

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Helena, Montana
January 13, 2009

Directors Present

Daryl Anderson-----President
Dennis McCave-----Past Pres.
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Leo Dutton-----1st Vice
Dave Schenk-----2nd Vice
Blue Corneliusen-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Rusty Jardee
Vern Burdick
Dave Castle

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Brian Gootkin
Greg Hintz
Dan Birdsill

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson and roll was called.

** Motion by Dennis McCave to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

2nd by Dan Birdsill

Motion Passed

Guests:

Steve Bullock, Attorney General, advised the board that his office will have their budget requests in the legislature and they would appreciate any support we can lend on their bills.

Becky Berger, 911, gave a status report on hearings in the House that will effect public safety communications and 911.

Kevin Olson, MLEA administrator, advised that correction and detention officer basic (CDOB) is currently being reviewed and is expected to increase from 3 weeks to 4 weeks soon.

Kevin advised that equipment has been acquired to start using the physical agility test and they hope to implement it in August for the pre-test for September basic.

They expect to award the bid for the new building in March.

Jim Kropp, FWP, advised that they will be introducing a bill to expand the authority of Wardens relating to minor in possession on lakes and rivers. They are seeking our input and support.

** Motion by David Castle to refer this issue to the Government Relations committee

2nd by Tony Harbaugh Motion Passed

Kimberly Burdick, APCO Rep, advised that the first hearing on dispatcher retirement will be January 14.

John Grainger, DOL, advised that SB104 dealing with shortening the timeframe to dispose of stray livestock, in order to cut costs will be heard January 13.

** Motion by Dennis McCave that MSPOA support this bill

2nd by Rusty Jardee Motion Passed

Col. Mike Tooley, MHP, advised that they will be sending 18 new officers to their posts, most of them to eastern and northern Montana.

Wayne Ternes, POST Director, advised that legislation to change equivalency certification requirements will be introduced.

** Motion by Dennis McCave that MSPOA oppose this.

2nd by David Castle Motion Passed

Report of the President

Daryl Anderson advised that the 2009 Conference will be held in Kalispell June 15-18.

Planning is underway and information will be available later in the spring.

Communications and Liaisons:

DES-DHS-SERC – No Report

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that one half of the board's terms will expire and be open for reappointment.

Coroner – No Report

MLEA – No Report.

NSA – No Report

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson advised that they met in December and plans for the BBQ at the conference are being set. .

MACo Risk Management – NR

Special Olympics – Dan Birdsill advised that the kick off conference will be March 7 at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish.

Private Security – Leo Dutton advised that the committee has met and gone over current applications.

Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial – Leo Dutton advised that the LE Memorial Day activities will be in Helena May 15.

MDT/Traffic Safety – No Report

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the council has been holding monthly conference calls and has reduced meetings in Helena from four times to three times per year. Dennis further noted that the database update is nearing completion.

WSSA – Jim Cashell attended the fall meeting in Washington State. Conference dates will be March 2-5 in Reno, NV.

S&R – Jim Smith advised that a meeting is scheduled January 14 at the Helena DES office at 0900. A new director has been appointed. He is Ken Mesch, formerly from Carbon County.

MACo – Greg Hintz advised that MACo’s mid-winter meeting will be February 9-12 in Helena.

NACo – No Report

Interoperable Radio – Jim Cashell advised that they have a draft written for sustainability of the project. They also have a budget request in the legislature and are seeking MSPOA support.

** Motion by Jim Cashell that we support the interoperable radio budget request bills.

2nd by Leo Dutton

Motion Passed

Statewide Interoperable Radio – Bill Fleiner clarified that no stranded funds are being sought for other funding.

Montana is asking for \$80 million of federal stimulus money, \$10 million is needed for sustainability, and they are seeking MSPOA support for the \$2 million request in the state budget.

DOC – Dave Castle advised that the council met December 1-3 in Great Falls. They reviewed programs, worked on long range strategic plan, and agreed that a new prison is needed; probably in Billings.

Concealed Weapons – No Report

911 Advisory – No Report

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services – Greg Hintz opened discussion on Project Star.

** Motion by Jim Cashell to continue the program

2nd by Blue Corneliusen

Motion Passed

Jail Standards – Dennis McCave stated that the inspection and review process should continue. Ray Barnicoat has agreed to stay on, as well as Carmen Hill and Steve Metzger. Dennis and Fred will try to come up with a plan to finance it.

Public and Community Relations – Leo Dutton advised that scholarship applications have been sent out as well as officer of the year and distinguished career officer.

Board and committee development – Dave Schenk advised that the long range planning retreat is set for Ekalaka, May 5-7. Arrive May 5 with evening meal provided.

Funding and Fiscal – Tony Harbaugh advised that with interest rates at current levels we should wait to tie up funds in CD's to support scholarships and Special Olympics.

By Laws Committee – Tony Harbaugh handed out a draft version that includes two seats on the MSPOA board for detention officers. Further corrections were needed.

Necrology –

Steve Sparhawk, former Yellowstone and Missoula County Deputy

Government Relations – Jim Cashell gave an update as follows:

HB31 Dispatch Retirement	Jan 14 Room 155	0800
SB191 Funding court security	Jan 16 Room 303	0900
SB92 Castle Doctrine	Jan 15 Room 303	0900
HB228 Firearm related	Not scheduled	
SB139 Fingerprint certain misdemeanors	Jan 14 Room 303	0900
HB225 No strike rule	Jan 16 Room 303	0800
HB60 Reduce inmate suicide risk	Not scheduled	
SB35 Submission of prisoner info	No schedule	
HB Mental Health Bills	No schedule	

It was noted that the law enforcement legislative meeting is held every Tuesday at 0700 in the Attorney General's conference room

Director's Report

Jim Smith advised that all is going well with MONTS, STEP, and the Racial Profiling Grants.

Treasurer's report was given.

Next meeting schedule for Helena, Montana, March 18 and 19, 2009

Meeting adjourned.