

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

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

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wendling called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

2) ROLL CALL

President Wendling called the roll.

3) APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 4/11/23

President Wendling updated the members on the project with the Eagle Manufacturing Department at Brown County High School to provide a variety of handouts for events that involved the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department. The project would be completed in 2 weeks and meet the agreed upon budget.

Chief Burris said that the frames for the picture displays for all officers had been completed. Thanks to Heath and Mick. The pictures will be displayed this month.

Chief Burris mentioned that planning for the "National Night Out" on August 1, 2023 was continuing. A "National Night Out" Committee has been established to work on the event.

Member Ric Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/11/23 meeting. Seconded by Vice-President Linda Lawson. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4) REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF BURRIS

Chief Burris reported that the "2nd Annual Landscape the Department" on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023 had been a success and a good start to making the landscaping around the building look better. A majority of the "fire rock" mulch has been removed from planting beds.

The participation of Cody Hinkle and his father, Bob Hinkle in the Spring Blossom Parade May 6, 2023, went very well. They led the parade, toured town, and county police facilities, and were treated to a dinner. An article was featured in the Democrat newspaper.

Chief Burris has been approved by the Town Council to work with the "Overdose Lifeline" organization to install a machine (Nalox Box) at the Nashville Police Department that would dispense doses of Narcan that could be used in a drug overdose crisis. Supplies and support for the project would be provided by the "Overdose Lifeline" project. The council has asked that the program include the input of the local Drug Coalition. The machine has been shipped.

The Nashville Town Council has given Chief Burris permission to explore and negotiate with the Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy for providing contracted police services. The Chief is exploring ways that such an agreement can be beneficial to both the Nashville Metropolitan Police and the

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Conservancy. Plans are being made for a possible trial police presence over the Memorial Day holiday.

Chief Burris reported on ongoing professional development for members of the Department. Lieutenant Mike Horn and Training Commander Mick Reddick are completing their training for bomb threats. Officer Dylan Smock and Chief Burris are attending PIO School (Public Information Officer School). At the end of the training, Officer Smock will be designated as Public Information Officer for the department. Chief Burris has applied for and been accepted to the National Command Course provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, DC. The training will take place in July. The Board expressed congratulations to Chief Burris for her selection out of the many candidates who had applied for the program.


The Nashville Police Department is hosting a 4 day Instructor Development Course presented by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at the end of May. It will take place in the 4H Building. It will draw 20 to 30 officers from various police departments in Indiana for a 4 day training.

Chief Burris announced that 4 Reserve Officers have been dismissed from the Department for failing to meet the time requirements and standards required by the Department. All equipment provided to them will be returned to the department.

The Community Foundation is providing the funding for a new refrigerator for the Nashville Police Department.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Member Hays moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Fox seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.



Police Merit Commission President Wendling

6-13-2023

Date