

**Law and Justice Commission
MTU 8**

Minutes

June 13, 2023

Members Present:

Nichol Bleichner	Jason Williamson	Chad Witkowski
Matt Lane	Mark Kotte	Rob Kosack
Adam Kapchinske	Josh Dingler	
Jim Clesson	Nick Thacker	

Staff Present:

Robert Siron	Denelle Hetrick
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Members of the Public Present:

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman 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 Lane and seconded by Kotte to approve the 4/11/23 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried.
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve April & May 2023 expenses made by Lane and seconded by Witkowski – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. New Business
 - A. Siron stated he attended the ILETSB quarterly board meeting on 6/8/23. He reported the following: ILETSB submitted new rules to JCAR regarding new waivers. The rules state an officer must work at their current department for a minimum of two years as a new hire before they can transfer. This language is in the municipal code. When officers leave a department, they are de-certified. If they go to another department, they need to be re-certified. Camera grants are available for ongoing expenses such as body cams and storage. ILETSB approved the first two quarter payments for the MTU’s in FY2024.
 - B. Siron stated ILETSB is allocating \$7,200 to MTU 8 to be used for salary increases. Siron stated he changed the two part-time positions from 1000 to 750 hours/individual at \$20/hr instead of \$15/hr. He divided the \$7,200 between the Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator positions. Motion was made by Dingler and seconded by Witkowski to amend the FY2024 budget – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
 - C. Siron stated ILETSB has approved MTU 8’s request to fund a Street Smarts VR use of force training system in the amount of \$108,500. This is a higher amount than what was originally awarded by ILETSB. A motion was made

at the April meeting to allow the Executive Board to approve the final purchase of the use of force training system. Motion was made by Kapchinske and seconded by Lane to rescind the April motion – all in favor – motion carried. Motion was made by Witkowski and seconded by Dingler to approve the purchase of the use of force simulator system in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.

- D. Motion was made by Kotte and seconded by Dingler to elect the current slate of officers for FY2024 – all in favor – motion carried. Chairman: Nicole Bleichner, Vice Chairman: Adam Kapchinske, Treasurer: Matt Lane, Secretary: Travis Cornwall.
- E. Siron stated MTU 8 previously had someone on staff who was a certified firearms instructor. He is no longer at the MTU. This has caused the MTU to have to reach out to a certified instructor who is employed by member agencies when the need arises for a 4-hr. mandatory firearms waiver course. He stated it seems most agencies have firearms instructors but some do not. In this case the instructor’s department is donating time to hold a course for another departments officer. Siron asked if the Board would like to change the current rule of not paying those employed by member agencies. It was decided to table this and re-visit if it becomes a bigger issue.
- F. Hetrick stated dues invoices will be mailed by the end of the week. The number of officers billed for was based on the rosters in LEDI.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Siron stated an Active Threat Master course has been announced. The course will start in August. The course is four weeks in length with a week of the course being held each month. The final week is held in Mississippi. If departments are interested in having an officer attend, please contact MTU 8.
- B. Hetrick stated the Field Training Officer course scheduled in August currently has low enrollment.

IX. Executive Session – No executive session was requested

X. Public Input

- XI. Motion made by Lane and seconded by Witkowski to adjourn - all in favor - motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room NRC 1201.