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and Administration of Criminal Justice

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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

West Baton Rouge Conference Center
2750 North Westport Drive
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

March 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman Gautreaux recognized the following new Commission Members: Col. Robert P. Hodges, Deputy Secretary, Department of Public Safety; Senator John C. "Jay" Morris, Chairman, Senate Judiciary C Committee; Mr. Kenneth "Kenny" Loftin, Deputy Secretary, Office of Youth Development; Attorney General Elizabeth Murrill; and Mr. Hackley Willis, President, Louisiana State Troopers Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Martin, and the Invocation was led by Sheriff Ard.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Lisa Dreher conducted the roll call. A membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Sheriff Jason Ard; Chief Barry Bonner; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul D. Connick, Jr.; Lt. Robert Davidson; Lt. Robert Davidson, proxy for Mr. Greggory Davies; Chief Carl K. Dunn; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Judge Gail Grover; Chief Judge John M. Guidry; Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Lt. Col. Frank Besson, proxy for Col. Robert P. Hodges; Mr. Don Landry; Chief William P. "Bill" Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine; Mr. Kenneth "Kenny" Loftin; Mr. Logan Coulon, proxy for Sheriff Joseph Lopinto; Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr.;

Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Ms. Elizabeth Murrill; Sheriff Jason Parker; Mr. Michael Williams, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth Pickett; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Marshal Reginald Thomas; Chief Genoria Tilley; Sheriff Mike Tubbs, Mr. J. Reed Walters, and Chief Byron Zeringue.

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District Inc. and District 3 – Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Brian Shoemaker, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc. Ms. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Calli Peloquin, District 6 – Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; and Ms. Adrienne Tobler, District 9 – City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff members present: Ms. Autumn Blache, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Chief Jim Craft; Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gauthier, Ms. Shelita Henry, Ms. Melissa James; Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Melissa Murphy, Ms. Brittany Onezine, Ms. LaShunda Sullivan, Ms. Rebekah Taylor-Hill, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Sheriff Martin, and the motion passed without opposition.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 7, 2023. A motion was made by Sheriff Martin, seconded by Sheriff Ard, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on March 5, 2024, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, and sole source requests via electronic mail-out. On March 6, 2024, the Priorities Committee received an additional sole source request via email. The Priorities Committee reviewed all proposed agenda items and recommended approval on March 12, 2024. All items will be considered for final approval at the March 21, 2024 Commission meeting.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Chief Dunn, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

On behalf of Board Chair Gary "Stitch" Guillory, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 12 FY 2023 SASP allocations totaling $895,725
- 2 FY 2022 VOCA allocations totaling $94,400
- 19 FY 2023 VOCA allocations totaling $1,447,589
- 43 FY 2023 STOP allocations totaling $1,201,270
- 12 FY 2021 VOCA increases totaling $304,027
- 1 FY 2022 VOCA increase totaling $14,273
- 12 FY 2023 SASP applications with pre-award costs beginning 1/01/24 totaling $895,725
- 19 FY 2022 VOCA applications totaling $1,723,205
- 43 FY 2023 SASP applications with pre-award costs beginning 1/01/24 totaling $2,201,270
- 1 Waiver of Commission Policy #2 under *Fiscal Limitations,* which states "fringe benefits shall be limited to no more than 30% of salary costs". The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is requesting up to 45% for fringe benefits in all future subgrants awarded by the Commission.
- 1 Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (JDC) FY 2023 – 66.10% *
- 1 Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (JDC) FY 2024 – 59.91% *

* The JDC rates assigned to the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians JDC for use on grants, contracts, and other agreements with the Federal Government were negotiated by the Department of Interior to be applied to all programs administered by the Tribe for direct salaries and wages only.

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Martin, seconded by Mr. Landry, and the motion carried without opposition.

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

Mr. Leonard Espree, Board Chair, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 application for FY 2021 totaling $45,158
- 1 increase for FY 2020 totaling $1,710

This concludes the report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion unanimously passed.

E. Report of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board

Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chair, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 6 allocations for FY 2022 totaling $218,909
- 16 applications for FY 2022 totaling $342,050
- 3 increases for FY 2021 totaling $63,006
- Waiver Request/Sole Source Request – Grant staff requests approval of all waiver and sole source requests reviewed by LCLE staff

All of this activity is listed in the eGrants system

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

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Bonner, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed.

F. Call for Other Old Business

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Grant District Applications

Chairman Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Parker to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo.* The motion was seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion carried without opposition.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Commission Meeting Date

Chairman Gautreaux announced that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the same venue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of over $5,335,250 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Bonner, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.