

Merit Commission Meeting

June 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 0817 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, Sergeant Bolzer, and Deputy Gress.

Motion by Thew to approve the minutes from May 3, 2023. Second by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Captain Vik presented the entry-level eligibility list. There were eight applicants. A general discussion was held about how the process went and further attempts to drive numbers back to where all would like them to be. Motion to certify the list by Thew. Second by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Sheriff Wagner provided staffing updates. Capt. Trotter has signaled his intent to retire on or about August 24, 2023. Deputies Baird and Casarez have suggested they may retire sometime during September, 2023. Other deputies have considered retirements but there are no solid timelines for those at this point in time. Two lateral deputies are scheduled to finish FTO during June. A third lateral remains in FTO with a few rotations to go. Two deputies are attending the academy at NLETC and are scheduled to graduate later this summer.

The next meeting has been scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 0815 hrs.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hawk. Meeting adjourned at 0830 hrs.