

## **Merit Commission Meeting Minutes**

March 31, 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 February 1, 2022. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Captain Vik presented the lateral eligibility list. As per previous discussions, the general eligibility list approved at the February meeting was vacated. There were 14 applications, of which only six of whom were certified. A couple of those didn't get the Personal History Statement turned in on time and there was one withdrawal. Moved by Thew to approve. Seconded by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Captain Vik also presented the Sergeant promotion eligibility list. Discussion on testing and scoring. Moved by Thew to approve. Seconded by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Staffing updates: Captain Brookhouser and Deputy Blythe have retired; Sergeant Soflin has given notice to retire in April. There are still eight (8) vacancies to be filled. Deputies SpainHower, Joshua Kingswood and Dimas are off of FTO and working the road. Deputy Muirhead-Castaneda will graduate from the academy on April 14, 2022, then begin mini-academy prior to FTO. The FOP contract has been ratified so that may help fill vacancies in the future with the approved pay increase.

The next meeting has been scheduled for May 31, 2022.

Moved by Hawk to adjourn. Seconded by Thew. Meeting adjourned at 0838 hours.