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### Minutes of Public Meeting – March 12, 2020

A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on March 12, 2020 at 9:08 a.m. at the offices of Capitol Consulting 818 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Phoenix, AZ 8500. CESTB Board members present via teleconference were: Chairman Scott Blake, Valerie Beckett (joined during complaint discussion), Judge Dennis Dowling, Sheriff Adam Shepherd, Constable Mike Cobb and Melissa Buckley. CESTB Board members absent were Christine Shipley. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Members of the public attending via teleconference included Maricopa County Constable Administrator Patrice Goodman.

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

#### **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Corrections: None

Sheriff Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the February 13, 2020 CESTB meeting and Judge Dowling seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**Financial Report:** Staff reported income through February 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 \$469,409. Constable Cobb made a motion to accept the February 2020 financial report and Melissa Buckley seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

#### **Constable Complaints:**

CNA245-2020 Vasquez – Staff reported that Constable Vasquez has enrolled in the required courses. Staff will continue to follow up with the trainer to determine if the courses have been completed.

#### **Initial Screening of new Constable Complaints:**

Complaint received 3/2/20 Carpenter v Vasquez – Chairman Blake introduced the complaint. Constable Cobb made a motion to move forward with the complaint process and Judge Dowling seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. Board discussed hiring a private investigator to look into the allegations further. Staff will research and board will discuss again at the next meeting.

**Grant Application for Organizational Firearms Training:** One application was received from the AZ Constables Association for Organizational Firearms Training Grant requesting total funding in the amount of \$35,651.29. The training will take place sometime in the second quarter of 2020 at the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Firearms Facility. Funds available for this cycle are \$65,000. Board members submitted their scores for the record. Constable Cobb made a motion to approve the application as submitted and Sheriff Shepherd seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 without further discussion.

#### **Strategic Planning and Budget:**

Constable Cobb and Valerie Beckett will review the current strategic plan and present possible updates to the board at a future meeting.

Staff presented an updated draft budget based on February cash flow report figures. Board discussed adding a training grant cycle in FY21 for defensive tactics training in the amount of \$50,000. Also discussed need to increase the available funds for the first organizational training event since this will include extended training for new constables. Staff will make the revisions and update the draft each month with current projected ending cash figures. Final budget approval will take place at the June board meeting.

**Administrative Update**

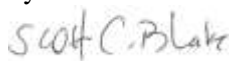
Staff has been exchanging voicemails with 3 counties that have not yet deposited any writ fees with the CESTB and will continue to follow up.

Staff continues to review grant applications for simplification and asked for feedback on the scoring criteria. Staff will prepare a list of proposed deadline dates for all cycles and present to board next month.

Staff continues to evaluate old records for archival.

**Adjournment:** Constable Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judge Dowling seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2020  
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board  
By



Chairman Scott Blake