in these plans for us in format and style so you may see a little difference there, but mostly she's been doing great work on the content. If you see her, that's why. She's involved in the process.

ESF 15 is the Public Communications part of it. Again, I apologize for giving you the marked up version. I know it's challenging to read. I highly recommend you look at the soft copy and switch it over to final version. I have either in hard copy if you want to look at the final version. This one is one of the relatively shorter ones.

I think the biggest change—I can blame Jackie for this, we've got probably a better looking format in the back to make it easier to read, but it did make for a lot more markup in the documents.

Chairman Bynum said I wanted to say I did notice. It's cleaner especially against the previous documents so I did actually appreciate that a great deal. Not that all phases of an emergency wouldn't be important to me, but this one is the most interesting to me because this is the piece of how do we communicate with our citizens, what is going on and how do we communicate with each other. I just wanted to comment that I appreciate the cleaner version.

Mr. May said I completely agree with you. I think ESF 15 is where the fight is won and lost with the public without a doubt. We want them to stay informed because we're doing good work but lots of time we don't express it very well. By we, I mean the big picture, all of us are so I appreciate that.

Chairman Bynum said I just have one comment to consider. Among all of your support agencies and partners, we don't want to forget communication directly to the neighborhoods. I don't know that, for example, Livable Neighborhoods needs to be a piece of that, but I would just ask that we are always making sure that there's a mechanism for direct communication especially with neighborhoods that are affected.

Mr. May said absolutely. I've worked with them already. I work with them currently to try to get out and meet at their meetings. I'm going to do that more. I haven't been able to do as much this year as I wanted to but I have been working with them. I am also aware that they have input into a lot of different newsletters and we are going to do more of that as well.

I'm trying right now to bring on an intern who's going to do nothing but social media and also help write content. My challenge has been finding time to actually craft those pieces. He's going to try and work on that. He'll give me pieces that will be both article sized, Facebook sized and Twitter sized. It's really challenging sometimes to take a concept and narrow it down to 140 characters which is what he has been tasked with. I absolutely appreciate your comments. That's very good.

Commissioner Philbrook said I really do appreciate your comment, Commissioner Bynum, because really our organized folks out there with boots on the ground, which are our citizens themselves, do need to be apprised of a lot of these things and be brought into Emergency Management. **Mr. May** said as we speak, they are gathering downstairs. We are having a joint

meeting between our CERT team and our RACES team which are our two major volunteer groups. We're going to talk about their role in the EOC and do some training on this.

Commissioner Philbrook said see I knew you were ahead of us. **Mr. May** said I'm trying. **Commissioner Philbrook** said and you're doing a mighty fine job. I also really do enjoy the ease of being able to sort out on this document versus some of our others. **Mr. May** said it does no good if you don't look at it. I'm trying to make that as easy as possible. **Commissioner Philbrook** said some of it is what you would call visual confusion and this is not. **Mr. May** said good, I'm glad we're doing good. We'll continue to try and make that better. In fact, we'll probably go back to the previous documents and make these format changes. Just the readability of the document should be better throughout. When you see it comes spring or summer, by the time we get it done, it will be there throughout. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I'll probably have to take a vacation to read it. **Mr. May** said it would be great bedside reading for the insomniac.

Chairman Bynum said a question from me to administration. I know we're voting, but we are going to wrap this whole thing up into one document and vote again. Is that what we're doing? **Mr. May** said my intention is to have you approve these in segments with the idea that when I bring you back the entire document, the only piece you'll really have to look at is the base plan, which is an overarching document for all of these, and any minor changes that we've made along the way which will be very easy because it won't be this huge, ugly markup.

Acton: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bryant, Philbrook, Markley, Kane, Johnson, Bynum.

Adjourn

Chairman Bynum adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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