

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S MERIT COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Sheriff's Conference Room

204 E. Main Street, Urbana

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Rector, Chair; Kelly Griffith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed McGhee

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Dan Walsh; Assistant State's Attorney David DeThorne

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rector called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Chair Rector.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation. However, Sheriff Walsh did voice his concern about all commissioners attending the meetings – especially once we get involved in other matters. Chair Rector was going to talk to each commissioner about the importance of attendance.

DISCUSSION

Chair Rector turned the meeting over to ASA DeThorne. Mr. DeThorne brought a draft and would like to review each item. He advised the commission we could go as fast or slow as they desired. His overall intention was to provide what the Merit Commission needs. He may have changed the order of some things – he did show on the document where he made additions or deletions

Article I – A added mailing address

Article I – B added notice of meetings

Article I – D added should have quarterly meetings

Article I – E tweaked to comply with open meetings act

Article I – F added info on closed session

Article I – J added that an election be held every 24 months to elect new officers

Article I – L added info on minutes and records

Article I – M added because of open meetings act constantly being rewritten

Article II – B There was much discussion on this issue. Chair Rector wanted to leave it is for now until all three members are in attendance to discuss.

ASA DeThorne reminded the commission their job is to serve and make sure things happen on merit. He stated the Commission should redo Articles IV; V; VI; VII.

Sheriff Walsh spoke on how CCSO does things in regards to the hiring procedure: application process, testing process, set the cut-off scores – this is how the CCSO has done it since he has been in office.

ASA DeThorne said what the Sheriff's Office does is fine although he is concerned by the interview process – doesn't want us to get into trouble. Sheriff Walsh thinks it would be too much for the Merit Commission; doing interviews of all applicants, etc. Discussion followed.

ASA DeThorne continued to talk about litigation, the open meetings act, and the right for the Merit Commission to have an attorney. ASA DeThorne is going to make some more changes. Chair Rector recommended that we meet within three to four weeks. He also wanted ASA DeThorne to know that the Merit Commission does appreciate his help.

Chair Rector asked Teresa to get back with all commissioners and try and set up a meeting June 22 or 23.

OTHER BUSINESS None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Rector; seconded by Commissioner Griffith. Chair Rector adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Schlein

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