

DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29
March 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 16th 2012

The Board of Merit Commissioners held a continuous meeting beginning on Saturday, February 18th and concluding on Thursday, March 8th 2012 for the purpose of testing candidates for the Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Department. The Commission called the meeting to order at 7:30 on Saturday, February 18th 2012 with all commissioners present. Prior to beginning the recruitment cycle, Commissioner Lane made a motion seconded by Commissioner Walker to confirm the passing score for the all sections of the written exam and the oral interviews at 75%. Vote was taken and all three commissioners voted yes.

Approximately 302 candidates submitted applications for this testing cycle. Test Sites: physical agility Test:-NIU - Rec Center, Written:-DeKalb County Health Department; Interviews: Sheriff's Department Conference Room.

On February 18th approximately 198 candidates appeared for the physical agility examination which was administered by Commissioners Gene Lane and Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker. Approximately 164 candidates passed the physical agility and took the written exam. After scoring the written exams, 99 passed the written exams and were offered interviews with the commission.

On February 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and March 1, 3, 5, 7, 8th 2012 Commissioners Lane, Stearnes and Walker facilitated the oral interviews with the assistance of staff members: Lieutenant Winckle, Klein and Bomar. Only those candidates who achieved at least a score of 75 on the written examination were eligible to take this exam. Of the 164 who made appointments to take the exam, 5 failed to make an appointment or failed to show at the appointed time leaving 99 candidates for interviews. At the end of those eleven days of interviews, 95 candidates passed all phases of the testing and were placed on the Sheriff's Eligibility List which is valid for one year from the date posted.

Commissioner attendance at the various dates:

February 18 th	Gene Lane, Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
February 21 st	Gene Lane and Bennetta Stearnes
February 22 nd	Gene Lane, Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
February 23 rd	Gene Lane and Bennetta Stearnes
February 28 th	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
February 29 th	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
March 1 st	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
March 3 rd	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
March 5 th	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
March 7 th	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
March 8 th	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker
March 16 th	Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker

Vice-Chairman Bennetta Stearnes adjourned the meeting on Friday, March 16th 2012 at approximately 5:30.

Submitted by: *Todd Walker, Secretary*