



## **Minutes of the Arkansas Crime Information Center Supervisory Board - Friday, June 2, 2023**

David Eberdt Training Center: In person and TEAMS

**Board Members present:** Lieutenant Lloyd White, Chair; Sheriff Ron Nichols, Vice Chair; Matthew Durrett; Mr. Dan Harness; Howard Heffington; Krystal Mann; Judge Melanie Martin; Nicholas Ortiz; Nicki Nicolo; Director Dexter Payne; Krystal Mann; Wayne Bewley; Debbie Wise

**Also attending** – Mike Hagar, DPS Cabinet Secretary; Jeff Long, Director; Rick Stallings, Administrator of Operations; Lesa Winston, Administrator of Repository; ACIC; Chris Brown, Sheriff of Cleburne County; Karen Burgess, ACIC; Rhonda Harris, Rhonda Ratterree, ACIC; Kara Rice, ACIC; Kathy Smith, ACIC; Paula Stitz, ACIC; Jennifer Tomlin, ACIC; Ralph Ward, ACIC; Cortney Williams, ACIC.

### **Call to Order:**

Lt. Lloyd White called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes: March 3, 2023:**

**Motion to Approve:** Debbie Wise

**Seconded by:** Director Dexter Payne

**Voting:** Unanimous

### **ACIC Division Reports:**

#### **Operations:**

##### **Requests for Workstation Applications:**

*Rick Stallings:*

- ✧ ***Crooked Creek Township Constable:*** Mobile Access (No issues, Recommends denial)
- ✧ ***Desha County Sheriff's Office:*** Full Access (No issues, Recommends approval)
- ✧ ***Elaine Police Department:*** Mobile Access (No issues, Recommends approval)
- ✧ ***Green Forest Police Department:*** Mobile (No issues, Recommends approval)
- ✧ ***Saline Township Office of Constable:*** Mobile Access (CLEST advised not eligible as a stand-alone agency, but depends on Constable receiving proper training, Recommends denial)
- ✧ ***Rector Police Department:*** Mobile Access (No issues, Recommends approval)

### **Approve Applications for: Desha County Sheriff's Office, Elaine Police Department, Green Forest Police Department, and Rector Police Department**

**Motion to Approve:** Debbie Wise

**Seconded by:** Wayne Bewley

**Voting:** Unanimous

### **Deny Application for: Crooked Creek Township Constable and Saline Township Office of Constable**

**Motion to Table:** Dan Harness

**Seconded by:** Matthew Durrett

**Voting:** Unanimous

*Chair Lloyd White: "Any discussion on this matter?"*

*Matthew Durrett: "I should have asked earlier. The audit not being done yet, is that an issue for approval? Is that required before we can approve it (Rector PD)?"*

*Rick Stallings: "In the past, it has been conditional based on what the field agent finds during that audit. This is usually done beforehand, but circumstances didn't allow for that this time. But the Board can make a conditional upon what the field agent finds."*

*Matthew Durrett: "Should we do that separately? I don't have an issue with Rector, it's just a thought."*

*Chair Lloyd White: "I think the field agent felt comfortable with the agency prior to the audit, so it'll be sufficient to pass."*

*Rick Stallings: "I will say she had no problem with the agency. She's just hadn't had not time to conduct the full audit."*

*Chair Lloyd White: "Are you good with that sir?"*

*Matthew Durrett: "Yea, I just wanted to make sure we're being consistent with what we've done in the past."*

*Rick Stallings: "I see where he's going, and if you want to do the other three..."*

*Matthew Durrett: "I'm by no means saying that we need to do it, I'm just wondering if we need to do it. I'm perfectly fine with approving them. I just didn't know if it was necessary to do them separately."*

*Chair Lloyd White: "Does the board agree with what we already have in motion? Is everyone good with that? Any other discussion?"*

*Karen Burgess:*

- Configured 159 workstations (38 messenger workstations, 121 Mobile data terminals)
- 15 workstation removals, 6 applications for direct access
- Processed 23 ORI requests; 13 were assigned, 3 reactivated, 7 retired.
- Processed 2,386 hot files and 447 owner/lien holder requests in the last 3 months.
- Completed 48 audit reports.
- 539 active missing persons in Arkansas on the website
- 214 missing females 308 missing males for a total 522 missing persons on the NCIC report.
- 105 unidentified persons
- 222 offline searches that were processed.
- In 2022 we issued 1,054 tokens. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, have issued 571 tokens. CJIS policy has changed and has requires that every user uses advanced authentication. We have until October of 2024 to have every single ACIC certified user, advanced authentication.

