

DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023
5:00 PM

The Merit Commission met in the Sheriff's Conference Room at the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Todd Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM Monday, May 8, 2023.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners present at the meeting were: Commissioners Todd Walker and Anita Turner. Also present was Sheriff Andy Sullivan.

III. Approval of Agenda

Todd Walker called for a motion to approve the agenda. Anita Turner moved and Todd Walker seconded. All were in favor. No opposition. Agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting held 04/22/2023 were reviewed by Commissioners. Todd Walker called for approval of those minutes. Motion for approval was made by Anita Turner and seconded by Todd Walker. All were in favor. No opposition. The minutes from 04/22/23 were approved.

V. Public Comment

Though it was an open public meeting, no audience was present.

VI. Correspondence

Sheriff Sullivan received an email from Bryan Perry stating he needed to resign as a member of the commission due to work and family obligations. Sheriff Sullivan advised he accepted the resignation. Sheriff Sullivan advised he has found a replacement for Commissioner Perry, that being Van Bomar. With the Commission's approval, the Sheriff will bring that to the County Board for the appointment. Todd Walker and Anita Turner were in agreement for Sheriff Sullivan to present Van Bomar to the County Board as Bryan Perry's replacement.

VII. Old Business

Sheriff Sullivan advised since the last meeting we have hired Connor Summers as a Corrections Deputy. He will start on May 17, 2023.

Sheriff Sullivan advised since the last meeting we have had 2 resignations from Corrections, Derek Krebs and Brittany Threatt. They were both lateral hires. Brittany's last day will be May 19, 2023. Garret Jackson has also left the Patrol Division; he was hired by the FBI in April. The Sheriff advised we are still scrambling to find people for these positions.

VIII. New Business – Sheriff Sullivan advised we have one Telecommunications applicant that is currently going through the background process and we had one Corrections applicant that did not pass the psychological exam so he has been removed from the process.

IX. Executive Session – Telecommunications Interviews

Todd Walker asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session. Anita Turner made a motion to adjourn into executive session to conduct Commo/Corrections applicant

interviews under the personnel exception of the Open Meetings Act. Todd Walker seconded. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.

At 6:29 PM the interview process was concluded. Todd Walker, Anita Turner and Sheriff Sullivan, Lt. James Messier, and Commander Larry Ellington were still present. With no other executive session matters to discuss, Anita Turner made the motion to return to regular session. Todd Walker seconded, no opposition, motion passed.

X. Adjournment

The Commission reentered regular session and with no further business to discuss Commissioner Todd Walker called for a motion to adjourn. Anita Turner made the motion which was seconded by Todd Walker. All were in favor. There was no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM on 05/08/2023.