

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

COMMISSION MEETING

March 20, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Jeff Wiley, Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Sheriff Wiley introduced the following recently-appointed Commission members: Sheriff Greg Champagne, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office; Mr. James T. Dixon, State Public Defender, Louisiana Public Defender Board, represented by Mr. Richard M. Pittman, Deputy Public Defender; Chief Percy S. "Rick" Richard, Mandeville Police Department.

Constable Reginald Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was conducted by Lisa Dreher. A membership quorum was present.

Commission members or their representatives who were present: Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle; Chief Barry Bonner; Constable Reginald Brown; Mr. David Burton; Mr. Mike Thompson, proxy for Attorney General James "Buddy" Caldwell; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul Connick; Sheriff Greg Champagne; Chief Jim Craft; Capt. Derrell Williams, proxy for Col. Mike Edmonson; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux; Sheriff William Hilton; Chief Bill Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Ms. Genie Powers, proxy for Secretary Jimmy LeBlanc; Mr. Jay Lemoine; Ms. Ellyn Toney, proxy for Dr. Mary Livers; Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Willy Martin; Mr. Hillar Moore; Mr. Tony Perkins; Sheriff Steve Prator; Chief Percy S. "Rick" Richard; Mr. Jay Lemoine; Mr. Charles Scott; Chief Carlos Stout; Mr. J. D. Thornton; Sheriff Bud Torres; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Sheriff Mike Waguespack; Mr. J. Reed Walters; Mr. Joey Watson; Mr. Gary Dupuy, proxy for Chief Judge Vanessa Whipple; Sheriff Jeff Wiley; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Judge Paul Young; and Capt. Patrick Yoes.

LCLE Staff who were present included: Mr. Joey Watson, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Mehrrens; Ms. Lisa Dreher; Ms. Kathy Guidry; Ms. Linda Gautier; Mr. Bob Miller; Ms. Kimberly Lax; Ms. Rutha Chatwood; Ms. Crystal Foster; Ms. Roxanne Langston; Mr. Bob Wertz and Ms. Rebekah Taylor.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 13, 2013. A motion was made by Sheriff Steve Prator and seconded by Sheriff Sid Gautreaux. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Report of the Priorities Committee

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the Priorities Committee met via teleconference at 10:00 a.m. on March 6, 2014. A membership quorum was present. The Committee recommends approval of all applications, allocations, proposed increases and sole source proposals, as presented.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to accept. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux motioned, seconded by Sheriff Steve Prator, and the motion passed.

Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

Chief Deputy Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Board Chairman, reported that the Victim Services Advisory Board met at the Baton Rouge Holiday Inn South at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommends the following:

- One allocation for FY 2011 VOCA funds in the amount of \$19,762;
- Two allocations for FY 2013 VOCA funds in the amount of \$76,971;
- Six allocations for FY 2012 STOP funds in the amount of \$239,567;
- 62 allocations for FY 2013 STOP funds in the amount of \$1,527,367;
- One increase in the amount of \$19,762 in FY 2011 VOCA funding;
- One increase in the amount of \$10,149 in FY 2012 SASP funding;
- Four increases in the amount of \$15,795 in FY 2012 STOP funding;
- 94 VOCA applications totaling \$4,246,775;
- Eight STOP applications totaling \$253,212; and
- One FY 2013-2015 STOP Implementation Plan/Application to be submitted to OVW for the FY 2014 STOP funding.

This concludes the Victim Services Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a motion to accept. A motion was made by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, seconded by Sheriff Steve Prator, and the motion passed.

Report of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board

Chief Mike Knaps, Board Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at the Baton Rouge Holiday Inn South at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. A membership quorum was present. The Board recommends approval of the following:

- 11 FY-2012 Allocations totaling \$78,579; these Allocations use LCLE residuals to fund projects for Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices;
- Eight Increase Requests totaling \$73,939;
- Eight 48-Month Limit Waiver Requests and 1 Vehicle Waiver Request; 22 non-confidential Applications totaling \$352,631; this includes 2 new *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration Projects*; and
- Six **Confidential** Applications totaling \$233,994.

The Board corrected a dollar-amount error for eGrants #1438, the Lincoln Parish *MJTF* Project, which the Commission approved at the November meeting. The correct amount results in a \$453.00 increase, one of the eight increases already mentioned.

At the November Commission meeting, there was an incorrect ID Number listed for Baton Rouge *MJTF* on the Sole Source ballot; the correct ID Number is **B11-5-012**, not **B12-5-012**. We recommend the record be changed to reflect the correction.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a motion to accept. A motion was made by Chief Carlos Stout, seconded by Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, and the motion passed.

Report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Advisory Board

Chief Bill Landry, Chairman, reported that the JJDP Advisory Board met at the Baton Rouge Holiday Inn South at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. A quorum was present.

The Board recommends approval of the following allocations:

- One allocation for federal fiscal year 2012 Title II totaling \$28,180; and
- One allocation for federal fiscal year 2013 Title II totaling \$19,959.

The Board also recommends approval of the following applications with special conditions:

- Five Title II applications totaling \$31,514; and
- 21 JABG applications totaling \$315,651.

This concludes the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a motion to accept. A motion was made by Sheriff Sid Gautreaux and seconded by Chief Carlos Stout. The motion passed.

Call for Other Old Business

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for other old business. There was no other old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Steve Prator to approve all district grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Constable Reginald Brown, and the motion passed.

Report on House Bill 104 – LCLE Revised Statutes

Mr. Joey Watson reported that House Bill 104, sponsored by Rep. Hunter Greene and Sen. Sharon Broome, relates to the composition, terms of office, and meeting schedule of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice Commission. The current law provides for monthly Commission meetings, election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the Commission members for two-year terms, and designates 55 members, including the following two members: (1) president, Louisiana Chapter of the National Constables Association, and (2) president/director, Louisiana Chapter of the National Constables Association. The proposed law will amend the statutes to provide for quarterly meetings, election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the Commission every 4 years, delete the duplicate seat for the constables' representative, and add the president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association as a member.

Mr. Watson further reported that HB 104 was heard by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice on March 19, 2014, without opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Jeff Wiley reported that Personal Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar year 2013 are due to the Louisiana Board of Ethics by May 15, 2014. Lisa Dreher will send a reminder of the reporting requirement to Commission members via email, along with the necessary instructions and forms for filing the disclosure statement.

After six years of service as Commission Chairman, Sheriff Jeff Wiley gracefully announced his resignation as Chairman. In recognition of Sheriff Wiley's years of service, Mr. Joey Watson presented a service award plaque to Sheriff Wiley.

Mr. Joey Watson began the election to fill the Chairman position for the duration of the Governor's term of office. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux was nominated by Sheriff Steve Prator and seconded by Constable Reginald Brown. A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine and seconded by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle. Motion passes, and nominations are closed. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux was elected as Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Watson called for nominations to elect a Vice-Chairman for the duration of the Governor's term of office. Sheriff Steve Prator nominated Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine, and seconded by Constable Reginald Brown. A motion to close nominations was made by Chief Bill Landry and seconded by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle. Motion passes, and nominations are closed. Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine was re-elected as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Watson announced that the next Advisory Board and Commission meetings will be held on May 21 – 22, 2014, at L'Auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Chief Bill Landry and seconded by Constable Reginald Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.