

POST COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 19, 2013

The meeting was held at POST, Building 3, Meridian, Idaho. Vice Chairman Gregory Moon called the meeting to order at 09:00 A.M.

Council Members Present:

Greg Bower, Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association
Kevin Fuhr, Chief of Police, Rathdrum Police Department
Jon Heggen, Enforcement Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Greg Moon, Chief of Police, Weiser Police Department
Paul Panther, Chief, Criminal Law Division, Office of the Attorney General
Ralph Powell, Colonel, Idaho State Police
Gary Raney, Sheriff, Ada County
Brent Reinke, Director, Department of Correction
Wayne Rausch, Sheriff, Latah County
Shane Turman, Chief of Police, Rexburg Police Department

Council Members Absent:

Blair Olsen, POST Council Chairman and Sheriff of Jefferson County
Dan Chadwick, Exec. Director, Idaho Assn. of Counties
Sharon Harrigfeld, Director, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections
Ken Harward, Exec. Director, Assn. of Idaho Cities
Ernst H. Weyand, SSA, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Guests Present:

William L. Flink, Division Administrator, Idaho Peace Officer Standards & Training
Cheryl Meade, Deputy Attorney General, Idaho State Police

1. Roll Call

Conducted by POST Administrator William Flink

2. POST Council Chairmanship

POST Administrator William Flink announced the resignation of Chairman Blair Olsen from the POST Council, effective October 1, 2013. Colonel Powell notified Governor Otter's Office regarding the need for a decision for appointment of a new POST Chairman. In addition, the Idaho Sheriff's Association will need to nominate another Sheriff for the vacant Sheriff's position on the POST Council. Vice Chairman Moon acknowledged he had received a letter from the Governor's Office to manage the Council until a replacement for Chairman Olsen could be named by the Governor.

3. Discussion and Vote on Acquisition of 4th Lot

POST Administrator William Flink discussed the need for a vote on the acquisition of the land subject for purchase by POST for a scenario training area and future dormitory building for students attending POST Academy. POST is currently pursuing three lots at a price of \$552,000. The appraisal for the lots came back significantly lower than the \$552,000. The emphasis of the vote was ability of POST to purchase an additional lot (from 3 lots to 4 lots) for approximately the same amount of money as POST had anticipated three lots would cost. The price of the land after appraisal was in the \$131,000 to \$132,000 per lot, instead of the anticipated \$172,000 per lot. Knowing that there is enough funds to acquire a fourth lot, Administrator Flink is asking the POST Council for permission to pursue purchase of a fourth lot. Motion to pursue a fourth lot was made by Brent Reinke. The motion was seconded by Greg Bower. Colonel Powell stated that an additional \$1,000 was to be spent for the appraisal of the fourth lot. The Council voted unanimously to move forward to acquire a fourth lot in addition to the original three lots for the scenario training area and dormitory.

4. Update Status of College Weekly Testing and on NIC

Presented by William Flink and Chief Moon. POST Administrator received an e-mail from Mr. Richard Burns indicating Idaho Senator Goedde is pursuing a study to be conducted by Legislative Services, to review POST and the North Idaho College Academy (NIC), looking at POST operations, NIC, and the funding mechanism. Senator Goedde believes \$60,000 is sent down to POST by Kootenai County. Senator Goedde wants the study to consider the feasibility of a regional POST Academy at NIC, and has offered the same to the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University. Representative Bolz received the notice, and Representative Bolz asked Mr. Burns to contact and advise POST of Senator Goedde's request of Legislative Services. POST sent copies of the POST/NIC MOU to Representative Bolz. Chief Moon acknowledged his meeting with Representative Bolz and Administrator Flink on September 11, 2013. While Representative Bolz has concerns about how such a move by Senator Goedde could affect POST as a whole, it should be noted that Legislative Services only conducts a couple of such study requests each year. Senator Goedde's request may not be accepted by Legislative Services, due to other issues of greater priority for Legislative Services study. Chief Moon reported that the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, at their meeting in Twin Falls, voted to establish a review of IDAPA rules to segregate academies from

technical schools. Chief Moon will meet with the Weekly Testing Committee in the near future to discuss the testing issues. Administrator Flink met with NIC Vice President Lita Burns, and she acknowledged that she listened to the POST Council discussion in Coeur d'Alene; and that she was troubled that NIC had not followed the POST Council's direction on the testing issue. Ms. Burns stated she understands POST, and wants to have a good relationship with POST in the future.

5. Update School Districts Proposal for POST Training

POST recently received a copy of a notice from the Garden Valley School Board to the Idaho School Board, regarding peace officer training and certification to school employees. It appears that the recommendation is "do not pass". No POST Council action.

6. Personnel Matters

Council Member Paul Panther requested that the Council move into executive session. Mr. Panther invoked Idaho Code 67-2345(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, or public school student;*" and Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d), "*To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code.*" The motion to go into executive session was made by Greg Bower and seconded by Brent Reinke, and voted unanimously by role call vote. POST Council came out of executive session. Paul Panther made a motion to amend the agenda for a study or assessment by the Idaho State Police regarding POST staffing issues prior to the next POST Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Raney. The motion was approved unanimously. Paul Panther made the motion that Idaho State Police conduct a study, at the request and approved of by Colonel Powell, of staff morale issues at POST Academy. Gary Raney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Paul Panther amended his motion, requesting the results of the study be discussed at the next Council Meeting on December 5, 2013. Chief Kevin Fuhr seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Moon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Raney made the motion to adjourn. Greg Bower seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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