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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TRAINING ROOM | WASPC OFFICE | LACEY, WASHINGTON JANUARY 13, 2016

President Salisbury opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Sheriff Casey Salisbury, Mason County	Chief Bonnie Bowers, Anacortes
Chief Ken Hohenberg, Kennewick (by phone for part of meeting)	Chief Steve Strachan, Bremerton
Chief Ed Holmes, Mercer Island	Chief Ken Thomas, Kent
Sheriff John Turner, Walla Walla County (by phone for part of meeting)	Chief Dusty Pierpoint, Lacey
Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County	Mark Couey, Director, OIC Special Investigations Unit
Sheriff Brian Burnett, Chelan County	Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

- Mitch Barker
- James McMahan
- Kim Goodman
- Mike Painter
- Deb Gregory
- Raeanne Myers
- Joan Smith

The following guests were in attendance:

- Dan Pacholke, Secretary, Department of Corrections
- Alex MacBain, Policy & Legislative Director, Department of Corrections
- Sandy Mullins, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
- Jim Barrett, Mason County Sheriff's Office
- Cindy Kasten, Mason County Sheriff's Office
- Tom Haugen, Mason County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Approval of 11/17/2015 Meeting Minutes

Chief Ken Thomas moved to approve the 11/17/2015 meeting minutes. Mark Couey seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Chief Ken Thomas reported that there is a \$104,000 balance remaining on the WASPC building mortgage. It is expected that WASPC will pay off that remaining balance in June of this year.

The contract with the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) for the office space lease in the WASPC building was approved. Staff with LCB will begin moving into the building the week of January 18, 2016.

The audit for field work is scheduled for the 2015 audit. Auditors from Clark Nuber will be on-site for two weeks in May.

Chief Ed Holmes moved to approve the Finance & Personnel Committee report. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion to approve carried.

REPORTS

Sheriff Brian Burnett provided the latest version of the committee reports which are the same as those given at the November 2015 fall training conference. No new information has been added since that time.

Mark Couey moved to approve the committee reports as submitted. Chief Ken Thomas seconded. The motion to approve carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Corrections Inmate Sentence Calculation Errors

Mitch Barker introduced Dan Pacholke, Secretary for the Washington State Department of Corrections to speak on the recent reports about inmate sentence calculation errors resulting in inaccurate release dates for some offenders.

Once the errors were brought to Mr. Pacholke's attention, he notified the Governor, and began mobilizing all available Corrections resources toward solving the problem. He and his staff took into account the safety of the public, victims, employees and offenders and made it their top priority to resolve. Some of the steps taken include:

- Performed manual sentence recalculations for all potentially impacted incarcerated offenders scheduled to be released through February 7, 2016.
- Ensuring no additional releases from prison prior to the actual release date.
- Updating and rigorously testing the new computer coding.
- Placing facility Special Emergency Response Teams on stand-by to respond should they be needed.
- Made counselor services available for employees and offenders.
- Initiated manual sentence recalculations for all potentially impacted offenders in the community to identify offenders who owe time.

- Performed criminal history and court record searches to identify offenders that committed crimes.
- Created processes, policies and resources to detain and arrest offenders in the community who owed time as required by law.
- Mobilized Community Response Units, working with local law enforcement partners, to apprehend offenders who owe time.

It has been a massive effort by many staff assigned to analyze and correct the problem, but he now believes they have corrected the sequencing miscalculation in the agency's electronic records system that created the problem. There is still more work to do. Mr. Pacholke thanked the group for their time and asked if anyone encounters an issue, or needs information, he asked that they please call him first to discuss it. We're all partners doing the same work but from different vantage points.

Sandy Mullins, Office of the Governor

Ms. Mullins is a Senior Policy Adviser in the Governor's office on issues of public safety and government operations. She briefly discussed the relationship between the Governor's Office and the WASPC organization. Her goal in attending the Board meeting was to get feedback from the members on several issues.

Sheriffs Salisbury and Snaza would like to see Governor Inslee reach out to the law enforcement community through WASPC more. They both believe, as others on the Board do, that we can be mutually beneficial to one another, but there is a feeling that the Governor doesn't seek input from law enforcement before making decisions that not only impact them and their organizations, but also the local communities.

There are commonalities in the Governor's and WASPC's agenda. Chief Steve Strachan noted mental health as one issue where there is overlap and could be a good issue to work jointly on.

Ms. Mullins noted that the Governor will not forward any bills on justice reinvestment this year. She realizes it was a contentious issue and that it moved too quickly, but the Governor will want to discuss sentencing in years to come.

The Governor's Office will be embarking on what the process is going to be for gun background checks. The Department of Health is doing a more in-depth look at the injury and violent death data in conjunction with Medical Examiners. Sheriff Salisbury asked that if the Governor is going to make changes that law enforcement not be asked to do more with less. It becomes very problematic with unfunded mandates.

OLD BUSINESS

Security at Conference Venues

During the November fall training conference, there was concern about security at the conferences and Mitch Barker was asked to look into what it would cost to have armed security on site. Mitch has looked at what it would cost to have armed security at the Three Rivers Convention Center. The convention center does not have armed security, but could provide it \$75/hour with a four-hour minimum. Mitch is also in discussions with Chief Ken Hohenberg at

Kennewick PD who will be having discussions with some of his partner jurisdictions in the Tri-Cities area to provide security. The Chief will provide Mitch with some costs. Mitch will bring that back to the Board for further discussion and approval. WASPC's Sergeants-at-Arms for the conferences will be armed.

2016 & 2018 Conferences at Three Rivers Convention Center/Kennewick

WASPC will be holding its 2016 spring conference and exposition at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick. In addition, the Board gave WASPC approval to enter into a contract with them for 2018 as well. The conference this year is going to be very tight on space. Kim Goodman and Deb Gregory are currently working to move some committee meetings and times around to both deconflict any committee meeting times and to free up additional meeting space for Tuesday.

WASPC has grown over the years and venues that can hold our conferences are limited. Before WASPC signs a contract with the Kennewick Convention Center for 2018, staff want to judge how well the center will meet our needs in 2016. No further action is required of the Board at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Approval of Membership

The Membership Committee submitted a list of new membership applications that they have approved and recommend that the Board approve as well.

Chief John Batiste moved to approve the Membership Committee's recommendations as submitted. Chief Ken Thomas seconded. The motion to approve carried.

Sheriff Brian Burnett noted that Chief Tom Robbins of the Wenatchee Police Department will be retiring at the end of June. The hiring process to replace him will be started soon. Sheriff Burnett would like to see some form of recognition from WASPC to Chief Robbins. WASPC so noted and will ensure there is appropriate recognition for the Chief.

Sheriff Burnett asked about active shooter training and where others are getting their training. The training his staff would like to have isn't the training that is currently being provided. Chief Dusty Pierpoint will send the Sheriff information on what his agency is doing and Chief John Batiste will provide him with information the State Patrol has put together for state agencies that is working well.

Chief Ed Holmes moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Mark Couey seconded. The motion to adjourn carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
Executive Assistant
WASPC