

**Minutes**  
**Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, March 1, 2019**  
**1:00pm**

The Committee met on the above date for a Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting at 1:00pm in the large conference room at the Heckle Complex, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. The following members were present: Council member Britt Blackwell, Council member Joel Hamilton and Council member Robert Winkler. Also present were County Manager, Bill Shanahan, Assistant County Manager, Andy Merriman, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, Finance Director, Kevin Madden, Sheriff, Kevin Tolson and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting was called to order by Council member Britt Blackwell

**Summary and Actions:**

1. Discussion was held regarding Riverview Firemen's request to become County employees.
  - a. Andy Merriman, Assistant County Manager explained that geographically the fire department has a number of challenges, annexation issues with Rock Hill, Tega Cay and some of Fort Mill. Mr. Merriman also explained that Riverview reached out to the County requesting that the County make their firefighters county employees. Mr. Merriman stated that it may become a problem to have full time county employees reporting to a volunteer chief so his recommendation was to hire a full time chief and put the request in the budget. After Council's approval of the full time chief position, staff could move forward with advertising for the additional positions.
2. An update was provided on the volunteer fire departments.
  - a. Amanda Foster, Fire Services Director and Andy Merriman, Assistant County Manager provided the Committee with a spreadsheet of each fire department, number of calls in 2018 and how many active members. Ms. Foster stated that she is looking into a recruitment and retention schedule with the fire departments.
3. Discussion was held regarding the booking center need and timetable.
  - a. Sheriff Kevin Tolson explained that the need for an additional booking center/jail on the eastern side of the county has increased drastically.

Sheriff Tolson stated that with Rock Hill and Fort Mill closing their jails all the inmates from those facilities will be transported to the Moss Justice Center in York, which will double the County's intake. The City of Rock Hill has expressed to Sheriff Tolson that they would be willing to contribute money to an eastern side booking center, if this is the route that the County chooses to go.

- b. The Committee members asked for additional information to be provided to staff and Council within the next 4 weeks.
  - i. Purchase prices for land and building with at least 2 options of a new facility as opposed to an expansion of the current location at MJC.
4. Discussion was held regarding changing the name of the Zoning Committee to the Planning and Zoning Committee and changing the name of the Planning & Economic Development Committee to the Economic Development Committee.
  - a. County Attorney, Michael Kendree reported that this amendment is already in process, which is a small component of a much larger ordinance modification.