

PROCEEDINGS: IDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY • FEB. 21 MINUTES

IDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES FEB. 21, 2023 HOLSTEIN RECREATION CENTER

Mayor Gary Chase called the February meeting of the Ida County Public Safety and Communications Commission to order at 7 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Kathy Breyfogle; Mayor Gary Chase; Mayor Gary Wanberg; Mayor Charlie Pierce; Mayor Pro Tem Ange Johnson; Supervisor Creston Schubert; Supervisor Devlun Whiteing and Sheriff Wade Harriman. Also, City Administrator Theresa Pudenz.

Supervisor Devlun Whiteing made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Mayor Gary Wanberg. Motion carried.

Mayor Kathy Breyfogle made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Second by Mayor Charlie Pierce. Motion carried.

Sheriff Wade Harriman then gave a short report on the activities in the Sheriff's Office during the month of January 2023. He stated that his deputies logged a total of 958-hours on patrol throughout the county in January, and an additional 3-hour in the jail and 16-hours in the office preparing cases for prosecution.

Sheriff Harriman told the commission members that his office responded to 557-calls for service in the month of January and made a total of 17-arrests.

The Sheriff highlighted an arrest that his office made on Jan. 9 in connection with an ongoing sexual abuse investigation and a Jan. 14 arrest of an Ida Grove, Iowa

man in connection with a burglary investigation.

Sheriff Harriman also told the commission that his deputies issued a total of 80-citations in the month of January and served a total of 64-civil processes in the month as well.

There was nothing to report under communications.

In the jail portion of the meeting, Sheriff Harriman told the commission that the jail booked in a total of 15-inmates into the county jail in January and that the daily average population in the jail during January was 8-inmates/day. Sheriff Harriman did advise that one inmate was transported to Oakdale, and that the Ida County jail continues to hold an inmate from Sac County.

During personnel, Sheriff Harriman told the commission that Kevin Mahlberg was hired as a full-time jailer to replace Nathaniel Tarr who resigned in early December 2022.

In addition, Stacy McGhee from Cherokee, Iowa resigned as a part-time communications center operator due to a promotion she received as a full-time operator in Cherokee County. His office hired Nichole Johnson and Andy Preston as part-time communications center operators to fill the void.

The civil service testing for the open deputy sheriff position will be held on Saturday Feb. 25, 2023 in Ida Grove. The Sheriff is hoping to have a new deputy hired by early to mid-April. This position is filling the void left by Chief Deputy Fred Anderson who is assigned full-time during the school year as the school resource officer.

Under unfinished business, the commission spoke briefly about the

FY 2024 operating budget for the Sheriff's Office that Sheriff Harriman presented at their meeting on Feb. 1, 2023. The total budget for FY 2024 was \$2,002,992. When revenue is factored into the budget, the total tax asking for FY 2024 is \$1,952,992.

In addition, the jail budget for FY 2024, which is paid entirely by Ida County, will be \$421,196. The total spending for the Sheriff's Office in FY 2024 will be \$2,424,188.

Supervisor Devlun Whiteing Made a motion to approve the budget as presented by Sheriff Harriman on Feb. 21. Second by Mayor Charlie Pierce.

A roll call vote was held with the following members voting aye: Devlun Whiteing; Creston Schubert; Gary Wanberg; Gary Chase; Kathy Breyfogle and Charlie Pierce. Voting nay was Ange Johnson. Motion carried and the FY 2024 budget was approved.

Under new business. Sheriff Harriman told the commission that the two (2) new Chevy Tahoe's are in as in the equipment. They should be getting installed in the next few weeks and on the road.

Also, Sheriff Harriman told the commission that he had begun this year's DARE curriculum with the 5th grade students at the upper elementary building in Galva, Iowa. This is Sheriff Harriman's 24th year of teaching DARE.

Next meeting date was set for April 18, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Ida Grove Recreation Center.

Supervisor Creston Schubert made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Devlun Whiteing. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.