

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Safety

*Jim Burn, Chair; John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Vince Gastgeb, Chuck Martoni, and
William Robinson - Members*

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:09.*

Invited Guests:

Mark Flaherty, County Controller or Designee

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Charles Moffatt, Superintendent, County Police or Designee

Bob Full, Director, Emergency Management or Designee

Summary: *Chief Full, Mr. Flynn.*

II. Roll Call

Summary: *Committee Members present: Council Members Burn, Drozd and Gastgeb.*

Non-Committee Members present: Council Members Cleary and Macey.

Staff Present: Mr. Barker and Mr. Catanese.

III. Approval of Minutes

2834-06 Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2006 & October 25, 2006 Public Safety Committee Meetings.

Summary: *Mr. Gastgeb moved to approve, Mr. Drozd seconded, and the motion was passed by voice vote.*

IV. Agenda Items**Discussion Topic:****Allegheny County 911 System**

Summary: *The Chair noted that he called the meeting to get an update on where the County's 911 system is after the alleged malfunction and to see if any issues still remain.*

Chief Full described the nature of the 911 issue in detail, and noted that it occurred as a result of one system feature being disabled during routine maintenance of the system's switch equipment performed by the telephone carrier (Embark). Chief Full noted that, since the feature has been re-enabled, the system has functioned flawlessly.

The Chair indicated that all of his questions had already been answered.

In response to a question from Mr. Gastgeb, Chief Full described how the current backup call center is staffed and the process he employed in evaluating the possibility of using a "live" backup center. He then indicated that, although the options available with regard to specific facilities were not cost-effective enough to justify, the County will be receiving a mobile command center in March that can function as a 911 call center from literally anywhere via satellite.

Mr. Gastgeb indicated that he was satisfied with this answer.

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 6:01.*

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Vince Gastgeb, and Jim Burn
Absent: John DeFazio, Chuck Martoni, and William Robinson