

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting January 11, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Paul Soptick at 4:00pm with the following in attendance: x denotes presence

- X Paul Soptick
- Patrick Dunn
- Scott Mackey
- X Reed Partridge
- Lee Brown
- Lt Col Bob Gunja
- X Dixie Kaster
- X Don Jolley
- Tony Carter
- X Maria Cecilia Ysaac
- Terry Zeigler
- X Tyrone Garner
- X Irene Caudillo
- X Don Ash
- X Mary Hopkins

Reed opened with a power point presentation on the Mortgage Foreclosure Sales Audit by the Sheriff's Office.

By definition foreclosure is a process for taking possession of a mortgaged property as a result of the mortgagor's failure to make payments. Generally, the mortgage foreclosure process begins after the borrower's mortgage payment is at least sixty days delinquent. In Kansas, mortgage foreclosure is a judicial process. Therefore when borrowers (defendants) default on their mortgage, lenders (plaintiffs) petition the court for an order to foreclose.

He presented a Fee Analysis as related to the Sheriff's sale.

The WYSO does not collect fees for its role in the sale of property as it relates to the mortgage foreclosure process. Kansas statutes allow the WYSO to collect \$15 for serving court documents such as summons, pleading, writ, order, or notice issued by a court clerk or court.⁶ However, those fees may not directly relate to the Sheriff's sale of properties subject to mortgage foreclosure.

He indicated some Kansas counties impose fees to offset costs associated with the Sheriff's sale of properties such as Atchison County, a fee of \$30.00 fee applied every time a sale is ordered; Leavenworth County, a fee of \$14.00 applied when a property is sold.

He Presented an analysis of Mortgage Foreclosure Properties sold that presents the rise and decline of WySO properties sold aligns with the recession starting in 2008

Wyandotte County Sheriff Sale of Mortgage Foreclosure Properties

Figure 1 below presents the number of mortgage foreclosure properties up for bid and sold since 2005. Properties up for bid differ from properties sold because the plaintiff may cancel the sale prior to auction.

Figure 1



Source: Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office

His recommendation is the WYSO consider charging fees to offset the costs associated with selling properties subject to mortgage foreclosure.

Sheriff Ash presented his concern about the number of applications they are receiving for consideration of hiring. They graduated 11 in the last class but only received 5 applications in December.

He is hoping for 7 hires in the March class and also in June's class.

As of December 20, 2016 all farm outs are back in our facility which has not happened since 1996. This is a substantial cost savings.

He presented that the 4 elevators and half of the roof that has not been fixed for many years was approved by the commission to be fixed when we get better weather.

He said the department has made promotions. Lieutenants to captains and others.

Lt Col Tyrone Garner presented for the PD stating that Chief Zeigler was with the young man from the UK having surgery .

He stated they have started to move dirt for the building of the new South Patrol office, which is due to be complete sometime this year.

He stated they had 11 candidates applications for their next class.

Unfortunately crime was up in 2016 which followed the national statistics. We had 47 homicides in 2016 compared to 22 in 2015.

The PD is planning an initiative to target areas of the city with the most crime and will start in June. This happen around the Violent Crime unit (Bill Howard commander)

They are streamlining our open records program within the new computer program we have installed with a target date of February or March for completion.

There was a brief question and answer session in regards to a wide variety of subjects after the meeting and we dismissed at 5:12pm

Next LEAB meeting scheduled for February 8, 2017

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