

SPECIAL MEEETING
 JUNE 25, 2007
 4:30 P.M.

THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME FOR A SPECIAL MEETING. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE IN MAYO, FLORIDA. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: COMMISSIONER CHARLES DRIVER, DIST. 1; COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. PRIDGEON, DIST. 2; COMMISSIONER DONNIE HAMLIN, DIST. 3; COMMISSIONER T. JACK BYRD, DIST. 4; AND THE BOARD ATTORNEY LEENETTE McMILLAN.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS A DRUG INVENTORY DISCREPANCY AT THE EMS STATION. THE DISCREPANCY WAS FOUND THIS MORNING BY PARAMEDIC TAMMY JO HEMPSTEAD AND REPORTED TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE BOARD QUESTIONED JOHN BELL, EMS DIRECTOR, ABOUT THE DISCREPANCY. MR. BELL SAID THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ERROR ON ONE OF THE ORDERS THAT THE EMS SERVICE HAD FOR MORPHINE WHICH RESULTED IN A SUPPLY THAT WAS TOO LARGE. HE ALSO WAS AWARE THAT THE SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR THE DRUGS AT THE EMS STATION WERE NOT ALWAYS BEING FOLLOWED. HE DECIDED TO DESTROY SOME OF THE VIALS OF MORPHINE AND NOT REPORT IT ON THE LOG SHEET TO SEE HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE THE PARAMEDICS TO DISCOVER IT WHEN THEY LOGGED IN/OUT FOR EACH SHIFT. (SEE ATTACHED SYNOPSIS AND AFFIDAVIT.) HE PLACED THE DESTROYED VIALS IN A PICK-UP CONTAINER FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. SOME DETAILED QUESTIONS **THE COMMISSIONERS ASKED MR. BELL** WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. DRIVER: DID THE BIOHAZARD DRIVER SEE YOU DESTROY THE VIALS?

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW.

MR. HAMLIN: WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL OF DESTROYING MEDICINE?

ANSWER: MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ONE WITNESS.

MR. HAMLIN: IS THE TIME ON THE AFFIDAVIT CORRECT?

ANSWER: NO, I MISTAKENLY PUT A.M., IT WAS AFTER LUNCH ON THE 14TH.

MR. HAMLIN: HOW DID YOU KNOW THE SECURITY PROCEDURES WERE NOT BEING FOLLOWED?

ANSWER: EVEN THE MAINTENANCE MAN KNEW WHERE THE KEY WAS. THE DRUG CABINET KEY WAS HIDDEN AT THE STATION INSTEAD OF THE PARAMEDIC CARRYING IT ON THEM.

MS. McMILLAN: WHEN WAS THE INCIDENT FIRST DISCOVERED BY THE PARAMEDICS?

ANSWER: TREVOR AND CHARLIE DISCOVERED THE MISSING VIALS ON SATURDAY (6/23/07).

MS. McMILLAN: CAN EMT'S HANDLE THE NARCOTICS?

ANSWER: YES, BUT THEY CAN'T ADMINISTER THEM.

MR. DRIVER: DID MS. FOWLER WITNESS YOU BUST THE VIALS?

ANSWER: NO, SHE DID NOT SEE THE VIALS BEING EMPTIED, JUST THE CRUSHED VIALS IN THE BOX. (MR. BELL CALLED MS. FOWLER TO COME WITNESS THE BROKEN VIALS AT THE EMS STATION.)

AFTER THE ABOVE QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AND OTHER DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE, MR. DRIVER AND MR. HAMLIN STATED THAT THEY DIDN'T THINK ANY CRIMINAL INTENT HAD BEEN MADE BUT A LOT OF CARELESSNESS HAD TAKEN PLACE. MR. DRIVER ALSO STATED THAT INCREASED DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE. MR. BYRD STATED THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND THAT IT WAS OUT OF OUR HANDS. MR. BYRD THEN STATED THAT THE BOARD WOULD STAND ADJOURNED AT 5:20 P.M. UNTIL THE REGULAR MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

T. JACK BYRD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RICKY LYONS, CLERK

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2007.