

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

COMMISSION MEETING

May 22, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Bill Landry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation was led by Constable Reginald Brown.

1. ROLL CALL

The roll call was conducted by Ms. Lisa Dreher. A membership quorum was present.

Commission members or their representatives who were present: Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle; Chief Barry Bonner; Constable Reginald Brown; Mr. David Burton; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Attorney General James “Buddy” Caldwell; Mr. Ricky Edwards, proxy for Sheriff Mike Cazes; Capt. Patrick Yoes, proxy for Sheriff Greg Champagne; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul Connick; Chief Jim Craft; Mr. John DeRosier; Mr. James R. “Jay” Dixon, Jr.; Lt. Waylon Busby, proxy for Col. Mike Edmonson; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux; Chief Bill Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Ms. Mary Livers; Chief Deputy Gary Guillory, proxy for Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Willy Martin; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, proxy for Mr. Tony Perkins; Sheriff Steve Prator; Chief Percy S. “Rick” Richard; Chief Carlos Stout; Mr. J. D. Thornton; Sheriff Bud Torres; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Mr. Joey Watson; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, proxy for Sheriff Mike Waguespack; Mr. Gary Dupuy, proxy for Chief Judge Vanessa Whipple; Chief Bill Landry, proxy for Sheriff Jeff Wiley; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Judge Paul Young; and Capt. Patrick Yoes.

LACLE Staff who were present included: Mr. Joey Watson, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Mehrtens; Ms. Lisa Dreher; Ms. Kathy Guidry; Mr. Bob Miller; Ms. Roxanne Langston; Mr. Bob Wertz, Ms. Rebekah Taylor, and Ms. Keegan Larisey.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux announced the following recently-appointed Commission members: Chief Judge Susan Chehardy, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; and Judge Laurie A. White, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Constable Reginald Brown, seconded by Chief Carlos Stout, and motion passed.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 20, 2014. A motion was made by Sheriff Steve Prator and seconded by Chief Carlos Stout. The motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of the Priorities Committee

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the Priorities Committee at 10:00 a.m. on March 7, 2014 via teleconference. A membership quorum was present. The Committee approved the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2014, and recommends approval of all applications, allocations, sole source proposals, and proposed increases, with the exception of one proposed increase for the D.A.R.E. Program. This proposed increase was reported and approved in the amount of \$72,000 *<more or less>*, and the amount has increased to \$102,818. Accordingly, the ballot should be corrected to reflect this amount.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux asked for a motion to accept the report, and to include the recommended D.A.R.E. Program change. A motion was made by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, seconded by Constable Reginald Brown, and the motion carried.

B. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

Chief Deputy Gary “Stitch Guillory, Board Chairman, reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the L’auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles. A quorum was present.

The Board recommends the following:

1. Approval of the following allocations:
 - a. Two allocations for FY 2012 VOCA funds in the amount of \$41,836;
 - b. Six allocations for FY 2013 VOCA funds in the amount of \$158,155;
 - c. 14 allocations for FY 2013 SASP funds in the amount of \$283,113;
 - d. One allocation for FY 2011 STOP funds in the amount of \$444;
 - e. 17 allocations for FY 2013 STOP funds in the amount of \$366,363;

2. Approval of the following increases:
 - a. One increase in the amount of \$19,887 in FY 2011 VOCA funding;
 - b. One increase in the amount of \$444 in FY 2011 STOP funding;
3. Approval of the following applications with special conditions:
 - a. 29 VOCA applications totaling \$883,316;
 - b. 14 SASP applications totaling \$283,113;
 - c. 56 STOP applications totaling \$1,247,673.

This concludes the Victim Services Advisory Committee Report.

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Jim Craft, seconded by Sheriff Willy Martin, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board

Chief Mike Knaps, Board Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the L'auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles. A membership quorum was present. The Board recommends approval of the following:

- Two FY-2011 allocations totaling \$12,181. These Allocations use LCLE residual funds to fund local law enforcement projects;
- On March 20, 2014, the Commission approved an Increase of “up to” \$35,000 for B10-8-003; the precise amount can now be reported as \$34,632;
- One increase in the amount of \$85,000 for LSA’s *Criminal Records Improvement* project;
- One 48-Month Limit Waiver Request;
- 14 non-confidential Applications totaling \$547,014; this includes 2 new *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration Projects*;
- Three **Confidential** Applications totaling \$69,387.

The Board announced our 2014 initial Federal Allocation for the Byrne Program. The Federal dollar amount of \$3,495,522 is approximately 5.5 % below last year’s Award. District allocations and applications will be presented at the September meeting.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report.

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a motion to accept. A motion was made by Chief Carlos Stout, seconded by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, and the motion passed.

D. Report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Advisory Board

Chief Bill Landry, Chairman, reported that the JJDP Advisory Board met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the L'auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles. A quorum was present. The Board recommends approval of the following:

- Three allocations for Federal FY 2011 JABG totaling \$65,088;
- One allocation for Federal FY 2012 Title II totaling \$29,036;
- One allocation for Federal FY 2013 Title II totaling \$18,050;
- Three increases for Federal FY 2011 JABG totaling \$65,088;
- 9 Title II applications with special conditions totaling \$203,858.

This concludes the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a motion to accept. A motion was made by Sheriff Willy Martin and seconded by Chief Jim Craft. The motion passed.

E. Call for Other Old Business

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for other old business. There was no other old business to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. Sheriff Steve Prator made a motion to approve all district grant applications *in globo*. Constable Reginald Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Joey Watson reported that we have received a waiver request from the City Court of Bogalusa for the discharge of financial liability to the Commission in the amount of \$3,970 (\$3,135 for Crime Victims Reparations Program and \$835 for the Law Enforcement Training Fund). These missing funds were apparently embezzled from 2006 – 2011 and were never deposited into the criminal fund with the Clerk of Court's Office. The recovery of these funds is not expected.

After some discussion, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux called for a motion to approve or deny the waiver request. A motion was made by Sheriff Steve Prator to deny the request, and seconded by Sheriff Willy Martin. The waiver request was unanimously denied.

Mr. Robert Mehrstens reported that \$4.5 million was awarded at today's meeting which will be utilized by agencies within the criminal justice community.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Joey Watson announced that the next Commission meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Medal of Honor Ceremony on September 18, 2014, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. The Medal of Honor Ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Further, Mr. Watson announced that donation letters for the Medal of Honor Ceremony are forthcoming from Tyler Downing at LCLE. The families of five fallen officers will be honored at this year's ceremony. Mr. Watson encouraged support from the law enforcement community by contributing to this worthy program.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Willy Martin and seconded by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.