

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **SHERIFF & COMMUNICATIONS**

DATE: APRIL 27, 2006

Committee Members Present:	Sheriff Cleveland
Supervisors Bentley	William Thomas, Chairman
VanNess	Joan Sady, Clerk
Belden	Paul Dusek, County Attorney
Mason	Supervisor Kenny
Haskell	
Stec	
Absent: O'Connor	Carlene Ramsey, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist

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Mr. Bentley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Sheriff Cleveland distributed an Agenda packet to each of the committee members and a copy is on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Belden, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Sheriff Cleveland began his report with Agenda Item 1, request for out-of-state travel. He explained he had been invited to attend a conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with all expenses to be paid by the federal government. He said he would be speaking before the United States Coast Guard regarding the 2005 boating accident on Lake George.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Mason, and carried unanimously to authorize the request for out-of-state travel, on May 16-17, 2006, for Sheriff Cleveland to attend the U.S. Coast Guard National Training Conference in Philadelphia, PA, with costs to be covered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Committee authorized a resolution be prepared for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and a copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.

At Agenda Item 2, Home Rule Bill, Sheriff Cleveland explained he had consulted with the County Attorney with regards to Civil Law Enforcement Officers on his staff. Currently, he explained, the Civil Law Enforcement Officers, classified as civilian staff, were limited in their job functions. If they were classified as Peace Officers, he noted, they would be authorized to make arrests, as well as serve and execute warrants.

Sheriff Cleveland clarified the reclassification would have no impact on the Salary Budget. He noted all road patrol officers were Police Officers by virtue of their title; all Corrections Officers were Peace Officers by virtue of their title; all Civilian Law

Enforcement Officers were actually civilian staff, unless otherwise designated as Peace Officers by the State Legislature. He verified the required training could be completed in house, while the reclassification would NOT make them eligible for the retirement plan for either Corrections or Police Officers.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. VanNess, and carried unanimously to authorize support of a Home Rule Bill to reclassify Civilian Law Enforcement Officers and Sergeants as Peace Officers, pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law section 2.10; and to authorize a resolution be prepared for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Sheriff Cleveland turned to Agenda Items 3-6, Intent to Fill Vacancies. He explained:

1. A Patrol Officer had recently been called to attend the State Police Academy;
2. One Patrol Officer had been out on disability for over 1 ½ years, and was now eligible for disability retirement;
3. A Corrections Officer had also been called to attend the State Police Academy;
4. A Corrections Officer had resigned due to a medical condition that would prevent him from returning to work.

Mr. Wm. Thomas entered the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to authorize the four Notices of Intent to Fill Vacancies to be forwarded to the Personnel Committee. Copies of the request forms are on file with the minutes.

With regards to the proposed local law to ban the possession of a deadly weapon while in County building, Sheriff Cleveland explained that Supervisor O'Connor had requested an explanation of a Pilum ballistic knife. Sheriff Cleveland distributed a written description of a "Pilum" and displayed the knife to the Committee members.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Stec, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carlene A. Ramsey, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist