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Office of the Governor

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
and Administration of Criminal Justice

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

JIM CRAFT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



COMMISSION MEETING

June 15, 2017

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement was held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at the Wyndham Garden Lafayette. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Chairman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jeff Bergeron, and the Invocation was led by Sheriff William Hilton.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Lisa Dreher conducted the roll call, and a membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle; Deputy Chief Darrell Basco; Mr. John F. K. Belton; Chief Barry Bonner; Cpl. Earl Wright, proxy for Maj. Reginald Brown; Sheriff J. Austin Daniel, proxy for Sheriff Mike Cazes; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul Connick, Jr.; Sheriff J. Austin Daniel; Lt. Robert Davidson; Mr. John F. DeRosier; Mr. James T. "Jay" Dixon, Jr.; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Sheriff William Hilton; Chief Hal Hutchinson; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Chief Bill Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Mr. Jeff Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine; Chief Deputy Gary G. "Stitch" Guillory, proxy for Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Sheriff William Hilton, proxy for Sheriff Willy Martin, Jr.; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Mr. John "Schuyler" Marvin; Capt. Edward Beyerback, proxy for Chief Dwayne Munch; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Mr. Malcolm G. Myer; Sheriff Steve Prator; Capt. David McClendon, proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves; Chief Gerald Sticker, proxy for Chief Rick Richard; Col. Carlos Stout; Sheriff Beauregard "Bud" Torres, III; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; and Mr. J. Reed Walters.

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc. and District 3 - Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Marky Tucker, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Bourque, District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Wanda Johnson, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Bonnie Vaughan, District 6 – Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Jody Moreau, District 7 – Jefferson

Community Justice Agencies; and Ms. Maria-Kay Chetta, District 9 - Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff present included: Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Mr. Kevin Hinote, Ms. Kim Lax, Mr. Demetrius Joubert; Ms. Briana Blanchard, Ms. Linda Gautier, Mr. Ingram Scott, Ms. Stacey Miller, and Mr. Robert Mehrstens.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Arbuckle and seconded by Sheriff Daniel. The motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2017. A motion was made by Chief Deputy Guillory and seconded by Chief Hutchinson. The motion passed.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft, Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE), reported that, on May 26, 2017, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, waiver requests, and sole source for program requests via electronic mail-out. The Committee was also asked to review the Office of Violence Against Women Implementation Plan for 2017-2020. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on May 31, 2017.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Hutchinson, seconded by Sheriff Daniel, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

Chief Deputy Guillory, Board Chairman, reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Wyndham Garden Lafayette. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

Pre-award cost waiver for STOP and SASP grants

- 29 VOCA waivers totaling \$1,312,891;
- Three STOP waivers totaling \$5,867;
- 28 VOCA allocations totaling \$3,783,841;
- Seven STOP allocations totaling \$179,403;
- One VOCA allocation increase totaling \$80,070;
- Three VOCA increases totaling \$252,638;
- One STOP increase totaling \$17,422;
- One SASP application totaling \$25,219;

- 193 VOCA applications totaling \$27,051,061;
- One VOCA application totaling \$46,912 was withdrawn;
- 23 STOP applications totaling \$459,091;
- One STOP application in the amount of \$30,972 was tabled;

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Sheriff Arbuckle, and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Julio Galan, Board Chairman, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Wyndham Garden Lafayette. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended the approval of the following:

- One FY 2015 Title II JJDP allocation totaling \$60,000;
- Eight FY 2016 Title II JJDP allocations totaling \$326,156;
- One FY 2015 Title II JJDP increase totaling \$5,000;
- One FY 2015 Title II JJDP application totaling \$60,000;
- Six FY 2016 Title II JJDP applications *with special conditions* totaling \$237,246.

This concludes the report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Daniel and seconded by Chief Layrisson. The motion passed.

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

On behalf of Chief Knaps, Board Chairman, Colonel Stout reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Wyndham Garden Lafayette. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- One FY 2014 increase totaling \$6,040, funded by District residuals;

NOTE: This grant may be increased as a result of additional residual funds over the remaining three months of the Federal grant period. The BJAG 2014 grant funding period ends September 30, 2017. This request serves as a blanket increase for any residual funds that may occur under the 2014 BJAG grant. To be applied to Grant No. 2581 – Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement – Criminal Records Improvement.

- Six FY 2015 BJAG applications totaling \$174,737;
- Eight FY 2016 BJAG applications totaling \$418,536;
- Two FY 2016 *confidential* applications totaling \$21,738;
- Two 48-month waiver requests.

All of this activity is for subgrants listed in the eGrants system.

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

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Deputy Guillory and seconded by Sheriff Torres. The motion passed.

F. Call for Other Old Business

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Old Business. Chief Deputy Guillory, Chairman of the Victim Services Advisory Board, presented the 2017 - 2020 STOP Implementation Plan. Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Deputy Chief Basco, seconded by Sheriff Arbuckle, and the motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Chief Layrison to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. Sheriff Tubbs seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Craft, LCLE Executive Director, discussed the need to reestablish and appoint the Medal of Honor Committee. The Committee will be composed of the following seven members: One Sheriff; One Police Chief; One District Attorney; One District Court Judge; the Secretary or designee of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; the Secretary or designee of the Louisiana Department of Corrections; and the Superintendent or designee of the Louisiana State Police.

Chairman Gautreaux opened the floor to receive nominations for the seats of Sheriff, Police Chief, District Attorney, and District Court Judge. After some discussion, Sheriff Bud Torres, Chief Hal Hutchinson, Mr. J. Reed Walters, and Judge Desiree Cook-Calvin were nominated.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the reestablishment of the Medal of Honor Committee, as well as the afore-mentioned nominations, and grant approval for Chief Craft to seek members from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Louisiana Department of Corrections, and the Louisiana State Police. A motion was made by Sheriff Hilton, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and the motion passed.

Chairman Gautreaux announced that the next Commission Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge. The September Commission Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2017 Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony. The Ceremony is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 28th at the Healing Place Church, 19202 Highland Road in Baton Rouge.

Chief Craft reported that the cost to conduct each annual Medal of Honor Ceremony is approximately \$15,000, and funding for the Medal of Honor Program is derived entirely from donations. The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement will be mailing "donation" letters to the legislators, sheriffs, police chiefs, and district attorneys in the near future, and is also seeking corporate sponsors.

Chief Deputy Guillory reported that each year, the Southwest Planning District donates \$1,000 per officer killed in the line of duty, and challenged the other planning districts to match that donation.

Chief Craft introduced Mr. Robert Mehtens, the former Deputy Director of the LCLE. Mr. Mehtens retired from the agency several years ago and has returned on a part-time basis to assist with federal grants, as well as other various projects.

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of \$29,809,029 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting,

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, seconded by Chief Deputy Guillory, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.