

Law & Justice Study Session Minutes
May 7, 2014
Commissioners Auditorium

Meeting called to order at 0800 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Obie O'Brien and Gary Berndt, Sheriff Dana, Undersheriff Clayton Myers, Judy Pless, Lisa Young, Christine Luvera, Jerry Pettit and Judge Jim Hurson.

Discussed Courthouse Security with respect to current issues in Lower District Court. Undersheriff Myers re-capped the history and formation of CHS and the expectations. Christine Luvera and Judge Hurson relayed current issues with reduced coverage and increased concern. Undersheriff Myers acknowledged the highest risk factor within Courthouse Security's area of responsibility is Lower District Court and having it manned as the coverage priority is supported. Both Commissioners voiced support for shifting from random presence to priority presence in Lower District Court. Sheriff Dana directed that it be so.

Brief discussion on surplus of a Sheriff's vehicle and equipment. Judy Pless advised she would request the BOCC schedule a public hearing for decision at the next agenda session. No further action at this time.

On other business, Undersheriff Myers advised the Teamsters Union and Sheriff's Office had MOU language concerning the proposed language changes for the Sheriff's Exempt Command Staff. Judy Pless and Lisa Young recommended further research into the Fair Labor Standards before moving forward with Exempt Overtime. Jerry Pettit advised he could speak to the Grant County Auditor and Lisa Young advised she could contact Risk Pool.

Judy Pless proposed the BOCC authorize a stipend for the Sheriff's Commissioned Exempt Staff when working additional duty shifts resulting from emergency issues. Commissioner Berndt and Commissioner O'Brien approved a motion authorizing a \$500.00 stipend, per extra duty shift for the Sheriff's Exempt, Commissioned Staff. Commissioner O'Brien directed Lisa Young to create draft policy language in support of the stipend proposal.

Also in 'Other Business', Undersheriff Myers advised the Sheriff's Office may have a new budget expense relating to the new Federal PREA Standards imposed on all Jails. That an Audit was now required and the cost of the audit was at the county's expense and was estimated to be in the \$3,500.00 range. The Undersheriff advised he would be requesting a legal opinion concerning the unfunded mandate. No action at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.



Clay Myers, Undersheriff



Paul Jewell, Chairman

APPROVED
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