*Karen Burgess: "Advanced authentication- two-factor, something you know and something you have in your possession. Hot file- if you have a vehicle that you want to buy and concerned whether its stolen or not, you can fill out a hot file form and then we (ACIC) can tell you if its stolen or not. That's it. This is also required by the revenue office."*

*Jennifer Tomlin:*

- Statistics for the period of March, April, and portions of May
- Certified 1,764 users during the quarter with CJIS Online Security Training with a 99.8% pass rate.
- Certified 16,465 vendors across the nation with a 99.8% pass rate.
- Basic training: 554 users with an 91.9% pass rate.
- 1073 users took the Basic Refresher, with an 88.3% pass rate.
- Advanced training (New Testing Methods):
  - Day 1- 114 users tested with a 98.2% pass rate, 2 Failed Day 1
  - Day 2- 113 users tested with a 98.2% pass rate, 2 Failed Day 2
  - Day 3- 113 users tested with a 99.1% pass rate, 1 Failed Day 3
- 323 advanced users recertified with an 80.5% pass rate.
- Training worked 2,161 training emails for the quarter.
- VINE had 53,179 new registrations.
- Delivered 475,131 VINE Notifications by phone, text, and email.
- JusticeXchange had 148,684 law enforcement searches.
- Investigators placed 26,649 watches; this yielded 5,194 hits on those watches.
- 7,565 DL photos viewed.
- AlertXpress utilized 157 times during this quarter (end day May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023).
- 43,069 actual JX logins
- Pseudoephedrine purchases 30,071.
- NPLeX blocked 1,788 attempts to buy pseudoephedrine (5,128 grams).
- Placed 68 watches with 0 hits
- Metal Theft tracking Program reported 75,919 tickets of 172,413 items scrapped.
- 3,949 of those tickets yielded a hit on reported stolen items.
- Configurator Project- will be providing updates and training at the 2023 conference in October.

*Ralph Ward:*

- Current NIBRS program status: there are 308 agencies cleared to request & report.
- 15 agencies and vendors are testing to certify their RMS.
- Working with RMS and software vendors with assisting law enforcement agencies with technical reporting issues.
- Letters were sent to chiefs and sheriffs of agencies that are missing NIBRS data from 2022 and currently following up those agencies to determine if they need assistance.
- Will be posting the 2022 crime statistics on the website this month.
- Working with Administrative Office of the Courts and AFIS team on additional charge codes

## **Repository:**

*Paula Stitz:*

- Sex offender Stats: 18,649 registered sex offenders on the registry. Registering about 100 new registrants each month
  - Compliant sex offenders: 8,830
  - Delinquent sex offenders: 1,427
  - Incarcerated sex offenders: 3592

- Out of state sex offenders: 4,273
  - Address Unknown sex offenders: 165
  - Deported sex offenders: 210
- New CENSOR program is looking good. It's has needed upgrading for a while. We believe law enforcement will like this system much better and we're expecting that testing should happen early next year.
  - Jason Russell in our IT department wrote a program that was simpler than the previous system for submitting pictures on our website

*Lisa Saldivar:*

- March 2023 – May 2023 (Quarterly Review) Entered 11,592 records, verified 45,862 and processed 12,464 miscellaneous transactions. Totaling 69,918
- Assisted in 2 Order to Seal clinics.
- Completed the exit audit for Lonoke County Sheriff's Office (Criminal History and Disposition Audit)

**ISD:**

**Directorial Report:**

*Director Jeff Long:*

- Everything is in order with the budget.

**Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair:**

**Motion for Chair:**

*Matthew Durrett: "I'd nominate Lt. White for Chairman."*

**Seconded by:** Director Dexter Payne

**Motion for Vice Chair:**

*Dan Harness: "I'd like to nominate Sheriff Nichols"*

**Seconded by:** Debbie Wise

**Voting:** Unanimous

*Chair Lloyd White: "I can't thank y'all enough. I know it sounds like a broken record, but It's been an honor to serve on this board. I think this will be my fourth term and my 15<sup>th</sup> year on this board. It's been an honor and I'll be here as long as you'll have me. Thank you all very much. Mr. Director."*

**Directors Report:**

*Jeff Long: "I was so excited that I think I even voted. You may have to take my vote away. I'll start off by saying that as someone who likes to speak, I am the worst speaker. As far as leadership, one of the things that I've always been taught is, you don't have to know everything, but surround yourself by people who do. I couldn't have found better people. They are rockstars in everything that they do. I asked Rick to give me a breakdown on VINE and he gives me a cartoon drawing. One of the things I was really nervous about when I first got here is, I was seeing all of these senior leaders that have a lot of years. So, I was very concerned. Where are we going to be when they leave? And I wanted to start a mentorship. But once I started meeting*

*the second tier coming up, and I won't start naming names, but every one of them, as you've seen the numbers, I can not say enough good stuff about the staff. We had our first director's meeting and I appreciated one of the things that Sgt. Hagar said. "I want y'all to be as passionate about your part as I am about the state police."*

