

Law & Justice Study Session Minutes
March 6, 2013
Commissioners Auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 0800 a.m.

Present:

Chairman – Obie O’Brien, Commissioner Gary Berndt, Sheriff Gene Dana, County Auditor Jerry Pettit, Dr. Reasons (CWU) and Undersheriff Clayton Myers.

Item #3 - was discussed first to accommodate Dr. Reasons, who answered questions related to the 3/10ths study which he had been commissioned to complete.

Undersheriff Myers requested the Board have the following amendments be made to the study, before acceptance of the document and finalizing the agreement.

1. Remove “Code Enforcement Officer” from the 4th paragraph of the Executive Summary. Code enforcement is not funded through the 3/10ths Initiative.
2. Redact the names of individual persons referenced in Appendix H Public Comments by Location. Public comment and/or derogatory comment relating to a specific person are not relevant to the study and would be inappropriate to publish.

Request was supported by the Sheriff and the Auditor.

Action Taken: Study returned with direction from the Board to amend as noted and submit as for final approval.

Dr. Reasons requested verbal confirmation that submission of the document with the noted amendments would satisfy his contractual requirements? Commissioner O’Brien confirmed.

Item #2 - Undersheriff Myers requested Out of State Travel Authorization for two deputies attending the National Crimes against Women Conference.

Action Taken: Board approved.

Undersheriff Myers requested the status of his prior request, previously agreed to by the full board, that the county policy be amended to remove the need for BOCC approval for Out of State Travel when authorized by an elected official and within said official’s adopted budget. Commissioner O’Brien advised it had been detailed to the Policy Committee for presentation to the board.

No Action Taken.

Item #4 - Sheriff Dana and Undersheriff Myers provided information concerning continuing challenges with filling Command Positions. Current supervisors do not apply for promotion because the command position would result in a net decrease in their wage/benefit. Request BOCC consider adopting a wage/benefit policy which allows for Sheriff’s Command Staff’s wage/benefits to be tied to the union supervisors in a manner which creates a set cushion between them. Primary justification is the para-military structure needed for a law enforcement office.

No Action Taken.

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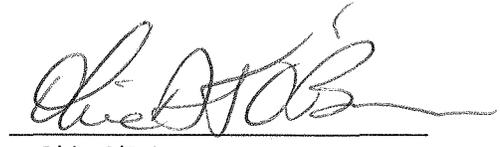
Item #5 - Undersheriff Myers updated the Board on the formulization of a PAC in support of renewing the 3/10th Sales Tax for another seven (7) years. Current request would be to have a ballot measure placed on the August primary. Undersheriff Myers provided draft Resolution language for consideration and requested the BOCC communicate with the Law & Justice Council specific on any modifications to be made. Undersheriff Myers also advised the PAC would be asking the Law & Justice Council to make a recommendation to the BOCC to set public hearings and place the measure on the ballot. BOCC was asked for verbal support of the PAC and Law & Justice Council moving forward with a ballot recommendation and to provide Resolution language.

Action Taken: Members present acknowledged support, will provide Resolution language to the Law & Justice Council and will set public hearings.

Meeting was adjourned at 0920 a.m.



Clayton Myers,
Undersheriff



Obie O'Brien,
Chairman