

Merit Commission Meeting Minutes

February 28, 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, and Captain Vik.

Motioned by Hawk to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Hawk motioned for Deputy Peterson to remain Chairperson of the Merit Commission Board. Seconded by Thew. Motion carried, 3-0.

Captain Vik presented the general eligibility list. As per previous discussions, the lateral eligibility list approved at the January meeting was vacated. There were 45 applications. This list eligibility list includes the seven (7) that scored high enough to continue in the process. Moved by Thew to approve. Seconded by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Staffing updates: Deputy SpainHower resigned. Deputies Bartzatt, Baumann, Mahoney, and Mefford, all were dismissed while attending the academy. There are now 6 vacancies. Two lateral hires will begin mini academy in a week: Deputies Tim Dowhower and Alex Sawtelle. Deputy Skallberg is on extended military leave; Deputy Kyle Bonk has returned from his deployment.

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2023.

Moved by Hawk to adjourn. Seconded by Thew. Meeting adjourned at 0839 hours.