

**LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
September 15, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley, Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Rustin Legendre, Invocation lead by Constable Reginald Brown. A quorum was present.

Commission members or their representatives that were present: Patrick Yoes; Sergeant Kelly Feet for Colonel Mike Edmonson; Frank Besson; Harry Morel for Phil Haney; Cindy Chadwick for Sheriff Steven Prator; Doyle Dempsey for Sheriff Larry Deen; Sam Moody for Wayne Jones; Bill Landry; JD Thornton; Mike Thompson for Attorney General Buddy Caldwell; Sheriff Jerry Philley for Judge Rudolph McIntyre; Sandy Burget for Sheriff Randy Maxwell; Tony Mancuso; Sonya McCoy for Sheriff Richard Edwards; Hunter Grimes; Marky Tucker for Royce Toney; Mike Lanier for Judge Burrell Carter; Cynthia Austin for Paul D. Connick; Nancy Konrad; Reginald Brown; Mike Caze; Dion Young for Jerry Jones; Harry Morel; Steve May; Mark Shumate; Sid Gautreaux; Austin Daniel; James Lemoine; Chad Leger; Mr. Girard Melancon for Dr. Mary Livers; Sheriff Jeff Wiley.

LCLE Staff present includes Mr. Joey Watson, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Mehrtens; Mr. Bob Wertz; Ms. Kathy Guidry; Ms. Erica Matthews; Ms. Charlotte Gautreau; Ms. Fredia Dunn; Mr. Rustin Legendre; Ms. Crystal Foster; Ms. Latisie Pete; Ms. Rutha Chatwood; Ms. Opal West; Ms. Stefanie Toombs; Ms. Linda Gautier; Ms. Rebekah Taylor; Mr. Scott Murrell; Mr. Tyler Downing.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented (from July 21, 2011). Sheriff Mancuso made a motion for approval. Sheriff Caze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Report of the Priorities Committee**

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the priorities committee meeting was held on August 31, 2011 with a quorum present. The minutes from the July 6, 2011 priorities committee meeting were approved and all applications, allocations, increases were also approved. The committee also approved the Sole Source requests along with the FY 2011-2012 POST Act 440 Fund Breakdown. The Committee has approved all the recommendations before you today to be funded. This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the Priorities Committee report as presented. Sheriff Caze made a motion for approval. Chief Grimes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board**

Mr. Harry Morel reported that the Victim Services Advisory Board met at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center in Baton Rouge at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2011. A quorum was present. The Board recommends approval for: 1 CVA allocation for fiscal year 2009 totaling \$22,990, 121 CVA allocations for fiscal year 2011 totaling \$4,851,554, and 36 VAWA allocations for fiscal year 2011 totaling \$805,129. The Board recommends approval for: 1 CVA proposed increase totaling \$15,293. The Board recommends approval for: 23 CVA applications totaling \$1,068,646, 6 VAWA applications totaling \$192,954, and 1 VAWA ARRA application totaling \$4,800. This concludes the Victim Services Advisory Board Report.

### **Report of the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board**

Mr. Harry Morel reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, at 2:30P.M. Wednesday, September 14, 2011. A quorum was present. The Board recommends approval for One (1) WAIVER of the six (6) month pre-award cost limitation. The Board recommends approval for the following allocations: Five (5) FY2010 ALLOCATIONS totaling \$1,331,359. Ninety-nine (99) FY2011 ALLOCATIONS totaling \$2,794,756. The Board recommends approval for Two (2) INCREASES totaling \$192,780. The Board recommends approval of the following applications: Three (3) APPLICATIONS totaling \$22,682. Two (2) CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS totaling \$80,659.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Sheriff Caze made a motion for approval. Sheriff Gautreaux seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board**

Mr. Bill Landry reported that the JJDP Advisory Board met at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center in Baton Rouge at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2011. A quorum was present. The Board recommends approval on the following: 1 fiscal year 2009 Title II (JJDP) Allocations totaling \$27,206. 3 fiscal year 2010 Title II (JJDP) Allocations totaling \$90,474. 27 fiscal year 2011 Title II (JJDP) Allocations totaling \$654,055 with the special conditions that the funds are released from OJJDP. 2 fiscal year 2011 Title V Allocations totaling \$50,000. 2 increase in the amount of \$20,298 in fiscal year Title II (JJDP) funding. 6 Title II (JJDP) applications totaling \$70,203 with the special conditions given to the subgrantees. 1 Title V application totaling \$56,630.

