

## **McHENRY COUNTY MERIT COMMISSION**

### MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006

The meeting of the McHenry County Merit Commission was called to order at 10:35 a.m. on August 9, 2006 with all members present. Also in attendance: Kathleen Seith, Sheriff's EEO, Eugene Lowery, Undersheriff, and Susan Connor, Special Assistant State's Attorney via telephone.

### MINUTES

The commission reviewed the minutes of July 19, 2006. Following discussion, Mr. McAndrews moved to accept the minutes of July 19, 2006 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Goode and carried with all ayes.

### BILLS

The commission reviewed the bills presented for payment. Following review, Mr. Mack moved to authorize the payment of bills as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Goode and carried with all ayes.

### NEW BUSINESS

*Patrol Test Date* – Undersheriff Lowery informed the commission that the department has hired 16 recruits from the February, 2006 Eligibility List. The Undersheriff stated that the Sheriff's Department has completed their review of all eligible candidates and considers the list exhausted. Following discussion, Mr. Mack moved to authorize staff to release a Request for Proposal for patrol testing. Motion seconded by Mr. Goode and carried with all ayes. Mr. Goode made a motion to deem the February, 2006 Eligibility List expired and directed a letter be sent to the remaining candidates advising that the list is no longer valid. Motion seconded by Mr. Mack and carried with all ayes.

### OLD BUSINESS

*Returning Officers* – Undersheriff Lowery informed the commission that the Sheriff is interested in having the option of rehiring officers that have left the department and express the desire to return. Ms. Connor provided the commission with the following proposed amendment to the Rules: "Any person sworn as a McHenry County Merited Deputy Sheriff during the preceding five (5) year period, who has remained employed in law enforcement or on active duty in the military service, may be rehired by the Sheriff without further consideration by the Merit Commission, subject to any testing or other requirements that the Sheriff at his or her sole discretion deems appropriate." Following discussion, Mr. McAndrews moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Rules as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Urch and carried with all ayes.

Ms. Urch moved to enter executive session at 11:02 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Motion seconded by Mr. Mack and carried with all ayes.

The commission entered regular session at 11:08 a.m. on motion by Mr. Goode. Motion seconded by Ms. Urch and carried with all ayes.

Motion to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. by Mr. McAndrews. Motion seconded by Mr. Mack and carried with all ayes.