

**BOARD ON JAIL OFFICER  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**MINUTES  
FOR THE MEETING OF  
29 JUNE 2016**

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## **Exhibits**

(Exhibits are kept on file and copies are available upon request.)

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**Minutes**  
**Board on Jail Officer Standards and Training**  
**Ridgeland, Mississippi**  
**29 JUNE 2016**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Sollie called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**Roll Call, Introduction of New Board Members and Guests**

Chairman Sollie conducted roll call and declared for the record that a quorum was present.

The following Board members, staff, advisors, and guests were participants:

**BJOST Members present:**

Mr. Ronnie L. Bowen, Chief, Amory Police Department

Mr. Bill Newsom, Mississippi Association of Supervisors

Mr. Danny Rigel, Sheriff, Lamar County

Ms. Missy Saxton, Exec Assistant, MS State Board for Community and Junior Colleges

Mr. Billy Sollie, Sheriff, Lauderdale County

**BJOST Members not present:**

Dr. Linda Keena, PhD, Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police

Mr. Martin Pace, Sheriff, Warren County

**BJOST Counsel present:**

Mr. Jimmy Dale, Special Assistant Attorney General

### **BJOST Staff Members present:**

Robert Davis, Director, Standards & Training

Bebea Boney, Projects Officer II, Special

Tim Brown, Projects Officer IV, Special

Geneva Hill, Administrative Assistant

### **Advisors and Visitors present:**

Sharon Newsom

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Sollie asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting.

Ms. Saxton moved to adopt the minutes as submitted and Mr. Newsom seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition on a voice vote.

## **New Business**

### **Review New Legislation**

Two bills were introduced in the legislature that could have an impact on this Board. The first, that passed, gives authority to the Juvenile Facilities Monitoring Unit (a division of Justice Programs) to be the licensing department for all juvenile detention centers. As of October, all detention centers must be licensed within the state. This includes all 20 juvenile detention centers (3 of which are temporary holding facilities).

The original bill called for an increase in training hours and a yearly in-service requirement for all juvenile detention officers. That portion of the bill was removed but indications are that it will

most likely be brought back up and reinserted at some time in the future.

SB2362 - Mississippi Budget Transparency Simplification Act of 2016 was signed into law. In previous years, funds for law enforcement and jails were provided directly through assessments (traffic tickets, court fees, etc...). The jail board could receive up to 25% of the assessment collections that was given to the law enforcement board. This law changes that procedure to all assessments going straight into the general fund. The law enforcement board would then be designated as a special fund agency and therefore authorized to draw down from those funds as needed. Apparently, an oversight excluded the Jail Board as being designated as a special fund agency and provided no provision for it to draw upon the general fund resources. The Commissioner of Public Safety has the authority to transfer funds from the emergency telecommunications board funds and will do so to provide a stop gap measure for the jail board to continue operations. Legislation is expected to be brought up during the next session to correct this oversight

### **Certification of Officers**

Tim Brown presented a list (**Exhibit One**) of 1018 detention officers (770 adult, 248 juvenile) for certification. Mr. Newsom offered a motion to approve the list for certification and Chief Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

### **Certification of Training Facility**

Tim Brown presented a list (**Exhibit Two**) of two (2) training facilities for certification: the Mississippi Security Police Training Academy and the Simpson County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center Training Academy. Chief Bowen offered a motion to approve the training facilities certification and Sheriff Rigel seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

### **Certification of Instructors**

Tim Brown presented a list (**Exhibit Three**) of thirteen (13) instructors who have completed the application process and met the standards for instructor certification. Mr. Newsom offered a

motion to approve the instructors. The motion was seconded by Chief Bowen and passed without opposition.

With today's certifications, the State now has 14 active training facilities, 35 active instructors and has issued 6232 Detention Officer Certifications.

### **Election of Board Officers**

The Board by-laws provide for the Chairman to serve a maximum of two terms. Also, the vice chairman has rotated off and needs to have a replacement named.

Vice Chairman - Sheriff Rigel nominated. There were no other nominations.

Chairman - Ms. Saxton nominated. There were no other nominations.

Both chairs approved unanimously.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Bebea Boney is being tasked with departmental roster maintenance for all three boards. She will be requesting these annually.

Curriculum changes recommended by instructors at the last meeting was not followed through on and therefore no changes have been made.

The board is presently two positions short. A sheriff position and a supervisor position. Their respective governing bodies will be contacted, and attempts will be made to fill those slots.

### **Next Scheduled BJOST meeting**

The next BJOST Board meeting will be announced in the coming months.

### **Concluding Remarks & Adjournment**

Chairman Sollie observed the business of the Board was complete and entertained a motion for

adjournment. Motion was provided by Chief Bowen and seconded by Mr. Newsom and passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.