

Lancaster County Sheriff Office
Merit Commission Meeting
September 28, 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 June 13, 2023. Second by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Captain Vik presented the entry-level eligibility list. There were eight applicants on the list to be certified. A general discussion was held about the scoring of the written and oral tests. Motion to certify the list made by Thew. Second by Hawk. Motion carried, 3-0.

Discussion regarding use of State-mandated test scores taken by applicants on previous occasions. Thew recommended that state statute be followed. He also suggested review by the county attorney for legality and language if amendment is necessary.

Staffing updates were provided by Captain Vik. There are three employees that have retired within 30 days: Captain Trotter and Deputies Baird and Casarez. Deputy Hopper has given notice of retirement for November, and there are possibly two other deputies that may turn in their resignation for other employment. Three deputies are currently in FTO.

The next meeting has been scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 0815 hrs.

Moved by Hawk to adjourn. Second by Thew. Meeting adjourned at 0849 hrs.