

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Tom Crawford, Vice-President Ken Wendling Member Jim Hays, and Member Linda Lawson. Also present was Chief Heather Burris.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm by President Crawford.

2) APPROVAL OF 11-07-2022 MEETING MINUTES

Vice-President Wendling move to accept the minutes from the 11-7-2022 meeting as presented. Member Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3) YEAR END REPORT BY POLICE CHIEF BURRIS

The work to secure the property and the interview rooms has been completed. The seven steel doors are still scheduled to be finished sometime in 2023. New radios have been purchased and are compatible with the sheriff's department. Purchasing of weapons is in the process of being looked into. As well as rebuilding the AR'S Chief Burris is sending back the LESO guns. There will a picture taken of the Nashville police officers and the merit board members, so that Chief Burris can have some plaques made.

Achievements that Chief Burris accomplished this past year:

- Police officers were given raises.
- The Community Outreach program was very successful and will continue this coming year.
- Establishing department and officer's policy and procedures.
- Reserve officers were given a clothing allowance.
- Chief Burris was able to obtain about \$125,900 from the town, which was used to better our police department with needed equipment.

4) INTRODUCTION OF POTENTIAL MERIT COMMISSION MEMBER

The Police officers of the department will appoint a replacement to the Merit Commission as Tom Crawford has resigned as of January 1, 2023. Tom Bauer was introduced as a potential Merit Board Commission replacement.

Mr. Bauer gave a brief introduction: a resident of Brown County since the early 1970's. He was a schoolteacher in the Brown County schools for a number of years, where he became the first computer coordinator for the schools in the 1980's. Mr. Bauer left the school system to take a job with Indiana University, working with computers. He left Indiana University to take a similar position the Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson school corporation where he retired from. He and his wife Linda reside in Nashville on Artist Drive.

5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A discussion was held regarding the election of offices, since Tom Crawford, the current President, has resigned as of January 1, 2023. It was decided to elect offices at our January meeting.

The Merit Commission agreed to have their next meeting on Tuesday January 10, 2023.

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6) ADJOURN

President Crawford adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm



Police Merit Commission Member

1-17-2023
Date