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Minutes of Public Meeting – October 16, 2019

A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on October 16, 2019 at 10:06 a.m. at the offices of Capitol Consulting 818 North First Street Phoenix, AZ 8500. CESTB Board members present via teleconference were: Chairman Mike Cobb, Constable Scott Blake, and Valerie Beckett. Judge Dennis Dowling joined the teleconference at 10:35 AM. CESTB members absent were Sheriff Adam Shepherd and Christine Shipley. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht & Jake Hinman. Members of the public attending via teleconference included Robin Hillyard and Judge Kyle Bryson.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Due to lack of quorum this item was tabled.

Financial Report: Due to lack of quorum this item was tabled.

Call to the Public: None

Administrative Update

Staff reported that CSB is not yet reporting the 80/20 revenue split. Our CSB rep is new and she didn't have an answer on why this issue has not been fixed. Staff will follow up with their supervisor when she returns to the office later this month. Staff also reported all FY19 grants have been closed out and paid.

Staff conducted an initial training audit and reported 18 constables have not met the minimum statutory requirement for training in calendar year 2019. Ten of those constables have not reported any training. Staff reached out to the AZ Constables Association to determine if those constables are still in their positions. The Board directed staff to send the customary courtesy letters letting constables know they are deficient and have until December 31, 2019 to complete the training.

Board discussed difficulty for some members to participate in the monthly meetings and requested staff initiate proposed alternate day/time to conduct the monthly meetings. This will be place on the agenda next month for discussion.

A quorum was reached at 10:35 and the following matters were discussed and decided at the meeting:

Constable Complaints:

Initial Screening of new Constable Complaints:

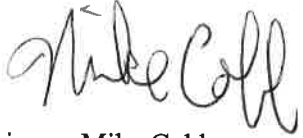
Complaint received 10-10-19 Huckelberry vs Vasquez - Chairman Cobb introduced the complaint which was initiated by Pima County against the constable due to his continued issues with his vehicle use and failure to report accidents/damage. Valerie Beckett made a motion to move forward with an investigation and Judge Dowling seconded. \

Discussion: Concern was raised that this is a county issue, not and ethics board issue, and therefore should not move forward with the formal complaint process. It was pointed out that an investigation will help determine that.

The motion passed 3-1 with Constable Blake voting no.

Adjournment: Constable Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Valerie Beckett seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Dated this 18 day of Dec., 2019
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board

By

Chairman Mike Cobb