This concludes the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Chief Grimes made a motion to approve. Mr. Reginald Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **DARE Advisory Board**

Sheriff Mike Stone reported that the DARE Advisory Board met on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 with a quorum present. The board recommends approval for 82 state funded grant applications. There are 24 police departments, 1 city constable office, 56-parish sheriff's offices and 1 DARE training center grant. The DARE Advisory Board recommended tabling no grant applications, recommended no denial of grant applications, and recommends approval to the Commission of all 82 applications reviewed with the understanding that cuts will be made on these grants based on the availability of the budget money.

This concludes the DARE Advisory Board report.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Sheriff Caze made a motion for approval. Mr. Reginald Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Call for Other Old Business**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked if there was any other old business to discuss.

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the senate appropriations CJS committee approved its version for year 2012 CJS spending. The bill cuts the state and local grant accounts overall by 17%. This is the same reduction received for the year 2011. It appears however that the Byrne/Jag program was cut by only 8%, down \$35,000,000 for year 2011 and a level of \$431,000,000. This is \$38,000,000 more than the house committee billed passed. We have not seen the language and have no further information on what will happen. The OJJDP programs are funded at \$251,000,000 down 10% for year 2011 levels. The VAWA programs remain level, the capital CVA funds remain level, and the senate bill also restores money for the COPS program, which had been zeroed out in the house bill. It will provide \$200,000,000 for the hiring program with a reduction of 20% for COPS from year 2011. Full committee markup is tomorrow afternoon, which is this afternoon, and this is information was sent to me from Elizabeth Pike from NCJA. This is what we know as of now and we may know more this afternoon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a presentation of the District grant applications.

Ms. Cybil Richards reported that Northwest District has 12 grants totaling \$584,842. Grant # E12-1-001 for Claiborne parish Sheriff's Office for \$20,473, E12-1-002 for Sabine Parish Sheriff's Department for \$21,820, E12-1-003 for Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office for \$69,543, E12-1-004 for Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for \$21,868, E12-1-005 for Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office for \$96,346, E12-1-006 for City of Minden for \$15,870, E12-1-007 for Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office for \$22,671, E12-1-008 for Red River Parish Sheriff's Department for \$6,077, E12-1-009 for Lincoln Parish Sheriff Office for \$132,853, E12-1-010 for Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office for \$15,819, E12-1-011 for City of Shreveport for \$113, 982, E12-1-012 for Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department for \$47,520 and W10-1-001 for Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office for \$28,315. That is 13 grants totaling \$613,157. A representative from each department is here and available for any questions the Commission may have.

Sheriff Mancuso made a motion for approval of all grants in globo. Sheriff Gautreaux seconded the motion. Without objection the motion passed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

Stefanie Toombs reported that we have 1 increase in the amount of \$48,280 for the City of Harahan, 2 budget adjustments that were reviewed and approved by the Priorities Committee and 1 request for new funding in the amount of \$4,800 for the Rapides Children's Advocacy Center.

This concludes the report for ARRA.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Chief Grimes made a motion for approval. Sheriff Cazes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Hurricane Criminal Justice Infrastructure Recovery (HCJIR)**

Mr. Robert Mehrtens reported that we have 3 budget adjustments for approval. 1 is for the Northwestern State University/Gulf States RCPI, 1 from the New Orleans Peace and Justice Foundation and 1 from the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. The staff has worked with each of these agencies and approve of these budget adjustments.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Sheriff Gautreaux made a motion for approval. Sheriff Caze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no other business to discuss Sheriff Wiley announced that the next Commission Meeting will be on November 17, 2011, location to be determined.

Future Commission on Law Enforcement meetings are scheduled for the following dates: March 1, 2012, May 24, 2012 (Medal of Honor Ceremony), September 13, 2012 and November 15, 2012. These dates will be sent to you in the next Commission Packet.

Sheriff Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reginald Brown made a motion to adjourn. Sheriff Caze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned**