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ISA Board Meeting Boise Centre on the Grove Rm 200 September 25, 2019 1:30-6:30 p.m.

President Sheriff Ben Wolfinger opened the meeting.

Attendance: Sheriffs Donahue, Humphries, Bartlett, Skiles, Goetz, Nielson, Wolfinger, Wilde, Rowland are present. Sheriff Sanders notified the Executive Director he was unable to attend.

Non-Board Attendance: ISA Staff Executive Director Vaughn Killeen, Jail Inspector Cindy Malm, Programs Manager Tammara Tarvin and Lobbyist Mike Kane; ISA Member Sheriff Humphries; IAC Director of Operations Kristin Cundiff; and ICRMP employee Chad Sarmiento.

Motion to approve BOD minutes 6-3-2019 was made by Sheriff Rowland and seconded by Sheriff Nielson. Motion passed.

Lobbyist Mike Kane was presented an award for his 20 years of service to ISA. Included with the award plaque was a Sig Sauer auto firearm. He expressed his pleasure with working for ISA over the years.

MVD Express- Jeff DeVere, Alberto Gonzales, and Lisa McClellan

The privatized driver's licensing service presented the business option to the board as an option to alleviate the work load for Sheriff's Offices and wait time for citizens in largely populated areas. MVD has been in New Mexico for 25 years and Montana 1.5 years. The company can set up an office in 90 to 120 days to open an office. MVD can process a license in 15 minutes with a \$30 to \$35 supplemental "convenience" fee for the transaction. New Mexico and Montana have not experienced local job loss and with no additional costs to the government. MVD offices are open later on weekdays as well as Saturdays and can provide the same services field offices do. IDT representative Gonzales advised the department is able to support the mainframe allowing MVD and/or counties to remain open later in evening and/or Saturday if enough counties wish to proceed that way. MVD also provides a call center and support with advertising. This is a voluntary service a county can incorporate if needed. IDT legally has authority to allow the service but it requires partnership with counties. MVD offices are staffed with local citizens with pay based on location which in New Mexico is about \$11 to \$13 per hour. Those employees are trained in six to eight weeks using software-based training. MVD employment did not effect the staffing levels of the Sheriffs' Offices, only reduced the number of licenses processed and the amount of time taken to process them.

Sheriff Goetz motioned to move forward on discussion with Governor Little for counties to pilot the program. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Nielson. Motion passed.

Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission Update – Sheriff Len Humphries

Grant funds are available and being used to consolidate communications equipment with multiple counties providing a cost savings option to each county by sharing the cost of back room equipment. Counties in Eastern and Western Idaho are utilizing the grants and joining together with consolidation of equipment. ESI Net is replacing phone providers to communicate to PSAPs. The equipment needs to be updated and replaced. When 911 calls are made, programs reroute the call to the nearest agency. Dark fiber and iron have made networking fiber cost reasonable. IPSCC is not in favor of INL trying to become the primary PSAP. Sheriff Rowland spoke with higher up and said it will no longer be an issue of trying to get 911 going to them rather than local jurisdiction. Grant funding does not include radio. There is a lack of funding for radio. Phone charges fund 911 services but legislation does not include radios. There is discussion of rewording legislation however that would open up the possibility for cities with dispatch centers also trying to change legislation.

Director's Report -Executive Director Vaughn Killeen

Director provided income and expenditure report from the beginning of FY2019 through August with a brief explanation of expenses and how funds are received. No outstanding issues to discuss. Sheriff Rowland motions to approve the budget report, Sheriff Nielson seconds the motion. All are in favor. The Budget Report is approved.

The Director requested the FY2019-2020 Budget Presentation be moved until after the legislative discussion.

Programs Report provided by Tammara Tarvin. The board was updated on Enhanced VINE, Offender Watch, Direct Mail and Detention Officer Training services.

Jail Standards- Sheriff Paul Wilde

Sheriff Donahue has previously requested an increase in the times between jail cell checks. IJA will be discussing this issue at the next meeting. Jail Inspector Cindy Malm advised inspections are complete with about the same number of certificates awarded. She has one more IPREA audit then the agencies will be working towards PREA. The coming year Ada and Bannock will have their second PREA audits. Some agency audits are in corrective actions. Sheriff Wilde advised the standards will be up for review next year.

Operations -Sheriff Sanders

Sheriff Sanders was absent. The president advised Idaho will be collecting more fees in January on out of state vehicles increasing the OHV fund.

Training-Sheriff Nielson

Sheriff Nielson will be putting together a subcommittee for the New Sheriffs School, December 2020. Post Counsel reported the first-year extended patrol academy was completed. There is a committee working on the Detention Officer Academy. Sheriff Bartlett advised POST pushed back the on-line dispatch academy. The in-person academy is conducted once a year making it difficult to get employees certified. There is concern once the on-line training is up and running, certification will be enforced without sufficient time to get through the backlog. Sheriff Wolfinger said these issues are on the POST

counsel agenda for discussion in December. It is expected the prototype for the on-line course will be available then.

Legislation-Sheriff Goetz

Legislative Committee Organization and Lobbying- Director asked to take matter up at the end of legislative discussion. Motion was later made by Sheriff Donahue and seconded by Sheriff Rowland to discuss in Executive Session. Motion passed.

IHKC- Idahoans for Healthy Kids and Communities. The purpose of this group is to fight legislation that attempts to legalize marijuana. We already support their efforts.

Cross Deputization with Tribes- Sheriff Goetz is reaching out to Sen. Johnson to discuss this being a local not statewide issue. Senator Johnson brought this issue up with Vaughn and wanted to know our current position on the subject.

Rule of 80- Last session legislators were told this wouldn't happen. Director Killeen advised PERSI will be presenting a bill this session allowing audits and future removal of employees with rule of 80 who do not qualify. Currently there are 300 people with Rule of 80 that shouldn't have it, but it can't be taken away once given. PERSI's proposal would allow future people inappropriately receiving rule of 80 to lose it. PERSI said rule of 80 people are currently being subsidized by rule of 90 employees and PERSI is trying to figure out why this is happening. Contributions for rule of 80 employees may be increased by 1% next year. Director Killeen believes this will be an obstacle for this legislation. President Sheriff Wolfinger suggests waiting another election cycle to get new legislators before making it a primary legislative issue. Sheriff Goetz motioned to support rule of 80 for dispatchers but not to carry the legislation. Sheriff Donahue seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jail Capital Improvement Tax- IAC will be carrying this legislation as a priority. It includes jails and court houses. We obviously support this proposal.

Driver's License Fee-IDT supports an administrator's fee for Sheriffs. Legislation was presented last session without success. It is expected there will be opposition to raise fees, however ISA does not want to take a percentage from IDT as was the proposal last year. A seven-dollar fee would make counties whole and not subsidizing the state. Sheriff Bartlett motioned and Sheriff Donahue seconded the motion to move forward with an administrative fee giving commissioners the ability to add driver's license fees. IDT maybe able to support Sheriffs.

State v. Clark- Sheriff Goetz motioned to support a proposal by Senator Burgoyne that will place a ballot question on the November 2020 elections to amend the Idaho constitution which would reinstate the ability for law enforcement to arrests on certain misdemeanors not in their presence. Sheriff Bartlett seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Freedom Foundation will be fighting this.

Justice Fund Levy- There is no action needed. IAC is working on this. Maintaining previous position.

Justice Reinvestment- There is no new information. Maintaining previous position.

Transportation of Mentally Ill- Board discussed counties not being involved in mental holds at all so it isn't a county expense.

Garnishments-Rumors suggest there may be another effort on legislation allowing attorneys to collect money instead of civil deputies. We will continue to monitor.

Front License Plate Coalition-3 M wants to form a coalition with ISA. ISA will continue to support but will not form a coalition.

Protect Idaho Kids-Legislation regarding parents' decision to seek medical attention for children or not. ISA is interested in issue and will monitor it. Board determines a decision to support cannot be made without review of the actual draft.

CBD/Hemp/Medical Marijuana-ISA continues to monitor these issues and will take and modify positions based on introduced legislation, however ISA is opposed to legalization of marijuana.

Other -Open Discussion

Sheriff Donahue on behalf of his Cpt., Mike Armstrong asks for uniformity among agencies when serving and processing e-file warrants. Attorney Terry Derden has been working with several agencies on this matter. E-file Notes helps expedite warrants as well as notify the issuing agency of the service and help with co-op transportation. Further discussion will be held during December's membership meeting.

Sheriff Donahue advises Lt. Shawn Harper of Meridian P.D. has created an Idaho Standard Command Response for Schools and he wishes to present in December. Director will see if there is room in the agenda.

ISP Matthew Gamette spoke to the board about National Forensic Science Week, asking for partnership logo, possibly funding speaker in the future, providing something for their own employees, raising awareness and education with stakeholders and community. No contribution is requested at this time but maybe in the future. A motion to support was made by Sheriff Goetz, seconded by Sheriff Skiles. All in favor. Motion passed. Next year's conference will be held the second or third of week of September.

Future Conference Location 2021 -Motion to hold the Summer Conference in Sun Valley May 24-27 was made by Sheriff Donahue and second by Sheriff Bartlett. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sheriff Donahue to go into executive session is seconded by Sheriff Rowland. Motion passed.

The board came out of executive session.

Kieran Donahue motioned and Lorin Nielsen seconded the motion to approve the proposed budget with the following changes.

- provide a cost of living increase of 3% to Cindy Malm, Tammara Tarvin and Vaughn Killeen and adjust payroll taxes, etc. accordingly.
- place \$60,000 in the lobbyist contract budget line item 560.14
- authorize \$500 towards the purchase of Vaughn Killeen's mobile telephone.

The motion passed.

In other business, Ben Wolfinger recommended an awards program for sheriffs be developed and implemented by December 2020. The board agreed without taking a motion. Ben said he would get Oregon's and ICOPA's protocol and I was tasked with getting the awards program protocol from the state of Idaho-Governor's Office. Further planning on this issue will continue.

Meeting adjourned.