



CECIL COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Cecil County Administration Building
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2100
Elkton, Maryland 21921

Open Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2023

Present: Stephen Miller, Robert McKnight, John Thompson, Jamila Mettee, John Strickland, and Lawrence Scott, County Attorney

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
- Roll call was taken and all five (5) members present, representing a quorum
- Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval:

MOTION: John Thompson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Robert McKnight, and approved by all.

March 28, 2023, Minutes Approval:

MOTION: John Stricklett motioned to approve last meeting's minutes, seconded by John Thompson, and approved by all.

New Business:

- Lawrence Scott advised the ACC attended and successfully completed training last week and are now certified to hear cases.
- Per Md. Code, Pub., Safety §3-102, Chief Peterson from the Town of Rising Sun Police Department addressed the Board to provide insight into the current trends he is seeing in terms of crime and to discuss policies and procedures of his department. Chief Peterson noted that the department is comprised of himself and 5 officers. He relayed that although recruitment is not easy for a small-town police department, he seeks officers who are interested in community policing to be a good fit for the position and the town. He is slotted for an additional police officer dependent on budget. Chief Peterson advised that his department, in addition to serving the municipality of Rising Sun, also service Conowingo and the Route 1 border corridor, and aid the State Police and Sheriff's department. Chief Peterson advised that a copy of the department policy manual can be found online. He noted recreational use of marijuana becomes legal on July 1, 2023, and expressed concern about the potential impact of PA residents traveling to MD to take advantage of this new law. Probable cause in drug investigations will be disappearing as well as the use of canines in some instances which will also cause an impact. Chief Peterson also expressed great concern regarding impairment and the use of a motor vehicle.

Adjourn:

MOTION: John Stricklett motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Thompson, and approved by all.

Next meeting:

- Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Perryville Room, Elkton, MD.