Minutes

September 24th, 2020

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

Advisory Board Meeting

The East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team held its first quarterly meeting for FY21. This meeting was held at the MTU training center at 3121 Dewitt Ave., Mattoon Illinois.

In attendance were:

Chief Kent Martin Eastern Illinois University Police Department

Sheriff Jimmy Rankin Coles County Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Steve Maroon Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department

Josh Blackwell Douglas County Sheriff’s Department

Brad Oyer ECIMLETT Staff

Not enough in attendance for a quorum.

1006 Hrs- Call to order- Martin

1007 Hrs- Accept the minutes from June 25th, 2020. Motion by Rankin/ Second by Blackwell

1010 Hrs- Financial Report given by Oyer. Oyer noted that FY20 was fully funded and that FY21 has received a ¼ of the first quarter payment.

1015 Hrs- Gave report on upcoming training. A request was made for a SWAT school. I told them that I had been in contact with Brian Hissong about the class and that I will touch base once more with him to see about conducting a class.

1036 Hrs- Advisory Board positions. A motion was made to nominate the current office holders to another term.

Chief Martin- Advisory Board Chairman

Sheriff Blackwell- Assistant Chair

Sheriff Brown- Secretary Treasurer

Chief Martin stated he would accept but that he is planning on retiring at the end of September 2021.

Motion made by Sheriff Maroon and seconded by Blackwell to keep current positions.

1040 hrs- Proposal made to revise the ECIMLETT office policy to cap future Project Directors accrued time pay out to 200 hrs, as well as increase the vacation time from 1 day per month to 1.5 days per month.

The accrued time pay out cap would be necessary to keep the office from being debited time that I recognized by the auditor. This has caused problems in the past when the Project Director has left the position.

It was requested that this be sent out for a vote as well.

1048 Hrs- Crawford County Sheriff’s Department requested that they be allowed to come on as an “Associate Member”. This enables them to attend all training, but does not give them a vote on the advisory board. Oyer asked that the amount be set at $1,000.00, which is considerably less than the normal amount that a county would pay for membership.

Blackwell made a motion to accept that amount and Sheriff Rankin seconded the motion.

1057 Hrs- Blackwell made a motion to close the meeting, Sheriff Rankin seconded the motion.

1057 Hrs- Meeting adjourned

10/05/2020

We had the first of the FY21 fiscal year advisory board meetings today at the training center.

There are three items that need a vote.  I will list them individually, as they really should be voted on individually.  A motion was made to hold the vote by email.

**1.** The first is advisory board positions.  A motion was made and seconded to keep the same three people in their current positions, knowing that Chief Martin plans to retire this time next year.  Ask him, he will give you the exact number of days.

Chairman- Chief Martin

Asst. Chairman- Sheriff Blackwell

Secretary/Treasurer- Sheriff Brown (This has to be an elected position also)

**2**.  Crawford County Sheriff's Department asked to come on as an Associate Member.  A motion was made to charge them $1,000.00 as an associate member.

**3**. Office Policy.  We really should make this up yearly, as the auditor would like it.  Here is the background.  When Terri left, we paid out a settlement of $5,000.00, the auditor had $25,000 (ish) on the books debating the office.  That left $20,000 that we should have had to pay back, but fortunately, as luck would have it, the building project ate into that.  By setting a cap, it eliminates the auditor from debiting anything over a set amount of time.  The auditor would rather have a time payout than a dollar amount.

Second.  After 2 years in this position, I am requesting an extra half-day vacation per month, going from 1 day per month to 1.5 days per month.  I would like to see this position have a natural increase in benefits over time.

A motion was made to accept the new office policy.  See attachment for full policy.

If everybody could please vote on each of the three motions, I will tally them and put it into the minutes.

Thank you very much, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask......

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Online voting passed with 11 votes.

Voting yes were:

Chief Reed of Charleston

Sheriff Rankin of Coles County

Sheriff Sims of Moultrie County

Chief Branson of Lake Land College

Sheriff Blackwell of Douglas County

Chief Martin of Eastern Illinois University

Sheriff Wood of Edgar County

Chief Taylor of Mattoon

Sheriff Brown of Clark County

Chief Freezeland of Arcola

Chief Schabbing of Neoga