

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 18, 2011

Chairman Frank McCoy called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Members present:

Frank McCoy

Herb Cornell

Jerry Cade

Kevin Gobel

John Mitchell

Sheriff John Spears

Visitors included County Board Member Cade Cary and Dena Harris of the Broadcaster. McCoy confirmed that the Agenda was posted at the Courthouse on February 15, 2011. McCoy turned the meeting over to Sheriff Spears.

Sheriff Spears said the application process was as open as we could possibly make it. Due to the hiring freeze only in-house applicants could be considered. We started with 6 applicants, one of which was ineligible and one withdrew his application. The applicants each took a personal evaluation (psych) test, a supervisory test and went through the interview process with a 5-person interview panel. All applicants did very well and Sheriff Spears said the panel was impressed with the quality of the candidates. Sheriff Spears then looked for a person who is a “closer”, has experience with unions and making street decisions, as well as having “on-call” capabilities and ultimately selected Sgt. Nathan Campbell.

After a few questions Kevin Gobel moved to approve Sgt. Nate Campbell as Chief Deputy. The motion was seconded by Frank McCoy, who asked for further discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Spears left the meeting to announce the decision to Sgt. Campbell and brought him back to meet the committee. Chairman McCoy told Campbell that the Committee has been blessed with an open and honest relationship with Gene Cary and Jim Hanson, that it looks like this relationship will continue, and that he appreciated that.

Cade moved to adjourn, Cornell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carol Oliver, Acting Secretary