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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING STEHEKIN ROOM | CAMPBELL'S RESORT | CHELAN, WASHIN NOVEMBER 17, 2015

President Salisbury opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Sheriff Casey Salisbury, Mason County	Chief Bonnie Bowers, Anacortes
Chief Ken Hohenberg, Kennewick	Sheriff Mark Nelson, Cowlitz
Chief Ed Holmes, Mercer Island	Chief Ken Thomas, Kent
Sheriff John Turner, Walla Walla County	Chief Dusty Pierpoint, Lacey
Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County	Mark Couey, Director, OIC Special Investigations Unit

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

- Mitch Barker
- James McMahan
- Kim Goodman
- Mike Painter
- Deb Gregory

The following guests were in attendance:

- Sheriff Gene Dana, Kittitas County
- Executive Director Sue Rahr, Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Sheriff Paul Pastor, Pierce County
- Ned Newlin, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
- Tom McBride, Executive Secretary, WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- Chief Rory Gilliland, Nooksack Tribe
- Chief Al Compaan, Edmonds Police Department
- Sheriff Brian Winter, Yakima County
- David Bales, Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Laura Wells, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

Approval of 9/17-18/2015 Meeting Minutes

Chief Bonnie Bowers moved to approve the September 17-18, 2015 meeting minutes. Sheriff Mark Nelson seconded. The motion to approve carried.

REPORTS

Finance & Personnel Committee – Chief Ken Thomas

Chief Thomas presented the summary balance sheet for the nine months ending September 30, 2015. Some of the highlighted items were the mortgage on WASPC's building is \$414,000 as of 9/30/15. Staff anticipates the mortgage will be paid off by the first half of 2016.

Sales revenues are lower in 2015 from a year ago. Part of the change includes \$40,000 less in lease income as a result of CJTC's move out of the WASPC building.

Chief Thomas highlighted some other changes such as WASPC transitioned from a T1 line to fiber optics and during the transition had to keep both systems in place which resulted in a higher cost before the older technology could be terminated.

WASPC also had to spend \$10k in 2015 to replace an air conditioning unit. A miscellaneous expense was a \$10k contribution to the FBINAA conference held in Seattle this past summer. WASPC also incurred fees for credit card processing which is usually about \$7k annually.

Liquor & Cannabis Board Proposed Lease for WASPC Space

The Finance Committee, in consultation with Sheriff Salisbury, has recommended extending an office space lease to the Liquor & Cannabis Board (LCB) at the WASPC office in Lacey. Staff is proposing to rent the vacant space to LCB for \$40k/year which will essentially replace the funding lost when CJTC moved out. Justin Nordhorn, LCB Chief of Enforcement, and several members of his team, toured the space and liked it. There would be eight field investigators housed on the first floor. Their work would be conducted later in the evening, which has the benefit of giving the building additional security having people in the building for more hours per day. The lease would be for three years with a one year option. There is a possibility that they may want to expand into the remainder of the space on the first floor with the lease amount adjusted accordingly. When the lease is signed, LCB will begin occupying the space in January of 2016.

Proposed 2016 General Fund Budget

Chief Thomas presented a summarized proposal for the 2016 General Fund budget for approval. This budget does not include state funded programs that are pass-through money. It is only the General Fund. **Chief Ed Holmes moved to approve the proposed 2016 General Fund budget as presented. It was seconded by Sheriff John Snaza. The motion to approve carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

LCB Uniforms Discussion – Sheriff John Snaza

Sheriffs John Snaza of Thurston County and John Turner of Walla Walla County remain concerned over LCB's wearing of uniforms that display "police" making them indistinguishable from general commissioned law enforcement officers. Sheriff Turner said concerned members of a community may view them as general law enforcement authorities, when they are not.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Mitch Barker, with the assistance of Sheriff John Snaza and Chief Bonnie Bowers, will meet with Justin Nordhorn, Chief of LCB's Enforcement Division to open the discussion and working with him and his team for the best

possible outcome on this issue. Chief Ed Holmes also suggested reviewing WASPC's Deconfliction Model Policy with them so that appropriate advance notifications can be made when LCB is in another jurisdiction as a courtesy.

NEW BUSINESS

Professional Services & Accreditation

The Accreditation Commission approved five agencies for re-accreditation at their meeting earlier in the day. Those five are:

- Anacortes Police Department
- Kent Police Department
- Mountlake Terrace Police Department
- Port Angeles Police Department
- Spokane Valley Police Department

Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the five agency re-accreditations as approved by the Accreditation Commission. Chief Pierpoint seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of 2018 Spring Exposition & Training Conference (Tri-Cities)

Deb Gregory addressed the Board with a staff recommendation for approval of the Tri-Cities proposal for the spring 2018 exposition and training conference. She noted that WASPC may be outgrowing that space if we continue to offer command staff training, but would be in a better position to gauge that at the spring 2016 conference. There may be additional meeting space available now that a new Spring Hill Suites has opened with a direct connection to the convention center.

Chief Bowers moved to approve the contract with the Tri-Cities convention center for the 2018 spring exposition and training conference. Chief Ed Holmes seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Approval of the 2019 Spring Exposition & Training Conference (Spokane)

Deb Gregory presented a staff recommendation to approve the contract with the Spokane Convention Center and the DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center for the 2019 spring exposition and training conference.

Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve the contract for Spokane in 2019 for the spring exposition and training conference. Sheriff Mark Nelson seconded. The motion to approve carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Membership Applications

The Board reviewed the membership applications as submitted by the Membership Committee. There was discussion about the committee's recommendation to the Board to consider placing Chief Ronnie Ellis from Tenino PD into an Affiliate capacity, and not an active capacity. The reason behind that recommendation is that it was brought to the Membership Committee's

attention by the CJTC Certification Manager that Mr. Ellis does not meet the legal definition of a “police chief” nor is he serving in a fully-commissioned capacity.

Chief Ed Holmes moved to approve the membership applications submitted by the Membership Committee to include moving Ronnie Ellis to the Affiliate category. Ken Hohenberg seconded. The motion carried.

2016 Executive Board Meeting Schedule

- January 13, 2016 – WASPC Office, Lacey, WA
- March 16, 2016 – WASPC Office, Lacey, WA
- May 24, 2016 – Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA
- September 15-16, 2016 – Alpen Rose Inn, Leavenworth, WA
- November 15, 2016 – Campbell’s Resort, Chelan, WA

Security at Conference Venues

Sheriff Mark Nelson would like to open a discussion about future conferences and security with the thought that the people who attend be able to focus on the program material, and not worry about security issues. Sheriff Brian Winter noted that WASPC conferences are predictable events and present a high value target and agrees that in light of current events, that some thought be given to some type of security at the events. Mitch will give additional thought to this and put together a menu of ideas along with associated costs and bring it back to the Board for additional discussion and action. It was suggested this be brought before the full membership at the General Business Meeting on November 20, 2015.

Chief Ed Holmes moved to adjourn the meeting with no further business to discuss. Chief Dusty Pierpoint seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
Executive Assistant
WASPC