

The Public Safety Committee met Thursday April 3, 2025 in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse.

Minutes taken by Tad Mayhall

Call to order by Tad Mayhall at 6:00 p.m. Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Mayhall, Price, Ross and Grant.

-Motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2025. Motion made by Gregg, second by Grant. Passed 7-0.

-Public Body Comment-No comments

-Item 5-Discuss and vote to send to the full board the Public Safety Training Foundation Agreement. Motion by Ross, second by Cole. Mr. Pritchard discussed the features of the facility and the opportunities for dive and rescue to benefit from the facility. It was noted that there is no cost to use the facility as well. Discussion was had about the use of certification training, and it was suggested that the foundation be called to ensure that it can take place. Motion passed 7-0.

Item 6-Sheriff Department Updates. Clock parts are in and will be installed soon, and the sheriff is looking at LED lights for the clock. The DECO grant was extended until May 2026. Performance Services have conducted air quality and moisture tests and results are pending, and a water intrusion test is scheduled soon. The sheriff also entered into a dedicated patrol contract with the Village of Tower Hill for 12 hours a month at \$65 per hour.

-Item 7, Animal Control Updates. Updates provided via email.

Item 8-Dive Team Updates. Mr. Pritchard stated that the new dive team truck is in, and they are waiting for paperwork from the dealership. In addition, the Argo and the tracks are also in, awaiting assembly, and they have the new trailer. They have training upcoming for sonar and video use.

Item 9-Rescue Squad Updates. The squad ran 6 calls in February and March. They had one training session and two meetings and trained on the new side-by-side, stabilization and after-action reports. They also have some vehicles to surplus.

-Item 10-EMA update. Mr. McKee updated that IPAWS is working as expected and it was used a few times during the recent severe weather events. He has partnered with the Red Cross in a smoke alarm program to provide free smoke alarms and installation by local fire departments. He is also coordinating with the FAA to complete part 107 training for the county to be able to use our recently purchased drone.

-Item 11-Old Business. Mayhall provided an update on the PCOM position. A recent Zoom meeting took place with IDOT officials, they recommended changing the pay for the position to an hourly wage range of \$28.59-\$35.00 per hour, with the expectation that the position could be 20-30 hours per week, and possibly more in the early stages due to the program needs being brought up to standards. IDOT also recommended seeking candidates with strong writing and organizational skills. The job listing and description have been edited accordingly.

-Item 12- No new business.

Motion to adjourn by Gregg, second by Cole. Passed 7-0. Adjourned at 6:29 p.m.