

Newsletter & Commission Report
February, 2018

PERSONNEL

- **Chelsea Kendrick:** having reached her two year anniversary, needs to be reappointed as a “County Constable”. This title allows her to serve papers across the counter in the sheriff’s office. While this does not happen with great frequency, it does happen.
- **Nehemia Volquardsen:** Nehemia has returned to us as a civilian employee and may also serve papers and it would appropriate for him to also be appointed a “County Constable”.
- **Jordan Brummel:** Jordan has been doing an excellent job as a part time deputy. He normally works four hour periods three evenings a week. Occasionally he works a bit longer but generally, that is his routine.
- **Deputy recruitment:** I have a request that will allow me to hire prospective employees, who are uncertified and without experience, on a part-time basis rather than jump into a full time position. This would allow an applicant to “test the water” before making a bigger commitment from both the applicant and from us as an employer. The part-time condition would last at least one month, possible two, or more with your approval. I propose the starting wage for the uncertified part-time employee would be the base wage for deputies.

TRAINING:

- No Report

OPERATIONS:

- Fingerprint fees on upper level weapons permits (Enhanced and Gold Card) are part of the local fee and will no longer be charged out in addition to the statutory fee set.

EQUIPMENT:

- Request to purchase a new Portable Breath Testing (PBT) from CMI, Inc. of Kentucky. The cost is \$349 which is over the \$300 spending threshold. The previous devices were obtained through a grant program we no longer participate in.
- I was able to obtain through state surplus a new office desk and cabinet for the office manager’s work area. The old desk was a short counter build shortly after we were moved into the courthouse in 1999 (I think). It has fallen into disrepair. I would to have the desk declared surplus and discarded.

GRANTS:

- **2017-2018 Highway Safety Grant:** We conducted a sobriety check point in December on US14. Happily, no drunk drivers were found. Deputy Brummel has been working the paid side of this program. Normally two hours in the evenings. The program pays the county back for this time.

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES:

My **YEAR TO DATE** activity report is attached to this newsletter. This information is also uploaded to the sheriff’s page on the Hand County Website. It can be reviewed at any time.

