

JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Events Center, Civic Center
April 18th, 2023 - - 9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER: 9:31 AM

ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: Police Commission members present: Morgan Kasuske, John Hackwith, and Tim Shanks. Also present were Lt. Doug Mahlum, Lt. Rich Labard and Applicant(s) Jeff Culp, through Zoom.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVE March 30th, 2023 MEETING MINUTES.

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith to accept the minutes from the March 30th, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT(S): Jeff Culp FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Lt. Mahlum stated that the application(s) of **Jeff Culp** had been referred to the Police Commission. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §7-32-4154, this meeting is an examination of the applicant as to their age, legal, mental, moral, and physical qualifications and their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force.

Lt. Mahlum read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-4151, that sets forth the role of the Police Commission; reviewed each item provided to the Commission members in their meeting packets; and, read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-303, qualifications of law enforcement officers. He explained that this meeting is for the Police Commission to review the documentation, conduct the examination of each applicant, and make a determination as to whether each applicant meets the qualifications of a law enforcement officer.

He read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(3). He asked the applicant's position with regard to right to privacy. Applicant(s) **Jeff Culp** asserted **his** rights to privacy.

Lt. Mahlum noted that there is substantial value in having the examination confidential to have a frank and open discussion with the applicants and to gain an accurate view of qualifications to determine their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force. Lt. Mahlum determined that each applicant(s) individual privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure, and closed the meeting for the Commission to conduct each applicant(s) examination in executive

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session.

At **9:42 AM** members of the Commission and Lt. Mahlum, met in executive session in the City Commission Chambers for the purpose of the Commission conducting the examination of applicant(s), **Jeff Culp**.

- -EXECUTIVE SESSION - -

Applicant Jeff Culp

**Session began at 9:40 AM and concluded at 9:58 AM*

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The Executive Session with **Jeff Culp** came to close at **9:58 AM**.

The meeting reconvened in an open meeting in the Event Center at **9:58 AM**.

Lt. Mahlum summarized the Commission's examination of the applicant(s) for the police force; that the Commission reviewed the background of the applicant(s); and, that **Jeff Culp** meets the age, legal, mental, moral and physical qualifications and is eligible to be a member of the Great Falls Police Department.

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith, that the Police Commission approve of applicant(s), Jeff Culp, for hiring consideration as member(s) of the Great Falls Police Department.

Lt. Mahlum asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, Lt. Mahlum asked if there was any further discussion among the Commissioners.

There being no further discussion, Lt. Mahlum called for the vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

All three Commissioners signed the certificate(s) authorizing Jeff Culp to become a

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member(s) of the Great Falls Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Shanks moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith, to adjourn the meeting of April 18th, 2023 at 10:01 AM.**

Motion carried 3-0.

Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: _____, 2023

Minutes approved 8/17/23 Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary