

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017  
6:30 P.M.  
SCHIEFFELIN HALL

**I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dustin Escapule called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2017.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Dustin Escapule led the members and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>III. ROLL CALL</b>	Commissioner Anna Salcido	Absent
	Commissioner Bill Barlow	Present
	Commissioner Brian Davis	Present
	Commissioner James Newbauer	Absent
	Chairman Dustin Escapule	Present
	Vice Chairman Robert Randall	Present

**A QUORUM WAS DECLARED**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes from Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Davis, **SECOND** by Commissioner Barlow, to approve the minutes from Tuesday, March 14, 2017

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 4/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**V. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**The Marshal's Report – March 14, 2017, through April 11, 2017.**

Vice Chairman Randall; "For the last month we had four agency assist, nine alarm calls, twelve animal problems, several temp to locate calls, one burglary that was changed to a criminal trespass, two citizen assist, one civil, on criminal damage, three disorderly conduct calls, four domestic violence, fifteen drug arrests, six DUI arrest, some fingerprints, seventeen found properties; people are leaving their cell phones and keys

all over town, one juvenile problem, thirteen medical calls that the guys responded to, one sex offense, four suspended license arrests, four suspicious in nature calls, five theft calls, one City Code violation, only one traffic accident last month, a hundred and thirty nine traffic stops, forty nine of those were citations, two trespassing calls, two wanted persons arrest and seven welfare checks.”

Vice Chairman Randall; “On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, the Department of Corrections Officers working on a tip searched the Public Works facility located next to City Hall and found several articles of drug paraphernalia, Synthetic drugs “Spice” and an ink kit designed for tattooing. All of the items were packaged in small quantities which would allow someone to conceal the items in their body cavities. As a result, Deputies conducted the investigation and had probably cause to believe City employee Bruce “Auggie” Lesko was the person responsible for hiding the items. A search warrant of Mr. Lesko’s residence revealed additional drugs and paraphernalia as well as similar paraphernalia used to conceal the drugs. Mr. Lesko was arrested and charged with five counts of promoting prison contraband, one count of possession with intent to sell dangerous drugs and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.”

“Additional news; we are currently utilizing a loner body cam from Taser International. They have been gracious enough to give it to us for a few months to test it out and see what kind of benefits we can expect if all the deputies are required to wear a body cam. As most of you know the federal government is leaning towards mandating that all police agencies be equipped with cameras to record their actions. The camera is the same model and same type used by Sierra Vista PD and as I reported last month; based on that if we were to eventually buy these camera’s we would be offered fifty percent discount; which is substantial. The camera’s the same model and we are finding that it will help in citizen disputes, accusations and investigations. The camera automatically uploads to a cloud based server and can be viewed by supervisors and instantly sent to the County Attorney or other agencies without the need to burn the video to a disk first. This in itself is a savings of time and money.”

“The radio console for the Marshal’s Office is dead. We cannot tune out the fire department properly and our side is completely down. The dispatchers are using hand-held radios to dispatch our deputies. This has been occurring for about a week straight and off and on for the last couple of months. I have reached out to Sheriff Danel and his crew to see if they can find an old radio system in their archives and help us out. So far we have been out of luck. We are still working on that.”

“I have three deputies in training this week at the Sierra Vista PD for HGN training and we are still at full strength with five active reserves. For the last month our reserves logged a hundred and sixty five and a half hours contributing roughly \$2,896 that would normally be paid to a deputy. So the reserves are working their butts off for you.”

Vice Chairman; “That’s all I’ve got!

Chairman Escapule; “I just wanted to add one more thing. I think the date for the auction of all the surplus vehicles and miscellaneous items that the City Public Works has got.”

\*Councilmember Newbauer arrives at the meeting and takes his seat

Kierstin has a list of items that will be sold. She is working with Elke at Public Works and between now and then providing we can keep our people spread thin enough we will get everything up there and get ready for the auction on May 13. I think the preview is at seven and the auction starts at nine. Having said that; just to follow up a little bit with what the Marshal said on the Public Works employee that was arrested subsequent to the search and the Public Works building, the Public Works Department and the school and everybody else lost all inmates until further notice. So we have actually somewhat declared an emergency because we have a lot of work to do and we have hired some part-time employees to fill the gap to make sure we can get some of the work. Hopefully, in the next week to ten days we can have a meeting with the warden and see if we can't come up with a resolution on how we can get some inmates back."

There being no further questions or comments from the Commission members. Chairman Escapule moves to adjournment.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Escapule entertains a motion for adjournment.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Barlow, **SECOND** by Commissioner Davis to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** 4/0

**MOTION:** Carried

The Board of Police Regular meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 thereby adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Dustin Escapule, Chairman

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Brenda Ikirt, Interim City Clerk