

**CONWAY POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 23, 2010**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conway Police Commission was brought to order at 0830 hours on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. In attendance were Chief Edward K. Wagner, Lieutenant Joseph A. Faia, Lieutenant Christopher C. Perley, Chairman Theresa L. Kennett, Commissioner Robert F. Porter and Recording Secretary Jill K. Dicey.

Payroll and disbursements were handed out and signed.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Chairman Kennett, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010.

Chairman Kennett asked about the School Resource Officer. Chief Wagner advised he is getting busier; the spring season has more kids being more active. Chief Wagner also advised that this is possibly Officer Mattei's last school year. Promotions will be coming up and Officer Mattei is eligible to test for a promotion to Sergeant and that he has indicated he's ready to move on to other challenges. Lt. Faia advised that officers who work in the school risk getting behind the curve professionally if they stay too long in the school environment. Lt. Perley advised that Principal Moylan is aware a change will be coming. There are a few good officers that have expressed interest who will be just as good; Officer Mattei has set-up a better program for the next SRO to follow.

Lt. Perley advised that Officers Lapoint and Scott will be conducting a R.A.D. course at the high school and through the Adult Education Program. Also, Officer Strong has developed training in DWI that he presents to the Driver Education classes. Chairman Kennett suggested doing a press release indicating the officers' community involvement.

Lt. Perley advised that Officer Lapoint will be attending the motorcycle training course and officers Wallace and S. McGrath will be attending Street Survival training.

Chairman Kennett inquired about court activity. Lt. Perley advised that both Officer Hollenkamp and Sergeant Spittler are doing great; the court employees have only positive feedback about both officers.

A discussion ensued about the process of handling mental health patients. The police department no longer stands by at the hospital to await a mental health representative. If they have committed a crime the PD will take custody and charge them otherwise it is a hospital and department of mental health issue. Chairman Kennett pointed out that this stance could create a public perception issue that the police don't care about mental health patients. Lt. Perley advised that we do not have the manpower to tie one officer up for what can be hours when then hospital has other means to control a patient. Chairman Kennett asked to identify what the police departments' legal obligation is to Carroll County Mental Health.

At 0910, on a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Chairman Kennett, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill K. Dicey,
Recording Secretary