

**Law and Justice Commission  
MTU 8**

Minutes

February 9, 2021

Members Present:

Nichol Bleichner	Travis Cornwall	Chad Wamsley	Shane Hackman
Mike Kemp	Chris Lane	Matt Lane	Chuck Erickson
Dave Belvery	Rick Bleichner	Jim Woolford	

Staff Present:

Robert Siron                      Denelle Hetrick

Members of the Public Present:

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman N. Bleichner at 1:05 p.m. at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in sheet passed around and quorum was established.
- III. Motion was made by R. Bleichner and seconded by Cornwall to approve the 8/11/20 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried.
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve August 2020 – January 2021 expenses made by Lane and seconded by R. Bleichner – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. New Business
  - A. Siron stated ILETSB still has not identified a new funding source. To date, MTU 8 has received  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the first quarter payment (just over \$50,000). We are now in the third quarter of the fiscal year and at full funding would have received just over \$200,000 for the first three quarters. MTU 8 is utilizing reserve funds which totaled just over \$90,000 at the end of FY2020.
  - B. Siron stated if the Bill that is currently on the Governor’s desk is signed, there will be 30 hours of mandated training to include scenario based role playing, use of force, & high risk traffic stops every 3 years. ILETSB would set the curriculum and choose instructors for the courses which would more than likely be 32 hours of training in consecutive days.
  - C. Siron stated MTU 8’s FY2022 budget request is due April 1, 2021. It was requested to have the Advisory Board allow the Executive Board approve the FY2022 budget request since the next Advisory Board meeting isn’t scheduled until 4/13/21. Motion to allow the Executive Board to approve the FY2022 budget request made by Wamsley and seconded by R. Bleichner – all in favor – motion carried.
- VI. Old Business

VII. Curriculum

- A. Siron stated some departments have asked about an Officer Wellness & Well-Being Program for Enhanced Resiliency and Anti-Fragility course instructed by the National Command & Staff College with Assistant Chief Petrilli instructing one of the two day course. The fee for the course is \$5,500. Siron stated MTU 8 does not have the budget to hold the course at this time.
- B. Siron stated MTU 8 will need additional PPCT instructors in the near future. Unfortunately at this time, the budget does not allow for an instructor course to be held but MTU 8 is requesting departments to identify officers they may have attend if funding becomes available.
- C. MTU 3 has a 32-hour online Basic Juvenile Officer Certification course. After the officer completes the online portion, they need to attend a review session and complete an exam. The fee is \$120.00 for the department to have access to the course for all of their officers. The exam fee is \$75.00. Please contact MTU 8 staff if you would like further information.
- D. Hetrick stated Tactical Field Interviewing scheduled for 3/2-3/3/21 currently has low enrollment.
- E. It was suggested those that attended the G.R.A.C.I.E. course in Decatur be asked present at the next meeting.

VIII. Executive Session – No executive session was requested

IX. Public Input – Wilson distributed a schedule of ILEAS courses.

X. Motion made by R. Bleichner and seconded by Lane to adjourn - all in favor - motion carried

**Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room NRC 1201.**