

**Minutes of Public Meeting of the
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board
May 18, 2016**

A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on May 18, 2016 at 10:07 a.m. at the offices of Capitol Consulting 818 North First Street Phoenix, AZ 85004. Present at the meeting were the following members of the CESTB - Constable Mike Cobb, Constable David Lester and Constable Scott Tipton. Present via teleconference were the following members of the CESTB - Christine Shipley, Sheriff Adam Shepherd, Constable Brandon Schmoll. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Members of the public present included Mr. John Cobb. Absent were the following members of the CESTB – Judge Barbara Brown, Dan Field and Stuart Goodman.

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

Discussion regarding Chairman Sumner’s Resignation and Election of Acting Chair: Constable Tipton reported that Chair Ken Sumner was elected President of the ACA and needed to resign from the CESTB board. His office of Chairman needs to be filled until elections in November. Constable Tipton made a motion to nominate Constable Mike Cobb to fill the Chair position. Constable Lester seconded the motion. No further nominations were put forth. Motion carried by acclamation.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Sheriff Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2016 CESTB meeting. Constable Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: Staff presented the financial report prepared by the Department of Administration for the month ending April 2016. Constable Cobb made a motion to approve the financial report. Constable Schmoll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2017 Fiscal Year Budget Planning: Staff presented a draft budget. Needs for training in FY17 will be slightly different, so the suggested amounts to budget were updated to reflect this. In addition, with the passing of the recent legislation changing the CESTB, formal rules will need to be developed. There will be costs to have someone with a legal background write the rules and the AG office may incur extra costs to approve the rules. These were added to the suggested administrative budget. Constable Tipton suggested funding for firearms training be added as well. This will require an entity, presumably the ACA, to put together the training and determine what the associated costs may be. Constable Tipton will speak with them and provide any needed information for budget adjustments. The final budget must be approved by the CESTB prior to July 1st.

Call to the Public: No members of the public made any comment.

Constable Complaints:

CNA183-2016 Lee – This complaint along with 3 other open complaints will be assigned to the Rural subcommittee to investigate.

CNA185-2016 Clark – This complaint addresses the same speeding issues on the part of Constable Clark that were addressed by this board with case #CNA177-2016. The disposition of that case was to ask Constable Clark to resign. There wasn’t any new evidence present in CNA185-2016 relative to this offense, therefore, Vice Chair Tipton

suggests this case be dismissed. Constable Schmoll made a motion to dismiss CNA185-2026 and Constable Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administration Report: Staff reported all constables with an email addresses have been added to the database. Training materials were submitted to be covered at the recent training. They were not discussed but forwarded to constables. Staff was directed to continue to utilize the old recording system for training certificates until all constables are fully on board and familiar with the new system.

Staff looked into Greenlee Co writ fee. In 2014 when the CESTB contacted them, they sent a letter indicating they would submit annually, and they did so in August of FY16. Staff could not find anywhere in statute where the county is required to submit monthly. We will continue to monitor to make sure they submit fees at least once per year.

Staff recently conducted an audit of the grants that have been awarded in FY16. Several counties had not returned their signed contracts. In addition, none of the equipment grant recipients have submitted requests for funds. Inquiries were sent on May 13. Maricopa County responded they would not be requesting any of the funds they were awarded. Pima County responded they would have reports to the CESTB soon. Still awaiting response from Gila, Yuma, Coconino and Yavapai.

Adjournment: Constable Schmoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Constable seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Dated this 15 day of June, 2016
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board

By 

Chairman Mike Cobb