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Minutes of Public Meeting – November 18, 2021

A public teleconference meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on November 18, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. CESTB Board members present via teleconference were Chairman Constable Scott Blake, Matt Giordano, Constable Mike Cobb, Valerie Beckett and Christine Shipley. Members absent included Vice Chair Judge Dennis Dowling and Melissa Buckley. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Also present from the public was Patrice Goodman and Constable Greg Sharp.

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Corrections: None

Matt Giordano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 14, 2021 CESTB meeting, and Christine Shipley seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Financial Report: Staff reviewed the September financial report. Mike Cobb made a motion to approve the financial report and Christine Shipley seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Call to the Public: Constable Sharp spoke about his training certificates

Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action on Constable Training Grant:

One application was received from the AZ Constables Association for Organizational Training requesting total funding in the amount of \$105,984.00. The event is currently scheduled to take place in January in Tubac to provide required continuing education to all constables and deputy constables. Funds available for this cycle are \$125,000. Board members submitted their scores for the record.

Matt Giordano made a motion to approve the application as submitted and Christine Shipley seconded. Motion passed with a roll call vote unanimously 4-0-1 with Chairman Blake abstaining.

Constable Complaints:

Initial Screening of new Constable Complaints:

Correspondence received 10-18-21 from Pima County Administrator Huckelberry v Vasquez – Chairman Blake reviewed the correspondence which included a complaint filed with the Pima County Board of Supervisors stating the constable got into an altercation with a family member. Constable Vasquez was placed on 180 day suspension by Pima County at the end of June.

Christine Shipley questioned jurisdiction while the constable is suspended. Mike Cobb stated his belief that CESTB does have jurisdiction as long as he is still a constable, even if suspended. Mike went on to say that no charges have been filed and no orders have been violated, and the situation described in the complaint was not related to the constable's duties so it does not meet the standards for the board to pursue, and consequently made a motion to not move forward with the complaint process. Christine Shipley requested clarification about what, if any notification is sent to the constable when a complaint is not moved forward. Staff clarified that constables are notified when the CESTB receives a complaint, even when the CESTB does not move forward with a complaint investigation. Mike Cobb amended his motion to include

advising Constable Vasquez in the notification that he is not acting responsibly as an elected official and the CESTB will continue to monitor the situation. Christine Shipley seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote unanimously 5-0.

Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action on Constable Late Training Records – Chairman Blake

Constables Greg Sharp, Esther Gonzalez and Scott Elliott submitted training records as a result of receiving a courtesy letter notifying them they had not yet completed the statutory 16 hours of training. The records submitted by the constables were from earlier in the year, and not submitted to the CESTB within the 30 days. Matt Giordano asked for clarification if the training records met all the other standards and requirements and staff clarified the only deficiency was they were not submitted in the correct time frame.

Matt Giordano made a motion to accept the training certificates submitted by all three constables and Christine Shipley seconded. Discussion: Mike Cobb suggested we include a statement in the notification we send to the constables regarding this action that in the future their certificates may not be accepted if not submitted within the required 30 day time period. Matt Giordano amended his motion to include Mike’s suggestion. Motion passed with a roll call vote unanimously 5-0.

Discussion & Possible Action on January Meeting Date Change – Chairman Blake

The regular January meeting date conflicts with the annual constable training event. Consensus was to change the meeting to January 20th.

Administrative Update

Staff has been following up with constables who still need to complete training to meet statutory requirements by December 31st. A second courtesy letter will be sent later this month to those constables who are still deficient.

Staff reported the next Constable Equipment and Outside Training Grant cycles are open and the applications posted on the website. Deadline to submit is January 31, 2022.

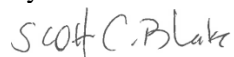
Staff continues to work on document retention and destruction schedules.

Matt Giordano reported on the completion of the appreciation plaque for Sheriff Shepherd. Matt can make sure it is presented.

Adjournment: Matt Giordano made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Cobb seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2021
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board

By The Hon. Scott Blake



CESTB Chairman