

Merit Commission Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

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

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

Motioned by Hawk to approve the minutes from September 29, 2022. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Sergeant Bolzer presented the lateral eligibility list. As per previous discussions, the general eligibility list approved at the September meeting was vacated. There were 9 applications, 6 of whom were disqualified because they were not currently certified. One out-of-state applicant withdrew because his training hours did not qualify for reciprocity in the State of Nebraska. Two applicants were interviewed and given conditional offers, contingent upon certification of the eligibility list at this meeting. Moved by Hawk to approve. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Staffing updates: Two laterals from the previous lateral hiring cycle are nearing completion of FTO. One recent lateral did not pass FTO, and there was one resignation. Four new recruits from the general eligibility list are currently at the academy and slated to graduate in April. If the two lateral applicants from the eligibility list approved today pass the rest of the hiring process, they will be onboarded in February or March.

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2023.

Moved by Thew to adjourn. Seconded by Hawk. Meeting adjourned at 0830 hours.