

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
REGULAR MEETING  
KO Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, OK  
July 20, 2016  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County  
Chief Michael Robinson, OSU DPS  
Sheriff John Christian, Pontotoc County  
Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City Police Dept.  
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.  
Director John Scully, OBNDD  
Chief Ike Shirley, Bixby Police Dept.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Emmons, Executive Director  
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director  
John Parker, Director of Administration  
Shannon Butler, Training Manager  
Caitlin Khan, Receptionist  
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dr. James Burke, East Central University  
Director Stan Florence, OSBI  
Major Pat Mays, Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko Police Dept.  
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse  
Police Dept.

**GUESTS:**

Jim Carroll, OSPOA  
Marty Kasper, Channel 6

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Whetsel called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Open Meeting Act Compliance**

Sheriff Whetsel confirmed that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll was called, and seven members were present, representing a quorum.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Chief Citty made a motion to approve the April 20, 2016, minutes as written. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Scully voted yes. Chief Shirley voted

yes. The motion carried 7-0.

## **5. Committee and Board Reports**

There was no discussion.

## **6. Advisory Council Composition**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Chief Robinson made a motion to reappoint Chief Eskridge, Chief Ford, and Director Harp to the Advisory Council. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Scully voted yes. Chief Shirley voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

## **7. Curriculum Review Board Composition**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Sheriff Christian made a motion to reappoint Mr. Maile to the Curriculum Review Board. Chief Shirley seconded the motion. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Scully voted yes. Chief Shirley voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

## **8. Bomb Dog Advisory Council Composition**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Chief Shirley made a motion to reappoint Sgt. Grubbs, Trooper Norman, and Officer Eagan to the Bomb Dog Advisory Council. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Scully voted yes. Chief Shirley voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

## **9. CLEET Financial Report**

Sheriff Whetsel asked how the budget was. John Parker, CLEET Director of Administration, replied that it was good so far and that the agency had actually decreased spending over the last year by \$450,000. He added that most of that was due to eliminating the evening meal. He also advised a carryover of \$250,000 - \$260,000 was expected.

## **10. Budget Update**

Director Emmons advised members that agencies would be required to pay for meals by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. He said that agencies have been understanding so far and that CLEET's budget has been cut almost 20% in the last two years.

Director Emmons then gave a summary of SB1202. He explained payments for meals at CLEET will begin August 1, 2016, and that agencies will also have to begin paying for 100% of ammunition.

Director Emmons then advised that it was CLEET's intention to attempt the \$1 increase on the penalty

assessment fees during the next legislative session. He also expressed a desire to find a way to get the evening meal back, potentially by making language changes that would allow CLEET to charge for that meal as well.

Chief Robinson asked if the cafeteria vendor would be open to serving the evening meal again. Director Emmons said it had not been discussed with them yet.

#### **11. Legislative Update**

Director Emmons advised members to be considering legislation that CLEET may need to run during the next legislative session. He then gave a brief review of bills that passed this session that were requested by CLEET. He also reported that reserve officers would be required to start taking 8 hours of continuing education with 1 hour of mental health each year and that would begin January 1, 2017.

Sheriff Whetsel said that law enforcement must do a better job of engaging at the legislature.

#### **12. Actions Against Peace Officers**

Chief Ricks asked about an email sent to members regarding the certification status of Sheriff Glanz. Director Emmons said that he had received it also and that no action had been taken yet as it is unclear if the charges qualify as crimes of moral turpitude.

#### **13. Divisional Reports**

There was no discussion.

#### **14. Director's Report**

Director Emmons advised that the repairs to the driving track had made it safe to use, but there are still many repairs to be made. He said that it is on the Capitol Projects list, but there is no money for it yet. Sheriff Whetsel asked what the total cost to repair the track would be. John Parker, CLEET Director of Administration, replied that total repairs would cost around \$2 million and a total replacement of the track has been estimated as high as \$10 million.

Director Emmons then advised members of staffing issues at CLEET. He said that they are working on filling two vacant positions and will be welcoming a new attorney on August 1.

Director Emmons then updated members regarding training initiatives, regional meetings, the Tulsa Tech partnership and off-site academy.

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET is considering bringing Blue Courage to Oklahoma. Assistant Director Gerhart then gave an overview of the Blue Courage program for members.

Director Emmons also advised that OJA would not be housed at CLEET but that DEQ was still interested.

#### **15. Board Comments**

Sheriff Whetsel updated members on Protecting Houses of Worship. Chief Citty and Sheriff Whetsel explained the idea behind this program to members, and they had a brief discussion on it.

Chief Citty also had some recommendations for curriculum changes regarding the 21 foot rule for a suspect with a knife and de-escalation training.

## **16. New Business**

There was no discussion.

## **17. Adjournment**

**Action Taken:** Chief Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Scully voted yes. Chief Shirley voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.