

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting June 08, 2022

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X Paul Soptick
X Scott Mackey
X Reed Partridge
X Irene Caudillo
X Dan Soptic
X Lynn Melton
Casey Meyer
X Kent Anderson
Kimberly Weaver
Kelly Herron
LaRon Thompson
Abbie Dillard
Karl Oakman
x Kendall McReynolds
Raymond Nunez
Gayle Townsend
Nancy Chartrand
David Patton
X J'Hiesa (Nikki) Richardson
Michael Armstrong
X Rick Behrens
X Duane Beth
George Simms
Curtis Nicholson
William Barajas
Brent Hardin
X Tonda Hill

Rick Behrens opened the meeting at 4:05pm .

The meeting is being held in the Sheriff's conference room due to the tours of the jail held earlier today.

Meeting opened with introductions of all present. LEAB members introduced themselves and who appointed them.

Persons that took the tour made reflections of the tour, the people involved and the jail itself.

Jail personnel were very through and answered all questions

Made us aware of the number of agencies use our jail as a drop off point.

Emergency response training the jai personnel participate in makes them safer.

Jail personnel explained the identification process of inmates. IT is used as a human thing not a resist thing.

They answered staffing issues for jail management and the whole department.

Jail personnel looked at inmates as humans not as a case number

Point that the difference of the new facilities to the old was chilling. Some of the old deputies has nightmares about the old jail.

Rick Behrens talked about last meeting's discussion and one point came out that we need to reach out to the community, not only information to the Police Chief and Sheriff but also from this board to the community. We want to put together an outreach team to put together an agenda on how it would look for us to reach out.

Members of the outreach team are Irene Caudillo; Kendall McReynolds; Duane Bethi and Rick Behrens.

A discussion was had for some type of identification for the members of the LEAB> Tee shirts or id cards. Will continue discussion with Chief Oakman about the id cards some have given by previous Chief.

A question was brought up about the recordings of the meetings from the past. Reed Said that sometime during the COVID pandemic we were meeting via ZOOM and these recordings were not to reliable and not saved or were not available. We went back to written minutes and are there now.

Deputy Chief Kent Anderson for Chief Oakman.

Deputy Chief Anderson talked about the youth academies at all patrol stations.

A football camp is to happen at Ward High School Football field June 24th.

He talked about the meet n greet at Matney Park Sunday June 12th

The PD had an issue in the 6000 block of Webster and seized a number of Fentanyl pills, Crack Cocaine and a number of weapons.

He also reminded us of the opening of the Whataburger and the preparations by the department on traffic and crowd control they are making.

There was a discussion about the troubles the city was having with the hall in Armourdale. The owner lives in Missouri and is renting to others after hours with parking problems being a large problem.

Sheriff Soptic

He talked about the shortage of people and the disparity in salaries between the Sheriffs Department and the Police department and how that affected the hiring process. Another issue is the residency clause that affects hiring for the department. They are in the process of streamlining the hiring process so if they can get a candidate in the door, they can do the oral interview, the written interview and the agility test all in one day and offer that candidate a position pending the other test necessary.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:14