

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting JANUARY 10, 2018

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X Paul Soptick
X Patrick Dunn
X Scott Mackey
X Reed Partridge
Lee Brown
Lt Col Bob Gunja
Dixie Kaster
X Don Jolley
Tony Carter
Maria Cecilia Ysaac
Terry Zeigler
Tyrone Garner
Irene Caudillo
X Don Ash
X Mary Hopkins
Rodney Smith
Kelli Bailiff
X JoanDeMoss
Carol Diehl
Dan Soptic
Jeffry Fewell
X Michael York
Terry Brockman

Paul Soptick opened the meeting at 4:00pm

Reed Partridge opened stating this was the time of the year that they wrap up all prior year business and start with the first of the year business such as commissioners travel report. He stated that he would send the annual report when finished for the audit department and specifically for the LEAB. He is working on an audit for security guard applications.

Lt Col Mike York for Chief Zeigler stated the Police Department will be taking over the responsibilities for security at City Hall and the Mayors personal security. They will use part time retired police officers with no regular on duty officers.

Lt Col York stated with the shortage of officers there are 5 shifts that have 10 officers assigned and should have 11. He stated that the current class will allow for 4 officers to be released to the streets immediately with 7 more within a couple of months.

He said that in the DDACT zone that violent crime was down 27.2%, property crime was down 46.2%, and overall crime in the DDACT zone was down 32.3%.

City wide violent crime was up 1.2% and property crime was down 12.1%, with overall crime down 5.6%.

The violent crime task force was responsible for taking 26 guns off the streets, 50 pounds of meth, 52.5 pounds of marijuana, and 20 gallons of pcp.

In 2018 the Police Department will partner with the US Marshalls to adopt a program to rid the streets of violent gang members.

Sheriff Ash stated that the new Juvenile Center was in progress with a contractor selected (Newkirk and Novac). They are a local new company and feels they will do a great job in the drawings and planning of the new facility.

The Sheriff's department will graduate 4 new deputies this Thursday at 6:00 . On the adult side of the jail staffing they have added 7 new deputies but lost 20 to attrition; 50% stayed in law enforcement, 25% were terminated and/or quit, and 25% went into different professions. They expect to start another class on Feb 22, 2018 and have 7 applicants for the training.

In 2017 the total farm out costs were \$102,000. A far cry from the \$2M to \$4M in previous years. When the new juvenile facility is complete it will give the adult jail 52 more beds immediately and reduce the farm out costs even more.

As the police department takes the responsibility of security at city hall, the Sheriffs department will continue to work with the police department and have the security responsibility at the court services, the court house and the juvenile facility.

He stated Major Soptic was at the FBI academy at Quantico and would be back around March 20th.

Adjourned 5:00pm

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