

CONWAY POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 21, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conway Police Commission was brought to order at 0830 hours on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. In attendance were Chief Edward K. Wagner, Lieutenant Joseph A. Faia, Lieutenant Christopher C. Perley, Chairman Theresa L. Kennett, Commissioner David Doherty, Commissioner Robert F. Porter, and Recording Secretary Jill K. Dicey.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to have Commissioner Kennett become this years Chairman.

Payroll and disbursements were handed out and signed.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, the motion was passed with a vote of 2-0-1, with Chairman Kennett abstaining.

Chief Wagner advised the public hearing to accept the JAG grant money is scheduled for May 12, 2009. Chief Wagner reviewed the items he is considering for purchase with those funds; a 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle equipped with the police package, radar and an extended warranty for approximately \$22,000, some of the accident reconstruction equipment for \$5,000 (NH Highway Safety Grant will also cover the cost of some of this equipment), a thermal imager and trunk boxes for the SUVs for \$12,000. Also being considered is a Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA). The equipment and training is approximately \$9,000. This equipment is more readily available for use than a polygraph and would greatly assist during interviews and investigations. This could also be used for pre-employment.

Chairman Kennett advised she is in support of the equipment as long as there will not be items in the budget next year that could be purchased with this money, if not, updating the Departments technology is the way to go. Chief Wagner advised there would not be any extra money asked for in next years' budget for equipment.

Commissioner Porter inquired about a command vehicle. Chief Wagner advised he has put that on a back burner because he had hoped to acquire grant money specifically for that and no more is available.

Commissioner Doherty inquired if bids were received for the motorcycle. Chief Wagner advised he received bids from Meredith Harley, Rochester Harley and Manchester Harley. Meredith had the lowest bid, approximately \$1,200 less. Commissioner Porter inquired if the Town Manager, Earl Sires, has been contacted about this purchase. Chief Wagner advised he has spoken with Mr. Sires and he advised it's a good idea.

Chief Wagner advised Officer Jaymes Lapoint graduated from the academy and received a high academic achievement award. He is working this week on his own as he finished his field training before he went to the academy.

Lieutenant Perley advised he spoke with Mark LaBelle, NHSP Assistant Commander for all communications about their in-car computer system. They can send messages through an encrypted radio system. The cost for this is \$100 per cruiser plus training. Chief Wagner advised he is not supportive of the officers running motor vehicle and driver checks. It becomes a safety issue as it takes the officers attention off the stopped vehicle. If there were two officers per cruiser it wouldn't be as big a concern. Also, single-man cruisers cannot safely operate a computer keyboard while driving to check on a moving vehicle. Commissioner Doherty advised it something to consider for the future. Lt. Perley advised the next phase of technology, swiping a magnetic strip on the back of a license, is something to look at in the future. Instead of getting in on technology that is about to be replaced, the department should be looking ahead to what is coming and get in on that.

Chief Wagner advised that Officer Michael Boucher is being recognized in a ceremony for heros by the Union Leader on May 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Doherty inquired when the Department would be purchasing the motorcycle. Chief Wagner advised he would know more after May 18th when the grant is submitted and the public hearing has been held. We may still need to lease a motorcycle for this year as it could be July before the funds are available. We have until February 28, 2013 to spend the grant money.

At 0924, on a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill K. Dicey,
Recording Secretary