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Twin Falls County
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MEETING AGENDA

July 12, 2023

1:30pm

Jerome County Sheriff's Office Training Room
2151 S. Tiger Dr, Jerome ID

This meeting will be conducted in person. Those interested in calling in may do so at 208-595-3341

1. **Meeting open** - Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Public Comment and/or correspondence**
3. **Action Item:** Approval of current fiscal statements/invoices
4. **Action Item:** Approval of meeting minutes - June 14, 2023
5. **Staff Report** - Deputy Director
6. **Director's report**
 - a. 911 statistics
 - b. Bookkeeping update
 - c. B budget preparation
7. **Action Item:** PERSI reclassification
8. **Action Item:** Hansen-Henslee towers (Legal - Tyler)
9. **Action Item:** Old business
10. **Next meeting date**
11. **Executive session**
 - a. Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b) "To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent;"
 - b. Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f) "To communicate with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation."

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SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

June 14, 2023 1330 hrs.

Jerome Co. Sheriff's Office Tr. Room

2151 S. Tiger Drive

Jerome, ID 83338

In Attendance:

Commissioner Mark Bolduc

Commissioner Charlie Howell

Kristy Churchman, SIRCOMM

Mariann Schiewe, SIRCOMM

Mitchell Brooks, TFFD

Gary Taylor, JCSO

Jeff Troumbley, FPD

Kirt Naylor-SIRCOMM Legal, Call In

Commissioner Rebecca Wood

Commissioner Charlie Howell

Angel Hunsaker, SIRCOMM

Shaun Gough, GCS

Stan Flint, MVP

Tyler Williams, SIRCOMM Legal-Call In

Jackie Frey, TFCO OEM

1. Meeting called to order 1331 hrs./Comm. Johnson-Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment/Correspondence: An email from Chief Mullen was shared, stating that White Cloud has almost all equipment in order to resolve the communications issues inside the Filer Fire Department. The Director reported that she had received a card and box of small trinkets to hand out from the SIRCOMM Quality Assurance vendor, MOETIVATIONS, that they sent in recognition of the excellent April QA scores overall, as well as a special gift for ECO Tami Craig for standing out through professionalism and outstanding customer service

3. Action Item: Approval of current fiscal statements/ Invoices Payment: After a short discussion:

Commissioner Bolduc a motion to approve payment of invoices as presented for payment in the amount of \$84,372.84. Second by Commissioner Howell, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Action Item: Approval of the minutes from May 12, 2023

After a review by the Board, Sheriff Gough made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Staff Report: Deputy Director Hunsaker:

Dispatch: 13 full-time, 8 part-time dispatchers, one trainee in the classroom phase of training, and one application being reviewed. Three open positions remaining. SIRCOMM will be attending the "Community Engagement & Career Event" at the Twin Falls City Park pm Saturday June 17th.

6. Directors Report: Director Churchman

a. 911 Calls vs 911 Hang Ups: There were 492 hang ups in May of 2022 and 1436 in May of 2023.

They initially were an inconvenience and now they have become a problem. The staff is still hitting the 100% mark of answering the 911 calls under forty seconds, still well within the NENA Standards

b. Advertisement/recruitment: As stated above, SIRCOMM will be attending the Career Event at the Twin Falls City Park, as well as advertising on KMVT and several websites.

7. Discussion: Bookkeeping Update Elite Accounting Dave Wendell: The Director shared that Mr. Wendell had been in a motorcycle accident the previous weekend and was doing OK. He was unable to attend the meeting. The Director stated she and Mr. Wendell had met twice to discuss issues he had found while familiarizing himself with the SIRCOMM accounts, budgets and spreadsheets. The Director shared many of the issues, and confirmed with the Board that as Mr. Wendell continues to work through these issues, he is allowed the authority to make modifications and/or adjustments as necessary, keeping the Director in the loops so he doesn't have to wait for a vote from the Board every time he needs to make an adjustment. Commissioner Johnson inquired if there was a possibility of fraudulent activity that may need to be investigated, and the Director stated that Mr. Wendell had those same concerns, as well as concerns as to why the auditors hadn't caught many of the things he has; the Board and the Director will continue to monitor the situation.

8. Action Item: PERSI Reclassification: The Director shared that the forms sent to PERSI in the Fall of 2022 to reclassify ECO's as Class 2 and therefore qualify for Rule of 80-as per HB 499 passed on July 1, 2022-were rejected by PERSI without notification to SIRCOMM. The Director recently spoke with a PERSI representative who gave instructions on how to rectify the issue, although it would create a backpay invoice for contributions made since the bill went into effect, July 1, 2022. It was discussed that this was not the fault of the employees, and therefore the Board should consider paying not only the employer portion of the back pay, but also the employee portion as well. The Board asked that before the Director submit new forms, that the dollar amount be calculated as to how much the total back pay would be for both the employer and the individual employees. This item was then tabled for the next meeting.

9. Action Item: Old Business-None

10. Next JPB Meeting Date: Wednesday July 12, 2023 1330 hrs. Jerome Co Sheriff's Office

10. Executive Session:

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Roll Call:

Commissioner Johnson: Yes
Commissioner Howell: Yes

Commissioner Bolduc: Yes
Commissioner Wood: Yes

Sheriff Gough: Yes

Session Convened at 1413 hrs.

Meeting Adjourned: 1513 hrs.

No Action Taken

Chair: Commissioner Johnson

Director: Kristy Churchman

Date 7-12-2023

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