

DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S MERIT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2007

The DeKalb County Merit Commission meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. at the Northern Illinois University Recreation Center. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct test for Corrections/Patrol in order to establish an eligibility list for positions which may become available. Present at the meeting were: Commissioners Gene Lane and Bennetta Stearnes. Also present were members of the Sheriff's administrative, clerical and deputy staff who helped with checking in applicants, conducting the Power Test and scoring of the ICPA written examination.

A total of 139 applications were received for this test by the deadline. Seventy-three applicants (53%) presented on this day to take the Power Test. A total of 49 applicants passed all parts of the Power Test and were told to remain at the site in order to take the written examination which was to begin later that morning.

The written examination began at 9:45 and was completed at approximately 11:00 a.m. Applicants were told to call the Sheriff's office on Monday to see if they passed the examination and to schedule an interview for the successful candidates. Scoring of the written examinations was done by Commissioner Lane and Commissioner Stearnes with the assistance of the Sheriff's administrative and clerical staff. A total of 38 (76%) of the applicants taking the written examination passed with a score of at least 70 on all parts. However only 52% of the applicants who appeared for testing today were successful in passing both examinations and will be interviewed next week by the Commission.

A brief business meeting was held to determine the schedule for oral interviews on Monday, July 16, Wednesday, July 18; Friday, July 20, and Saturday July 21st. Interviews on July 16, 18, and July 20 will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will end after the Commission has interviewed 8 candidates on each of those evenings. On Saturday, July 21st. the interviews will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will end after the Commission has interviewed the remainder of the candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bennetta Stearnes

Bennetta Stearnes, Secretary