

Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
Merit Commission Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 0817 hours. Bailey pointed out the Open Meetings Act, which was posted by the door of the meeting room.

Members present: Deputy Troy Bailey, Mike Thew. Absent: Troy Hawk. Also present were Sheriff Terry Wagner, Chief Deputy Todd Duncan, Captain John Vik, Sergeant Chad Bryant and Deputy Alex Kelly.

Motioned by Thew to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Bailey. Motion carried, 2-0.

Captain Vik presented the proposed eligibility list of qualified deputy candidates. Of the 115 applications received, 41 showed up for the written test. Of those, 25 passed the written portion but only 24 passed the physical test. Eight of those candidates did not pass preliminary backgrounds. The remaining 16 were scored and the top 10 were presented to the Board for approval. Thew motioned to approve the list. Bailey seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Sheriff gave staffing updates: The third deputy of the original request of 6 deputies in 6 years was approved at a recent Board of Commissioners meeting so we'll be hiring two candidates, one to fill the 6 in 6 and one to fill the vacancy when James Roark resigned last fall. Two deputies are in FTO currently, Deputy Jonathan Kingswood and Deputy Ethan Ewbank. We should be at full strength once the new hires are on board.

Motioned by Thew to adjourn. Seconded by Bailey. Meeting adjourned at 0829 hours.