

**DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, December 16, 2023**  
**7:30 AM**

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM Saturday, December 16, 2023.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**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 12/11/2023 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 12/11/23 were approved.

**V. Public Comment**

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

**VI. Correspondence**

No correspondence other than the commission mileage sheet and a sealed envelope with the Sheriff's Administrative points for Patrol/Detective Sergeant.

**VII. Old Business**

Sheriff Sullivan advised the commission that since the last meeting Corrections Deputy Douglas Johnson has left. He was employed from April 2023 to 12/14/23. Sheriff Sullivan advised we have also received a resignation notice from Telecommunicator Stephanie Kroll her last day will be 01/02/2024. She was employed from 08/01/2022 to 01/02/2024.

Sheriff Sullivan also advised since the last meeting we have hired Robert Palumbo as a Corrections Deputy. He is starting 12/27/2023.

**VIII. New Business - None**

**IX. Lateral Transfer Requests**

Sheriff Sullivan requested a lateral transfer request for a Corrections applicant. This individual works at Ogle County Sheriff's Office. He has done a walk-through tour of our jail facility and is in the process of finalizing his Guardian application. Sheriff Sullivan advised this lateral request would be upon completion of the successful background check, psychological exam, and polygraph exam. This applicant is also a friend of Jake Simmons who also came to us from Ogle County. Sheriff Sullivan asked for the Merit Commissions approval for this potential Corrections lateral hire. Todd Walker asked if the commission had any questions. No questions were asked. Todd Walker asked for a motion to approve

the Sheriff's request for lateral Corrections hire. Anita Turner made the motion. Van Bomar seconded. All were in favor, no opposition. The motion passed.

**X. Executive Session – Applicant Interviews / Promotional Testing**

Todd Walker asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session. Van Bomar made a motion to adjourn into executive session to conduct the Patrol/Detective Sergeant interviews. Anita Turner seconded. All were in favor. No opposition. The motion was approved and adjourned into executive session.

The interview process for Patrol/Detective Sergeant interviews were concluded at 2:43 PM. Todd Walker, Anita Turner, Van Bomar, Sheriff Sullivan, Tom Phillips and Ken Blanchut were still present. With no other executive session matters to discuss, Anita Turner made the motion to return to regular session. Van Bomar 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.