



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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January 12, 2021 | 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

President Craig Meidl opened the meeting at 10:01 AM. There was a quorum present, with everyone attending virtually. The following Board members participated:

President Craig Meidl, Chief, Spokane PD	Past President, Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County Sheriff's Office
Vice President Steve Crown, , Chief, Wenatchee PD	Sheriff Tom Jones, Grant County Sheriff's Office
President-Elect, Sheriff Rick Scott, Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office	Treasurer, Chief Brett Vance, Montesano PD
Chief Rafael Padilla, Kent PD	Chief Gary Jenkins, Pullman PD
David Trujillo, Director, WA State Gambling Commission	Acting FBI SAC Earl Camp
Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Sheriff's Office	

The following WASPC staff were in attendance:

- Steve Strachan
- Kim Goodman
- James McMahan
- John McGrath
- Jamie Weimer
- Mike Painter
- Deb Gregory

The names of guests who registered to attend virtually are attached to these minutes.

Approval of 11/17/2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chief Brett Vance moved to approve the 11/17/2020 meeting minutes. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Finance & Personnel Committee Report

Check disbursements are presented on pages 8-10 of the board packet

For the period Nov 17 through Jan 4, 2021. Checks 42851 through 43036 totaling \$3,998,348.98.

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza moved to approve disbursements. Sheriff Tom Jones

seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Statements emailed as addendum to packet on 1/11/21.

Statement of Financial Position

- Cash on hand includes funding received from State of Washington for vendor rate increases to programs including; UCR/IBR, Sex Offender Website, and Denied Firearm Transaction Reporting.
- Short Term Investments – Remaining 2021 \$50K contributions for 3rd and 4th quarter were made in December.

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets (Revenues)

- Increases in Grant Revenues during 2020 include a grant from the WA Healthcare Authority for the Arrest and Jail Alternatives program, additional funding for the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force \$750K and a vendor rate increase to state funded programs \$322K
- Monitoring - The Correctional Services department has seen an increase in electronic monitoring services due to the COVID jail restrictions. There is also a corresponding 5% increase in the monitoring expenses.

Statement of Functional Expenses

- Salary/Benefit increases for 2020 include regular staff pay increases of 3%.
- Professional Fees line item includes additional \$775K paid to the ICAC task force.
- As a result of COVID-10, we saw expected reductions in utilities, travel and conference expense. We saw an increase in our supplies due to small equipment purchases to aid with remote working for our staff.

Motion: Sheriff Rick Scott moved to approve the financial statements. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion carried.

Other items:

The WASPC Grant committee received two requests for funding. Upon review, the committee opted not to approve the requests noting (CRAB) funds are available for the requests. The aim of the WASPC grants is to provide a resource for emergencies and to further the professionalism of law enforcement through LEMAP and Accreditation.

Mental Health Field Response Team Grant Awards Update

John McGrath, WASPC Jail Services Liaison, provided an update on the latest grant awards for the Mental Health Field Response (MHFRT) program. Late last fall, the state Department of Health awarded WASPC \$650,000 to be used toward MHFRT grants. The specific criteria stated that agencies were not to be in the Spokane region, the Pierce County region or Southwest Washington region as those were the chief Trueblood areas and had already received about \$1.5M. The new grants were awarded to make sure smaller agencies had an opportunity to bring

forth a MHFRT program to their own agencies.

There were 11 applications. The first week of January, awards were made to Marysville PD, Skagit County Sheriff's Office, Port Angeles PD, Poulsbo PD, Des Moines PD and the Jefferson County Sheriff's office with several being comprised of multiple agencies. The award process is now underway with the contracts good for the remainder of this fiscal year. Steve Strachan added that increasing funding is part of WASPC's legislative agenda for 2021.

Jail Standards and Accreditation

Last year, a bill was introduced in the legislature that would have created state standards for jails and corrections facilities across the state. Criteria was included that would mandate jails across the state to begin the accreditation process.

Washington State currently has four jails that are accredited out of 50 to 60 jails. John McGrath has started a work group that meets monthly to discuss how to create a set of standards based on the American Corrections Association's guidelines. John reported that the work group is now in the middle of this process. John is hoping by the spring conference that the group will have a direction to take to the Professional Services Committee and get some agreement to move forward with a new process and a new way to certify and then accredit jails across the state.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Dr. Marc Stern from the UW is currently on contract with WASPC as a medical consultant. He has been in discussions with the Department of Health (DOH) to begin to put a vaccine distribution plan together. A survey was sent out in the past several weeks to determine what LE agencies need. Based on the results of that survey, Dr. Stern should be able to direct DOH into areas that need assistance. Several back up plans are being developed as well.

John McGrath believes that within the next week or two, we should have a direction on what the vaccine distribution looks like for law enforcement and corrections and what stages persons would be able and qualified to be vaccinated.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Accreditation Commissioners

As of January 1, 2021 the WASPC Accreditation Commission has several vacancies; one of the vacancies will be under the Jail Manager category and two are under the elected Sheriff category. The Jail Manager position will be vacated on March 31 when Jail Chief Wendy Peterson retires. The two Sheriff positions sunset at the end of 2020.

All of the Commission positions serve three-year terms. As Mike Painter makes recommendations for Commissioner positions, he considers the following criteria:

1. Must be from a current WASPC accredited agency
2. Experience and fluency with the WASPC accreditation program
3. Demonstrated good judgement

4. Geographical balance with representation from both eastern and western Washington

The following is a summary of the Accreditation Commission vacancies.

