



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
1:05 PM

PRESENT:

**Commissioners Francine Scott, Chair, Commissioner Stacy Pulliam, Member
Commissioner Catherine Rice, Member**

ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Garrett, Member

1. Motion to **approve** allocating **\$13,500** from General Fund Contingency to the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) budget to support operational and compliance needs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Pulliam and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 3-0

2. Motion to approve acceptance of the awarded \$67,500 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, to be used to update the Augusta-Richmond County Multi- Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The total approved cost is \$67,500 with a federal share of \$50,625, a state share of \$6,750, a local share of \$10,125, and Subrecipient Management cost of \$3,310.05.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Pulliam and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 3-0

3. **Discuss Barton Chapel Village's** ongoing safety issues described as a constant disruption of the peace — repeated gunfire, loud music, physical fights, and activity that resembles open drug trafficking. **(Requested by Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly)**

Received as information without objection.

4. Motion to approve the award of RFP 26-154 EMS Medical Director Services for the Augusta Fire Department to Wellstar/MCG in the annual amount of \$41,860. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to extend for three (3) additional one-year terms.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Pulliam and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 3-0

- 5. Addressing Homelessness in South Augusta. (Requested by Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly)**

Received as information without objection.

- 6. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Public Safety Committee meeting.**
Motion to approve

Motion made by Pulliam and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 3-0

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