

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 3, 2022

2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman
Thomas Pawlak – Police Commissioner
Michael Rich – Police Commissioner
Gene Ward – Police Commissioner
W. Luther Cuttino– Chief of Police
Kosta Nuses – Assistant Chief of Police

Commissioner Poling asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated May 6, 2022, as presented.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept May 6, 2022, minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any discussion.

Hearing none Commissioner Poling stated, “Motion carries”.

ITEM II STATISTICS REPORT

The Chief of Police presented the April 2022 Monthly Statistical Reports; 103 State Reports; 322 Total Citations; 2,499 Calls for Service.

ITEM III LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Poling read a letter of commendation from Commander Bunnell.

I received a memo from Det./Cpl. Vasel #331 requesting that School Resource Officer Mike Bunnell #270 be recognized for the hard work

and dedication shown on the resolve of the second bomb threat at Pierce Middle School on May 6, 2022.

Pierce Middle School had received two bomb threats within a month's time span. The first instance was handled according to school policies and the children were evacuated to safety by bus to the High School where the students were released to parents. At this time the Police Department Officers and the other School Resource Officers made a check of the school with negative results.

On the second bomb threat at the school, Police K-9s were brought in and swept the school which also checked with negative results. School Resource Officer Bunnell worked along side the staff at Pierce Middle School and with some investigative work, they were able to identify the suspect as a student at Pierce.

The juvenile suspect was arrested the morning of May 10, 2022 by SRO Bunnell and SRO Furman as the juvenile arrived at school on the bus.

The juvenile was brought to station by Bunnell and his father was contacted about his son's arrest. The juvenile's father came to the station so the juvenile could be interviewed by Det./Cpl. Vasel.

During the course of the investigation about the bomb threat, it was also determined that the juvenile was also involved in making threats to shoot up the school.

After the interview was completed, the juvenile was transported to the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center for Incarceration where he will be charged with several felony crimes and held accountable for his actions.

It should be noted that SRO Bunnell goes out of his way when it involves the students at his school due to his continued daily interaction with the kids and the staff of the school, he was able to quickly resolve the issue and with the assistance of Det. /Cpl. Vasel have the suspect charged in court.

All of our School Resource Officers; Cpl. Kevin Furman, Cpl. Allison Ellis and Officer Mike Bunnell should be recognized for all the great work done at every school to keep all of the students and staff safe.

Patrol Commander Bunnell is requesting a Level 1 commendations and letters to be placed in their files.

Commissioner Ward made motion to accept the letter of commendation as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Pawlak.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any discussion.

Commissioner Poling stated all in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

All replied, "Aye."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."

Hearing none Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries."

Commissioner Poling read a letter of resignation from Officer Kloc.

Commissioner Rich made motion to accept the letter of resignation and was seconded by Commissioner Pawlak.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any discussion.

Hearing none Commissioner Poling asked Chief Cuttino to take roll call vote.

Chief Cuttino took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Poling, "Aye"

Commissioner Rich, "Aye"

Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote is unanimous, and the motion carries."

Commissioner Poling read a letter of resignation from Officer Leto.

Commissioner Rich made motion to accept the letter of resignation and was seconded by Commissioner Pawlak.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any discussion.

Hearing none Commissioner Poling asked Chief Cuttino to take roll call vote.

Chief Cuttino took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Poling, "Aye"

Commissioner Rich, “Aye”
Commissioner Pawlak, “Aye”
Commissioner Ward, “Aye

Commissioner Poling stated, “Vote is unanimous, and the motion carries.”

ITEM IV OLD BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM V NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made to open an application process effective June 3, 2022.

Commissioner Pawlak made motion to accept the application process and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Poling stated all in favor signify by saying, “Aye.”
All replied, “Aye.”
Commissioner Poling stated, “Opposed, same sign.”
Commissioner Poling stated, “Motion Carries.”

ITEM VI ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ward made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Rich.

Commissioner Poling stated all in favor signify by saying, “Aye.”
All replied, “Aye.”
Commissioner Poling stated, “Opposed, same sign.”
Commissioner Poling stated, “Adjourn.”

Commissioner Poling stated the next regular meeting will be Friday July 8, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.