Jail Manager

Jail Chief **Wendy Peterson (Clallam County SO)** term sunsets on 12/31/2020. Wendy has indicated that she plans to retire on March 30, 2021. Unfortunately we only have four accredited jails as of 12/31/2020, which significantly limits the pool of eligible Commissioners. When **combined** with a need for all Commissioners to have a strong working knowledge of the WASPC Accreditation program, these positions become the most challenging to fill.

Mike has approached Chief **Cherie Harris (Kirkland PD)** and asked if she would be interested in serving to fill the Jail Manager vacancy. Chief Harris is a former Accreditation Commissioner (2007-2009) and currently manages a municipal jail as part of the Kirkland PD police operation. Kirkland PD operations is accredited (2020) and they are currently working toward WASPC jail accreditation. Chief Harris is interested in serving as a Commissioner.

Sheriff

Sheriffs **Tom Jones' and Rick Scott's** terms sunset on 12/31/2020. Both have been consistent attendees at semi-annual accreditation Commission meetings. Sheriff positions are also very difficult to fill because we only have eight (8) accredited Sheriff 's offices and many of those elected Sheriffs are retiring at the end of 2021. Mike has talked with both Sheriffs Jones and Scott and asked them if they would be interested in serving for the next three years, and they have indicated they would.

Mike recommended that the WASPC Executive Board re-appoint Sheriffs Jones and Scott to new terms that will expire on 12/31/2023. He also recommended that the Board appoint Chief Cherie Harris to the Jail Manager position being vacated by Chief Wendy Peterson.

Motion: Chief Steve Crown moved to approve the appointments as recommended. Sheriff John Snaza seconded. The motion carried.

Certification and Credentialing

Mike has been selected to sit on a small national work group related to the credentialing process and more importantly, the advancement of accreditation across the country because the COPS Office was awarded \$5M to try to move accreditation into those agencies and particularly those states that do not have accreditation programs. During the interview process, Mike asked the COPS Director, Phil Keith, what the likelihood was that the discretionary standards become mandatory in the next administration. Mr. Keith's response was that it was very likely. It's too early to tell if that will happen, but WASPC will be watching so that we can stay ahead of this.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Both Chief Meidl and Chief Pete Fisher from Fife PD have had incidents in their cities relative to events occurring nationally. Steve has discussed the idea of doing a webinar for the members to hear the Chiefs' perspectives on their respective incidents, how they dealt with them, what was learned, what worked, what didn't and what people should know as these types of incidents arise. The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM for 90 minutes. A registration link was sent to the membership for those interested in joining the webinar.
- Chief Batiste's Troopers are stationed at the state capitol for the opening of the 2021 legislative session and perhaps longer, in addition to a number of Washington State National Guard troops in response to potential violence leading up to the Presidential Inauguration.
- The Executive Development training is on hold. There have been some discussions with Dr. Javidi about the cost of the training. Discussions are on-going.
- A big theme for WASPC for this year's legislative session is looking for our elected policymakers to bring our communities together at a time when things are very divisive. It is a strong message that we've been sending and is part of the legislative recommendations began in June of last year.
- With Barbara Smith's assistance, WASPC has developed a three minute video that explains and goes over our policy reform recommendations. Steve will be sending it to the Board later in the day to get some additional feedback.
- At present, we are still planning to hold the spring conference in May at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick. We are hoping we will be able to do that. But if that's not the case due to the COVID virus, we will then look at holding it as a webinar like we did the fall conference. We won't do a hybrid version of both in person and webinar as it adds an unmanageable level of complexity if we try to do a hybrid version. Steve is recommending we do either/or and make that call at the March E-Board or no later than April. Steve is happy to take comments from the Board if they have comments on this.

Legislative Update

James McMahan and Sanjay Walvekar hit the ground running Monday morning for the opening of the legislative session. Pursuant to House and Senate rules, both of them are working the session remotely. Hearings began on Tuesday.

The tactics bill was heard on Tuesday. It prohibits off-leash K-9's, chokeholds, no knock warrants, CNCS gas, and pursuits in virtually all circumstances. The hearing was 90 minutes in length and WASPC was the first to be called, after family of loved ones were heard, who were lost to officer involved shootings. A number of people also testified against the bill. There will also be hearings on Thursday and Friday in the House Public Safety Committee on police reform issues.

Next week, the Senate Law and Justice Committee will take up a series of reform bills and then James and Sanjay will scatter between those two committees. James noted that it is WASPC's leadership that has put us in the position to have the strongest voice possible on all of these

reform issues. We find ourselves on the high ground to make objective and productive comments on all of this legislation. James is also thankful and grateful to the Board for their support in hiring a Deputy Policy Director. He encouraged the Board to feel free to use Sanjay as a resource in addition to himself.

It is critical, especially with the session being conducted remotely, that Chiefs and Sheriffs contact their legislators on a regular basis. For legislators to hear from the people in their communities that are leaders is especially important this year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Approval of Membership

Motion: Sheriff John Snaza to approve the list of new member applicants as submitted. Sheriff Tom Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Traffic Safety Subcommittee

Chief Steve Crown announced the subcommittee is now underway working with the Traffic Safety Commission. There are eight members who volunteered to be part of the subcommittee. They will be working with Traffic Safety Commission staff and hopefully trying to reimagine a culture of traffic safety with incentives through their grant process.

Chief Crown and Sheriff Rob Snaza are working with Kim Goodman to pull together the Traffic Safety grant process for equipment. On January 26, 2021, there will be a GoTo Meeting for this purpose from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. More details to follow.

There being no further business, Sheriff John Snaza moved to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff James Raymond seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
Executive Assistant
WASPC

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Scheduled Start Date **Registered**

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Scheduled Start Time **Opened Invitation**

10:00:00 AM PST 0

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