*Every day I find out something else we're doing. We've been doing these sealing clinics. Again. Community involvement. We go out and are involved in these pro bono legal works. It a good outreach program. The stuff that we get done with such a limited staff is absolutely amazing. And they're always looking for innovative ways to save money. I'm going to brag on Rick for a minute. JusticeXchange. We paid for this system for many years, now they're wanting to gut some of the stuff that we need, we use every day. Rick is the most professional man around, but he wrote a very scathe email. He basically stated that this has been paid for by Arkansas and the taxpayers of Arkansas. He was upset that our taxpayers paid for this system and now you're wanting to gut it. And Lesa with the NChip grant, she's been up there pulling her hair out about it. If you can just see the amount of volume. Mike and I were talking, and I was talking to him on the amount of calls that were coming in, and he wanted to know, "who's calling?" And I just said, who's not calling? Lesa asked if they could work on Saturdays so we can get some stuff done because there's less distractions. I told her yea, that sounds great, would you like for me to come with you, and she told me no, you're one of the distractions.*

*A couple of things I want to bring to your attention: JusticeXchange, we've been using them for a while. There's a couple of things that they are wanting to pull out of, me and Rick and Jennifer are actually going to the next VINE conference so I can watch Rick tee off on them again.*

*There were 2 bills that were passed this last session. One of them is to support public portal that was Senate Bill 495. It's going to take a while. We'll have to put out a bid, but we've been working with Mainstream. But Mainstream has to do some research with the courts, where we collect all this information. Once they get that, they'll give us a discovery contract. The other one is sex registers (offenders) that have been registered for 15 years, they can petition to get off the registry. The new bill is that we are to notify the victim, that this person has applied to get off the registry and that's Senate Bill 96. This is all a process, but we're working on it.*

*Now, with no further ado, we have one employee from last year, there was a nomination for the division DPS employee of the year. They didn't get the division employee (of the year), Rick couldn't nominate because he's a voting member. But I'd like have Rhonda Ratterree to come up now."*

*Colonel/Secretary Hager: "I have to get a video of this to Cindy Murphy, so I won't be in trouble."*

*Rick Stallings: "The Arkansas Crime Information Center is honored to present the distinguished service award to Rhonda Ratterree for your dedication and support to ACIC and the criminal justice community during 2022."*

*Director Jeff Long: "Y'all really do need to pray for her because she puts up with so much stuff. She keeps me straight. Does anyone have any questions."*

*Vice Chair Sheriff Nichols: "I would like to applaud the director. He has done something that has not been done. Y'all deserve the credit, y'all are hard workers and I appreciate you and I think this whole board appreciates you."*

*Chair Lloyd White: "Well said, well said. Mr. Secretary, would you like to address the board?"*

Colonel/Secretary Hagar: “Not really, y’all know why I don’t take his calls now. No, I’m joking about that. You know it’s interesting, I came into this position and then there was legislative session, then started troop meetings around the state. Again, besides wearing the Secretary’s hat, I’m still an agency’s director, so I’ve hadn’t a lot of time devoted to that. So, we started doing troop meetings around the state and drug Sheriff Nichols into one of them, if he’s wondering how he got stuck in a troop meeting. But regardless, now that those things are over with, I’m excited about doing deeper dives into the agencies, not because there needs to be oversight, but it because I’m curious and I want to be able to talk more intelligently about what you guys do. And to say that you guys have a cheerleader is an understatement. He has truly done what we have asked him to do, be passionate about your agency. He (director Jeff) talks about you guys none stop. And it helps me because when those issues come up, whether legislative issues or day-to-day issues, it helps me to either be able to defend or argue one way or another against that, whatever may be the case. I’m glad that Nick’s on the board he’s direct line to the Governor’s office. He gets to report that back to the governor’s office. And for all the police officers in the room, we just, it’s one of those things, you don’t miss ACIC until it’s not there and then you immediately, you don’t realize what goes on behind the scenes. I mean I had no idea, no idea what you guys did every day, no clue. So, it’s just really been eye opening for me to see what you guys do every day and I can’t thank you enough. I’m on ACIC’s team now. I’m ready to go buy ACIC swag. Anyway, appreciate you guys very much.”

Chair Lloyd White: “Thank you Mr. Secretary. Rhonda, congratulations again. Any other business needs to be brought before this board?”

Lesa Winston: “I would just like to say, we truly received a blessing ourselves when we got Jeff. I tell him all the time, when we found out we were losing Brad, we were all concerned. But we are heavy prayers, so we prayed, and I truly feel that God blessed us with a perfect director.”

Director Jeff Long: “I told them the other day that they’re exposing my softer side. Mike knows this, I’ve sergeant major, I’ve been like this for a long time, and now all this hugging stuff.”

Rick Stallings: “Mr. Chairman, one last thing. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> which is the start of a possible 4-day weekend. The board might want to consider moving that to the 8<sup>th</sup>.”

Chair Lloyd White: “We’re going to take a motion to do that.”

**Motion to move September Board Meeting date to September 8, 2023:**

**Motion to approve:** Dan Harness

**Seconded by:** Debbie Wise

**Voting:** Unanimous

Chair Lloyd White: “Any other business to be brought before this board?”

**Adjournment: (11:06am)**

**Motion to Approve:** Debbie Wise

**Second by:** Sheriff Nichols

**Voting:** Unanimous

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ACIC Director

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Date