

Rock Island County Merit Commission Meeting

March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes 9:00 A.M.

**Rock Island County Justice Center- 502 Jury Deliberation Room
1317 3rd Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201**

Merit Commission Attendees: Bill Hass, John Callas (via Zoom) and William Kauzlarich

Absent: Captain Justin Chisholm

Public: Sheriff Darren Hart, Capt. Jens Lape, Capt. Mindy Meyers, Capt. Eric Holton and LeAnn Ziegenhorn

Bill Hass called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. William Kauzlarich seconded; all were in favor.

A roll call vote was taken.

John Callas, Bill Hass and William Kauzlarich

TOTAL YES 3
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

1) OLD BUSINESS:

William Kauzlarich motioned to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2024 meeting, John Callas seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

John Callas, Bill Hass and William Kauzlarich

TOTAL YES 3
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

2) CLOSED SESSION

The Rock Island County Merit Commission may enter a Closed Session for the following:

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

John Callas motioned that the Commission go into closed session for personal matters. William Kauzlarich seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

John Callas, Bill Hass, and William Kauzlarich

TOTAL YES 3
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

John Callas made a motion to come out of closed session, and William Kauzlarich seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

John Callas, Bill Hass and William Kauzlarich

TOTAL YES 3
TOTAL NO 0

Motioned carried.

3) NEW BUSINESS

A. Certification of Eligibility List for Deputy

John Callas motioned that candidate James Walls passed the physical agility requirements and scored 70% and above on the deputy sheriff written test, and that Walls be placed on the current eligibility list. William Kauzlarich seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

John Callas, Bill Hass, and William Kauzlarich

TOTAL YES 3

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

B. Deputy Sheriff Inductions (Hunter Locke)

New Sheriff's Deputy Hunter Locke was introduced to the Merit Commission. Deputy Locke graduated from the academy on December 19, 2024. He is currently in the FTO program.

C. Merit Commission Letters of Tenure- Deputy Malik Gilmore and Levi Stropes have both successfully completed their 12-month probation period with the Sheriff's Office.

D. Discuss Revision of Merit Commission Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures

The Sheriff has sent a redlined version to everyone to review for next Merit Commission meeting on May 7, 2025 from 10 AM- Noon. This item is tabled until further.

E. Bills to Consider

William Kauzlarich motioned to pay the invoices for postage to return testing materials. John Hass seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

John Callas, Bill Hass and William Kauzlarich

TOTAL YES 3

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

4) Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (tentative)

5) Adjournment:

Motion made by William Kauzlarich, seconded by John Callas.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried for adjournment.