

Muncie Police Merit Commission

Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall Auditorium
Jonathan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Roll Call:

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

Members not in attendance:

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Approval of minutes:

Dea Bell made a motion to accept the August 19, 2021 meeting minutes with the corrected date of the meeting. Bruce Qualls seconded the motion. Motion to approve meeting minutes is carried by voice vote.

Business from Chief Sloan:

Chief Sloan reads a letter from applicant Gary Spratt. Gary Spratt has accepted a position elsewhere and wishes to be removed from the current hiring list. Dea Bell made a motion to accept the letter as read. Chuck Zimmers seconded the motion. Motion to accept the letter is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan read a letter of appreciation/commendation for Sgt. Kris Swanson, Detective Andrew Sell and Detective Gabe Wilmes presented by Detective Lawrence H. Bendzen III with the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force. Detective Bendzen extends gratitude for their willingness to help and professionalism. Bruce Qualls made a motion to accept the letter of appreciation. Dea Bell seconded the motion. Motion to accept the letter is carried by voice vote.

Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

n/a

Other Business:

n/a

Adjournment:

Bruce Qualls made a motion to adjourn. Phillip Miller seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn is carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Muncie PD Hiring Process

From: Gary Spratt <sprattg216@gmail.com>

Sent: Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 10:06 am

To: jwinningham@cityofmuncie.com

Good morning,

I would respectfully ask that my name be removed from consideration from the Muncie Police Department hiring process, as I have accepted a position elsewhere. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this process.

Thank you,



Chief Nathan Sloan,

We'd like to extend our gratitude for the willingness to help and professionalism offered by members of your agency. Our task force was given very limited information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The information that we were given consisted of an individual was offering for trade images of her children. This person reportedly lived in Muncie, IN.

Due to the circumstances of possible children in danger, the decision was made to move quickly with the information we had available. Officers with your agency were able to ascertain the identities of 3 other individuals whom we had not identified living at the residence prior to service of search warrant.

Sgt. Kris Swanson, Gabe Wilmes, and Andrew Sell were all extremely helpful in providing information regarding the target residence. We also recognized that Sgt. Kris Swanson and Gage Winters brought a tactical element, and we were appreciative of their efforts and equipment that they made available. We recognize that there are additional members that may have been involved and we appreciate those efforts also.

These officers all represented your agency with distinction. It is a testament to the leadership at the Muncie Police Department. If you could pass along our gratitude to the officers that assisted in our ongoing investigation and to let them know that their efforts allowed for us to have a successful operation. The City of Muncie is fortunate to have officers that are this capable.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lawrence H. Bendzen III".

Detective Lawrence H. Bendzen III

Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force