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Idaho Sheriffs' Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Riverside Board Room, Boise
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Meeting called to order by President Sheriff Wolfinger.

Attendance

Board of Directors Sheriff's Ben Wolfinger, Paul Wilde, Steve Bartlett, Rick Skiles, Chris Goetz, Kieran Donahue and Craig Rowland were in attendance. Sheriffs Dave Sanders, Loren Nielson were not present.

Non-board in attendance: Murphy Olmstead, Lobbyist; Kristin Cundiff, Operations Manager IAC; and ISA Staff: Vaughn Killeen, Executive Director; Cindy Malm, Jail Inspector; and Tammara Tarvin, Programs Manager.

Director's Report, Vaughn Killeen

Budget Report Director reports that ISA is financially healthy, \$190,000 in Money Market, \$300,000 local government pool. The rest of the money is fluid, dedicated to operations. Discussion was had regarding investing funds and possible subcommittee to provide direction on investing. Prior goal was to get head above water and to sustain operations. Dedicated Scholarship fund about used up and will start taking funds out of general funds for scholarships. Director to determine who how much needs to be saved for rainy day and how much can be invested. Motion to approve the budget was made by Sheriff Rowland, second by Sheriff Bartlett. Motion passes.

Program Review Since July 1st there were 90,000 VINE notifications in Idaho. There are over 5000 sex offenders, 32 violent offenders. Honorary Members year to date count is 4100. New process with DEA, \$50,000 money fronted by agency and then reimbursed; prior money was given to ISA for distribution. Now it has to submit for reimbursement.

Succession Plan Update President Sheriff Wolfinger spoke of the Director's plan. The 12 page document provides all the information needed to continue operation should the Director be unavailable. Motion to approve plan with corrections to page 3 as well as ISA replacing IDA in document was made by Sheriff Bartlett, seconded by Sheriff Rowland. Board approved.

Jail Standards Committee, Chair Sheriff Wilde

Jails are being encouraged to get DOC inmate costs in. Canyon County request to increase jail cell time check period which will be discussed at the Jail Standards meeting. Chair is requesting

for time in front of the general members Thursday morning after the committee discussion and allowance for Jail Commanders to speak with Sheriffs on the inmate cell checks jail standard.

Twenty-six jails passed inspection, ten did not pass. Two who passed last year did not pass this year due to overcrowding. Overcrowding is caused by the increase in holding Department of Correction prisoners.

PREA audits have been completed. Bannock County passed; five jails are in corrective action. IPREA audits passed are Valley, Fremont, Gem, Blaine and Adams. Ada and Mini-Cassia are scheduled for PREA audits in February.

Operations Committee Report, Chari Sheriff Sanders

The Chair was not present. Sheriff Wilde was approached by Stan Fenn of Snake River Search and Rescue regarding training scheduled in the summer, June, for 4 days in Bonneville County. Fenn is well-known for good training. Director has emailed information about the training to the association. There was a discussion about S&R funding. Sheriff Goetz suggested the \$2,000 available for training be distributed through the Idaho State Search and Rescue. To proceed the state S&R need to submit the application. Training has to be sponsored by a Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Wilde advised he is willing to sign off on funds. Dallas Dupree of the State S&R will be presenting to Sheriffs at the conference. The Director will discuss the training funds available with him.

Training Committee Report, President Sheriff Wolfinger

Chair Sheriff Nielsen was not present, Sheriff Wolfing provided an update. POST is touring the state meeting with agencies. The Detention Academy training curriculum looks good. There have been changes in command/personnel and things have improved drastically. With restructuring, funding is going further and stabilized. The IDAPA rules were rewritten and cut in half. The dispatch academy curriculum is complete including the on-line digital learning using the same state on-line education system. The academy will be available in January. Agencies have until the end of the coming calendar year for dispatchers to become certified. There were a couple of complaints regarding the moving date of when the academy will be available. Lunch is now the only meal provided; the rest required per diem which is expensive for counties. Ada County is opening their eight-week academy up to other agencies. The first two weeks is absolutely necessary for dispatch certification.

Next year will be the 40-hour training for the New Sheriffs School. Sheriff Wolfinger encouraged Sheriffs to share ideas of knowledgeable and captivating instructors on relative topics training with the Director and/or training chair. Sheriff Rowland requested training on the civil department. It was suggested asking experienced sheriffs what you wish you would have known your first 90 days in office. Sheriff Bartlett shared he wished he would have known about fire responsibilities in the rural county areas.

Legislative Committee Report, Chris Goetz

Sheriff Goetz presented for the last time as committee chair. New Lobbyist Murphy Olmstead was introduced.

Driver's License Fee ISA is looking to make administrative fee more like the DMV. This may require an Attorney General's position. Costs to manage driver's license are different in every county therefore best to leave it up to commissions to determine the fee. The fee should not to exceed actual costs to manage driver's license. Property taxes shouldn't be subsidizing DMV; they need to offset property taxes.

State Inmate fee: Senator Burgoyne will propose a bill for actual costs accrued by jails rather than a flat fee. The costs are not the same for jail therefore some jails end up subsidizing the expense while others come out financially ahead. ISA will support the bill. Seth Griggs, Executive Director for IAC put it together with the Senator. Either ISA or IAC needs to move the bill forward. Sheriffs Bartlett and Wolfinger stated they will take the lead.

Rule of 80 for Dispatchers ISA has decided not to move forward with this legislation this session. Olmstead advised committee members believe rule of 80 should be for guys carrying guns or pulling hoses. The legislation is perceived as a stress issue for dispatchers. PERSI is currently cleaning up rules which will tighten up who qualifies and remove those currently under the Rule of 80 who do not qualify. While ISA continues to support legislation, it will not be pursued this session.

Transportation of Mentally Ill Griggs has been working on removing the costs from the responsibilities of the counties. In the mean time counties have become creative. Sheriff Donahue shared Canyon County created policy with Nampa City requiring police to request incarceration through the County Prosecutor's Office. This has reduced mental hold by the jail. Sheriff Goetz advised the state applied for a waiver request which will allow for Medicare funds to pay private mental health facilities.

County Jail Local Option Tax Representative Mike Moyle advised legislation will not get through the committee, legislators standing in the way. ISA may have to wait until certain legislators are no longer in office to move forward. The legislation would give the right to the people to vote on the issue.

Justice Fund Levy Board members had a conversation regarding property tax.

Tribes Native Americans plan to bring legislation this session that recognizes Tribal Police as state law enforcement officers. ISA opposes, this is local issues between county and tribe. It is up to Sheriff to cross deputize if appropriate.

Hemp Oregon and Washington farmers are upset about federal a rule which requires the entire crop/field be destroyed if it tests over the .03%. There is no roadside test to determine the THC level. There is a proposal for an Idaho Medical Marijuana Act that following federal guidelines which in theory would slow down other legislation for legalizing marijuana.

Marcy's Law The Victim's Right legislation will be presented again this session. Legislators are tired of the bill. While ISA has supported and most likely will if there are no major changes.

Liquor Code Sheriff Wolfinger reorganized code. Once the final draft is complete it will be distributed to the association. Basically, there are not enough quota licenses to go around.

Expanding Substance Abuse Program to Juvenile Sheriff Wolfinger stated that once he has final version it will be distributed to the association.

Olmstead's Report

Olmstead provided a written report to sheriffs regarding his activities as of late. A lobbyist representing certain lawyers approached Olmstead for Sheriff's support to allow them to garnish money. We continue to be opposed to this proposal.

Clean State Legislation Sheriffs oppose, Goetz suggested having our lobbyist discuss our opposition to Rep Rubel so she better understands our position.

New ISA Officer Election

Sheriffs Donahue and Henry are interested in Board Members position. Sheriff Goetz will be leaving the board however Sheriff Donahue suggested he stay. As a result of the board discussion Goetz expressed his willingness to stay on the board so Sheriffs Donahue, Henry and Goetz will seek election to the board at the general meeting. Sheriff Anderson is the second chair to the Jail Committee for a seamless transition when Sheriff Wilde leaves. There was a discussion of the need for balance of Sheriffs across the state and the opportunity for the body to nominate and vote on for office.

No other business, meeting adjourned by the President.