

CONWAY POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 19, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conway Police Commission was brought to order at 0830 hours on Tuesday, May 19, 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.

Payroll and disbursements were handed out and signed.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009.

Chief Wagner advised the Selectman's meeting to acceptance the JAG Grant money went well and the money was accepted. There was a short discussion about the purchase of a motorcycle with the grant money. Chief Wagner explained the money savings to the town by purchasing it. Chief Wagner also gave a general list of other items that are being considered for purchase. The grant has also been approved by the DOJ and we should be seeing the money around June 1.

Commissioner Doherty advised he received a message from Andrea at the Conway Daily Sun for information on the JAG grant. He asked that someone from the Department return her call. Lt. Perley spoke with her and gave a good interview. In the future, any press calls that go directly to the Commission will be referred to the Chairman who will speak for the Commission or refer the call to the Chief of Police.

Chief Wagner reviewed the status of the gasoline account and a projection of gasoline costs for the year. It appears at this time that the gasoline budget will be sufficient to cover the needs of the Department for the year.

Chief Wagner advised the Department has received a 50% off one class tuition from the White Mountain Community College. They gave the certificate because the Department sponsored an intern for them. Lt. Perley advised there are four employees currently enrolled in college courses.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to accept the certificate from White Mountain Community College.

Chief Wagner advised that Officer Sean Mask sustained a badly sprained ankle while taking into custody a suspect of domestic disturbance on May 4. The suspect has been charged with one count of domestic assault and one felony count of resisting arrest. We will be asking the court to have the suspect reimburse the department for overtime incurred as a result of his absence. Officer Mask is still out of work and has a tentative return date of May 25, 2009.

Chief Wagner advised that Officer Sean McGrath was injured while at a training at NH Police Standards and Training (NHPS&T) for "Baton Instructor School" and will be out of work for at

least two weeks. Cpl. McGrath was used as a demonstrator by the instructor to show an escort technique. The instructor used too much force and injured Cpl. McGrath's left biceps. Chief Wagner advised that he has written a letter to the Director of NHPS&T, Don Vittum, and has spoken to him personally about the incident.

At 0845, a motion was made by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The Commission was polled and voted as follows: Porter, yes, Doherty, yes, Kennett, yes. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was moved into non-public session.

At 0917, the regular meeting reconvened.

Lt. Perley advised that all of the NH Highway Safety grants have been processed and approved.

Commissioner Doherty asked when the motorcycle would be in use. Chief Wagner advised that he has been in touch with the local Harley Davidson shop. They may be allowing the Department to use the motorcycle that was leased last year free of charge for this summer. That will give us a motorcycle to use until the grant money is available to purchase the new one.

At 0920, 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