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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Meeting Minutes April 19, 2023

Members: Julia Craft, Chair

Sheryl Wohlford, Vice Chair

Jessica Beck Alma Ann Jones Roosevelt DeShazer

Also Present: Milo Unruh, Board Attorney

Sheriff Jeff Easter

Laura Oblinger, Sheriff's Attorney Dorsha Kirksey, Civil Service Officer

Ariann Cooper, Employee Relations Specialist

Lynda Baker, County Manager's Office

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The April 19, 2023 meeting of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Julia Craft, Chair.

II. Introduce Dorsha Kirksey as the new Civil Service Officer.

Dorsha Kirksey introduced herself to the Board.

III. Schedule grievance hearing for Deputy Richard Gaines.

The grievance hearing for Deputy Richard Gaines was scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2023 and will start at 9:00am.

IV. Approve minutes of March 2, 2023.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sheryl Wohlford, seconded by Alma Ann Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Certify Commissioned Deputy Applicant List.

A motion to accept the list was made by Roosevelt DeShazer, seconded by Sheryl Wohlford. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Certify Detention Deputy Applicant List.

A motion to accept the list was made by Sheryl Wohlford, seconded by Alma Ann Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Certify Detention Deputy Re-hire Applicant List.

A motion to accept the list was made by Roosevelt DeShazer, seconded by Sheryl Wohlford. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Certify Civilian/Clerical Applicant List.

A motion to accept the list was made by Alma Ann Jones, seconded by Roosevelt DeShazer. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Other business.

Sheriff Easter advised the Board of potential changes regarding the 45-day limit in relation to investigations in hopes that it will hold supervisors more accountable. Supervisors will be given 15 days to review videos and 30 days to make determinations. It would then go to the Sheriff to meet that 45-day criteria. Currently, there is too much latitude with supervisors.

Sheriff Easter also advised the Board they are getting ready to serve discipline in the form of a termination, but there are others involved that resigned, thus the Board would not receive their information. Since that employee will have an opportunity to grieve the termination, the Sheriff is unable to give details of that investigation. Regarding that same investigation, there were inappropriate encounters between an employee and deputies. Failed polygraphs were involved resulting in a meeting with the District Attorney's Office to determine Brady Giglio.

Another investigation involved a jail employee making derogatory remarks to an inmate when the inmate was being disruptive. Two corporals witnessed the dispute, but a male sergeant denied it, and it was discovered, while investigating, that there was an inappropriate relationship between the jail employee and the sergeant. She has resigned, but the sergeant is still employed. This investigation was taken to the District Attorney's Office to determine Brady Giglio. Since the female jail employee resigned, the Board would not see details of that investigation regarding her.

X. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting:

July 19, 2023 9:00 A.M. Ark Valley Conference Room 615 N. Main Wichita, KS 67203