Tony Carter opened the meeting at 4:00p

Lt Col Tyrone Garner for the Police Department.

Lt Col Garner shared about the grant received by the Police Department amounting to $700,000 over a three year period, plus another $100,000 grant for overtime and equipment to continue fighting crime in hot spots and other high crime areas. This is similar to the ICON AND DDACTS programs but this will provide extra personnel and resources for this initiative. The KCKPD uses data driven information to place the resources in their fight against crime as well as target the most violent
offenders and work with the citizens to reduce crime in the neighborhoods. The officers will not only be in the high crime areas but will be focused to eliminate crime.

Lt Col Garner said that Maj Dungan said we have 29 homicides so far this year with 27 being solved. This is above the national average of homicide solvability. He states that it is not only what the PD does but is the partnerships they have the citizens.

Lt Col Garner talked about the summer youth program. Because of budget constraints the PD shut down the cadet program that was started in the 70’s. He said Sheriff Ash was in the 2nd class of the old cadet program. The old program worked to identify youth that wanted a career in law enforcement. One highlight was Lt Col Garner started as a cadet and is not Deputy Chief. The new program is a modified version of the old and is termed as a summer youth jobs program. The PD is still identifying youth to become law enforcement officers, paying them good money to be in the program, giving them skills that can carry them through their life time even if they do not become law enforcement officers.

Jonas Cruz was introduced as the new appointment for district 3, appointed by Commissioner Murguria, replacing Patrick Dunn who has retired.

Reed Partridge presented the power point, Police Payroll audit Coroner Follow-up, and Social Media Follow-up issued Aug – Oct 2018.
The board had a discussion about in regard to the presentation and the feasibility of hiring new versus paying overtime. Sheriff Ash said that in respect to the Sheriff’s department the situation determined the feasibility of paying overtime versus hiring new, which was a problem in regular times. We are paying the equivalent of 3 – 4 deputies for court transport every day where we are paying time and half and saving the benefit package., and with staffing after the two deputies were killed as it is, we don’t have enough deputies even paying overtime. This is the problem we face every day.

The parking lot is nearly finished. Need for the rain to stop but the curbs and sidewalks are complete, the ab3 is laid. They need to move some dirt at the lower end. The grassy area’s are seeded and the overlay to keep the birds from eating the seed is in place.

The official ground breaking was a week ago. The site preparation and the pouring of the final pylons is dependent on the weather and the hopes are great that the expectations of completion date are there.

The task force that Sheriff Ash put together in response to the two deputies getting killed is working to complete their task. They are looking on how we secure the court rooms, protect the judges, and Sheriff Ash is looking for the task force to complete its mission in 30 to 45 days. The report will be shared with the Commission, Mayors office and the county administrators office.

The class of six that graduated we still have 4. Two completed the training but resigned before going to work. The remaining 4 completed their training and have been released to duty and the Sheriffs office is getting favorable reports on the deputies. The class that started two weeks ago (from this meeting date) has 4 recruits attending. We take two steps forward and a few back, but we will keep going forward. We had two resignation’s last week for personal reasons. We had five people show up for the initial screening for the next class to start January 2019.

Submitted 11-14-2018