

Muncie Police Merit Commission

Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall Auditorium
Jonathan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Roll Call:

Attendees included –Jonathan Mitchell, Bruce Qualls, Chuck Zimmers and Chief Sloan, Attorney Mark Ervin

Members not in attendance:

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Approval of minutes:

Bruce Qualls made a motion to accept the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. Motion to approve meeting minutes is carried by voice vote.

Election of 2022 Officers:

Jonathan Mitchell noted, for the record, that two board members are not present; however, they indicated a willingness to serve. He then opened the floor to the nomination of Office of President. Bruce Qualls made a motion to nominate Jonathan Mitchell as President of the Muncie Police Merit Commission for the year 2022. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. Motion to elect Jonathan Mitchell as President is carried by voice vote.

Chuck Zimmers made a motion to nominate Bruce Qualls as Vice President of the Muncie Police Merit Commission for the year 2022. Jonathan Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion to elect Bruce Qualls as Vice President is carried by voice vote.

Bruce Qualls made a motion to nominate Dea Bell as Secretary of the Muncie Police Merit Commission for the year 2022. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. Motion to elect Dea Bell as Secretary is carried by voice vote.

Business from Chief Sloan:

Chief Sloan states that the lateral hiring process is set to expire tomorrow January 7, 2022 and requests a two-week extension which will end on January 21, 2022. Chuck Zimmers made a motion to extend the lateral hiring process for two weeks with the end date being January 21, 2022. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. Motion to extend the lateral hiring process for two weeks and to end on January 21, 2022 is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan reads a letter of resignation from Officer Jacob Reed. Officer Reeds last day with the Muncie Police Department is effective 1-20-2022. Chuck Zimmers made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. Motion to accept the letter of resignation is carried by voice vote.

Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

Mark Ervin states that with the approval of the Merit Commission, a hearing can now be scheduled for the pending disciplinary matter identified as 2021-10. Bruce Qualls made a motion to proceed with the hearing on the disciplinary matter 2021-10. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. Motion to proceed with a hearing for disciplinary matter 2021-10 is carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Approval of 2022 Merit Commission schedule: Chuck Zimmers made a motion to approve the 2022 Merit Commission schedule. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. Motion to approve the 2022 schedule is carried by voice vote.

Sgt. Brandon Qualls- Muncie Police Department- shares information regarding a recruitment and hiring company that Fort Wayne Police Department utilizes. The company is called Interview Now and is a QR based system. It tracks how and when the code is scanned, asks the candidate a series of questions, and automatically filters whether they are eligible to be a police officer in the state. President Jonathan Mitchell asks Sgt. Qualls to gather more information on this system and present it during the next executive session.

Adjournment:

Chuck Zimmers made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn is carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.