

Merit Commission Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 0815 hours. Peterson pointed out the Open Meetings Act, which was posted by the door of the meeting room.

Members present: Deputy Jason Peterson, Mike Thew and Troy Hawk. Also present were Sheriff Terry Wagner, Chief Deputy Ben Houchin, Captain John Vik and Sergeant Drew Bolzer.

Motioned by Hawk to approve the minutes from November 4, 2021. (The agenda erroneously stated December 13, 2021, which was cancelled. Previous meeting, therefore, was November 4, 2021).

Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Hawk motioned for Peterson to continue as Chairperson. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Deputy Bolzer presented the non-lateral eligibility list to be certified. The six candidates on the list are not enough to fill all positions currently open. Moved by Hawk to approve. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried 3-0.

Captain Vik presented the contract proposal for Sergeant promotion with Morrow and Associates. This firm has been used before to assist with testing and scoring of candidates. There is a captain and a sergeant who have submitted their intent to retire. Only Sergeant promotion will be done at this time. Thew moved to approve. Seconded by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Sheriff Wagner gave staffing updates: Deputy Mike Scofield has retired. Deputy Dave Blythe has submitted his intent to retire, as have Captain Tom Brookhouser and Sergeant Rob Soflin. Deputy Sam Bachman has resigned. Three deputies are off of FTO: Paige Uzzell, Jesse McManus and Josh Kingswood. Deputy Blake Pair is nearing completion of FTO.

Tentative date of next meeting will be March 31, 2022.

Moved by Thew to adjourn. Seconded by Hawk. Meeting adjourned at 0847 hours.