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Minutes of Public Meeting – January 20, 2020

A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on January 20, 2020 at 3:40 p.m. at the Tubac Golf Resort and Spa, 1 Ave de Otero, Tubac, Arizona 85646. CESTB Board members present were Chairman Mike Cobb, Constable Scott Blake and Judge Dennis Dowling. CESTB Board members present via teleconference were: Sheriff Adam Shepherd. CESTB Board members absent were Christine Shipley and Valerie Beckett. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Members of the public attending in person included Constable Mike Branham and Constable Lennie McCloskey. Chairman Cobb introduced incoming board member Melissa Buckley who was participating via teleconference. Melissa's final paperwork is being completed at the present time.

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Corrections: None

Constable Blake made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the December 18, 2019 CESTB meeting and Judge Dowling seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Financial Report: Staff noted there are 3 counties who have not yet submitted any writ fees. It is possible they have not collected any fees, as is often the case with these small counties, but staff will follow up with them for a status report. Staff reported income through December is up an average of \$5300+ per month over budget projections. Current cash flow shows a projected cash balance at the end of the fiscal year of \$465,981. Judge Dowling made a motion to accept the December 2019 financial report and Constable Blake seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Call to the Public: None

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 Cobb announced nominations were closed. Constable Blake was elected to the position of Chairman by acclamation. Constable Blake chose to assume his role beginning with the February board meeting and Constable Cobb continued as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Constable Cobb nominated Judge Dowling to serve as Vice Chairman. There were no additional nominations and Constable Cobb 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 Constable Cobb 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 01-20-2020 Saeler v Randall – Constable Cobb stated his belief this was just an extension of a personal conflict that was previously introduced to the Board and dismissed due

to lack of jurisdiction. The CESTB had previously advised the complainant that it was an issue to take up with the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Constable Blake thought it showed a pattern of behavior that should be looked into and made a motion to open a complaint investigation. The motion died due to the lack of a second. Staff will advise the complainant to continue to pursue with Pima County.

Administrative Update

Once the incoming board member's information is complete, staff will forward an updated Board roster.

Staff provided an update on the training audit. Only 1 constable lacked the required number of training hours for 2019. They had until December 31 to complete the training, and 30 days to submit records to the CESTB. Staff will provide an update at the February meeting.

Staff continues to publish historical meeting information to the website and will be looking at other historical data that should be included as well.

Applications for the next cycle for equipment grants as well as the outside training grants are due on February 10th, with board review at the February 13th meeting.

Staff discussed the need for the board to conduct some strategic planning and budget review and discuss ways to better utilize available funds. Constable Cobb suggested the board consider adding an additional equipment grant cycle to the 2020 fiscal year, perhaps in June. Staff will provide updated budget surplus projections prior to the February board meeting. The board discussed possible reasons we are not receiving a lot of equipment grant applications, and concluded the application process can be intimidating. Staff will contact our representative at the AG's office to discuss ways to simplify our grant application. The board also discussed the possibility of conducting grant writing workshops several times a year. These items will be placed on the February agenda for further discussion and possible action.

Adjournment: Judge Dowling made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sheriff Shepherd seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Dated this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2020

Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board

By



Chairman Scott Blake