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and Administration of Criminal Justice

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JIM CRAFT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commission Meeting
MINUTES

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

June 6, 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, June 6, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. In the absence of Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, Chief Jim Craft called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Chief Craft welcomed the new members who were recently appointed to the Commission by Governor Landry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Garber, and the Invocation was led by Sheriff Smith.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Judge Brian K. Abels; Chief Ben Ballard, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Ms. Lindsay Blouin; Sheriff Becket Breaux; Mr. Antonio "Tony" Clayton; Sheriff Kevin Cobb; Chief Keith A. Conley; Chief Carl K. Dunn; Mr. Farris Fife; Sheriff Mark T. Garber; Mr. Briant Beard, proxy for Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Mr. Jason R. May, proxy for Judge Gail Grover; Ms. Kacy Collins Thomas, proxy for Chief Judge John Michael Guidry; Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Col. Robert P. Hodges; Mr. Francis Abbott, proxy for Secretary James M. LeBlanc; Mr. Alfred Carter, proxy for Mr. Kenneth Loftin; Mr. Ashton Ryan, proxy for Sheriff Joseph P. Lopinto, III; Mr. Michael Williams, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth Pickett; Mr. Chad Pitre; Sheriff Jayson Richardson; Sheriff Thomas S. Romero; Ms. Kristine Russell; Ms. Jennifer B.

Settoon; Sheriff Randall Smith; Ms. Monica Taylor; Mr. Philip Terrell; Sgt. Chuck Clause, proxy for Marshal Reginald Thomas; Chief Brian K. Shoemaker, proxy for Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Sheriff Randall Smith, proxy for Rep. Debbie Villio; Chief Bradford K. Walker; Sheriff Julian Whittington; and Chief Bryan P. 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: Mr. Brayln Batiste; 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

Chief Craft called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Garber, seconded by Chief Dunn, and the motion passed without opposition.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chief Craft called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 21, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Sheriff Smith, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on May 23, 2024, the Priorities Committee received all proposed allocations, applications, and increase requests via electronic mail. The Priorities Committee reviewed all proposed agenda items and recommended approval on May 29, 2024. All items will be considered for final approval at the June 6, 2024 Commission meeting.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Whittington, seconded by Ms. Taylor, 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, June 5, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 159 FY 2023 VOCA allocations totaling $14,414,718
- 7 FY 2022 STOP allocations totaling $330,623
- 22 FY 2023 STOP allocations totaling $746,044
- 12 FY 2021 VOCA increases totaling $304,027
- 113 FY 2023 VOCA applications totaling $9,641,508
- 22 FY 2023 STOP applications with pre-award costs beginning 1/01/24 totaling $746,044

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Garber, seconded by Sheriff Smith, and the motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

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

Ms. ViEve Martin-Kohrs, Board Chair, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 5 JJDP allocations for FY 2021 totaling $92,048
- 11 JJDP allocations for FY 2022 totaling $510,630
- 5 JJDP applications for FY 2021 totaling $92,048
- 6 JJDP applications for FY 2022 totaling $343,987
- 1 JJDP increase for FY 2020 totaling $766
- 1 JJDP increase for FY 2021 totaling $500

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

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Dunn, seconded by Sheriff Whittington, and the motion unanimously passed.

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

In the absence of Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chair, Sheriff Mark Garber reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 31 allocations for FY 2022 totaling $604,445
- 38 applications for FY 2022 totaling $1.395.034
- All future FY 2021 residual funds be given to (State) District 8
- 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.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Cobb, seconded by Sheriff Smith, and the motion passed.

F. Call for Other Old Business

Chief Craft called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Grant District Applications

Chief Craft opened the floor for public comments and questions.

In reference to Grant #8040 (St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office/SANE Program, $61,550), Sheriff Smith inquired as to why the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office is receiving grant funds when their office is refusing to serve sexual assault victims in that parish.

Ms. Rutha Chatwood, LCLE Federal Programs Manager, and Mr. Ronald Lampard, District Director, District 7 – Metropolitan District/Jefferson CJCC, provided clarification that, through a letter from Dr. Christopher Tape, St. Tammany Coroner, to Dr. Gerald Czitanovich, Jefferson Parish Coroner, Dr. Tape assigned all duties on his behalf to Dr. Czitanovich. A cooperative endeavor between the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office and the Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office states that the victims of sexual assault in St. Tammany Parish will be served by the Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office.

Chief Craft called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Cobb to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Garber, and the motion carried without opposition.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Election of Commission Vice-Chairman

Due to the absence of Chairman Gautreaux at this meeting, Chief Craft called for a motion to postpone this item for consideration at the September Commission meeting. A motion was made by Sheriff Garber, seconded by Chief Dunn, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Next Commission Meeting Date

Chief Craft announced that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the same venue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Craft reported that a total of over $14,963,160 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Zeringue, seconded by Sheriff Garber, and the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.