

**DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
**8:30 AM**

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 8:41 AM Saturday, June 24, 2023.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting held 05/08/2023 were reviewed by Commissioners. Todd Walker called for approval of those minutes. Motion for approval was made by Anita Turner and seconded by Van Bomar. All were in favor. No opposition. The minutes from 05/08/23 were approved.

**V. Public Comment**

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

**VI. Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**VII. Old Business**

Sheriff Sullivan advised since the last meeting we have hired Morgan Challand as a Telecommunicator. She started on June 19, 2023.

Sheriff Sullivan advised since the last meeting we have had 1 resignation from Corrections, Kimberly Greco who was hired in March as a lateral is leaving, her last shift is today, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This contributes to the continued problem with hiring personnel in the Corrections Division as well as the short staffing issues in Patrol and Detectives.

In Communications we have extended a conditional offer of employment to a candidate pending the psychological and polygraph exam. She has passed the background and is currently on the eligibility list. Sheriff Sullivan advised he is anticipating there will be another retirement coming later this year for Telecommunications, however he does not have an official date. However, if this candidate passes the exams and is hired, we would technically be fully staffed in Communications temporarily.

**VIII. New Business**

Sheriff Sullivan advised we have 2 candidates going through the background phase, one for Telecommunications and one Corrections candidate. If the Telecommunications candidate makes it through the background, they would be given the conditional offer of employment pending the future retirement.

Sheriff Sullivan advised historically we have taken lateral requests for patrol from other agencies but we have not openly advertised for that. Sheriff Sullivan advised we are short 3 Detective/Patrol positions. Sheriff Sullivan advised he would like to formally post that we will be accepting lateral requests for Patrol next week via the website. Sheriff Sullivan would like to hold another patrol transfer panel from Corrections but he just cannot get staffed enough in Corrections to do that. The Sheriff advised later this year he does plan to hold a transfer panel to have someone come to Patrol from Corrections but he advised he cannot keep waiting for positions because we are falling behind on the Patrol side and he thinks this will be the most expedient way to do that. The commission agreed this was a good idea. The Sheriff advised he would advise the Corrections staff before posting the lateral transfer requests from other agencies.

**IX. Lateral Transfer Request**

Due to the short staffing in the Corrections Division, Sheriff Sullivan asked the Commission to approve a lateral transfer request of a previous employee. The employee is Lynn Voller. Lynn had originally left to pursue other opportunities in the civilian world. Lynn met with Sheriff Sullivan and Lt. McRoberts last week. Lynn is asking to resume her position as a Corrections Deputy. Chairman Todd Walker asked the commission if they were comfortable with the Sheriff's request for the lateral hire request. Anita Turner and Van Bomar were in agreement. Todd Walker asked for a motion to approve the Sheriff's Request for a lateral candidate. Anita Turner made the motion, Van Bomar seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

**X. Executive Session – Telecommunications Interviews**

Todd Walker asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session. Van Bomar made a motion to adjourn into executive session to conduct Corrections Sergeant applicant interviews. Anita Turner seconded. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.

At 11:46 AM the interview process was concluded. With no other executive session matters to discuss, Van Bomar made the motion to return to regular session. Anita Turner seconded, no opposition, motion passed.

**XI. 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 Van Bomar. All were in favor. There was no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM on 06/24/2023.