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Minutes of Public Meeting – January 14, 2021

A public teleconference meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on January 14, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. CESTB Board members present via teleconference were: Chairman Scott Blake, Vice Chair Judge Dennis Dowling, Constable Mike Cobb, Valerie Beckett and Christine Shipley. CESTB Board members absent were Melissa Buckley and Sheriff Adam Shepherd. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Members of the public attending included Scott Davis and Samantha Childs.

A quorum was reached and the following matters were discussed and decided at the meeting:

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Corrections: None

Constable Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the November 13, 2020 CESTB meeting and Christine Shipley seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Financial Report: Staff reviewed income, expenses and cash flow. Revenue is down quite a bit, and staff will continue to monitor closely. FY22 budget may need to be scaled back. Staff has also met with new CSB manager and is working through the 80/20 revenue corrections with them. Most claims are now up to date and the cash flow report reflects any outstanding or anticipated expenditures.

Constable Cobb made a motion to approve the financial report and Valerie Beckett seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Call to the Public:

Samantha Childs commented on her complaint against Constable Clark.

Scott Davis is compiling data on writs being delayed by CDC action due to COVID and is asking for any tracking information the counties around the state can provide.

Board Elections: The positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are elected each year in January to serve a term of 1 year. Staff reviewed the elections process. Nominations were taken from the floor.

Judge Dowling nominated Constable Scott Blake to serve as Chairman. There were no additional nominations and Chairman Blake announced nominations were closed. Constable Blake was elected to the position of Chairman by acclamation.

Constable Cobb nominated Judge Dowling to serve as Vice Chairman. There were no additional nominations and Chairman Blake announced nominations were closed. Judge Dowling was elected to the position of Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Constable Cobb nominated Christine Shipley to serve as Secretary. There were no additional nominations and Chairman Blake announced nominations were closed. Christine Shipley was elected to the position of Secretary by acclamation.

Constable Complaints:

Initial Screening of new Constable Complaints:

Complaint received 11-25-20 Childs v Clark. Board members reviewed the complaint and accompanying video provided by the complainant. Judge Dowling asked the complainant if she attended the court hearing and she answered yes. He asked if she was informed that a writ would be issued in 5 days. She wasn't clear on her answer. She believed since she immediately filed an appeal that the writ wouldn't be issued until after the appeal was adjudicated. Valerie Beckett asked the complainant to verify some allegations that were not shown in either of the two videos submitted to the CESTB. The complainant said she does have video evidence. Christine Shipley made a motion to move forward with the complaint and allow the complainant to submit additional evidence supporting her allegations. Judge Dowling seconded. The motion passed 3-2 with a roll call vote: Dowling, Shipley and Beckett voted yes, Cobb & Blake voted no.

Administrative Update

Staff reported that eleven constables have not yet submitted proof of required minimum training. If the training was completed in December, the constables have 30 days to submit, so final report will be submitted at the February board meeting. Staff clarified some are constables who have now retired and will follow up on their status prior to the February board meeting.

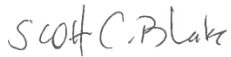
Staff reported that Equipment and Outside Training Grant apps are on the website and are due February 1.

Adjournment: Constable Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chairmen Blake seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2021

Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board

By The Hon. Scott Blake



CESTB Chairman