Proposal to Update Bail Commissioner List

Summary

Amend and update the list of Bail Commissioners at the Weber County Sheriff’s Office, in accordance with Utah Code 17-32-1, 17-32-2, 17-32-3, and 17-32-4

Statement of Issue

Current available Bail Commissioners are in short supply, due to many factors such as: retirement, promotion, and/or lateral transfer from Admission/Release Bureau. Bail Commissioners are a vital tool in inmate population management. With Bail Commissioners an individual that was arrested on misdemeanor charges or nonviolent felonies could receive bail without having to wait up to 24 hours for a magistrate to set bail. Individuals can now start attempting to bail out of jail in a fraction of the time and avoid more intrusive searches, unnecessary incarceration, adding to the inmate population, and increasing a financial burden to our county.

Proposed Solution

New supervisory staff in the Admission/Release Bureau of the Sheriff’s Office should be sworn in and bonded as bail commissioners. They will receive no additional compensation for this duty. These deputies will be tasked with setting and receiving bail on misdemeanor and nonviolent felony offences. This will continue the 24 hour coverage for Bail Commissioners.

Also, to have future Bail Commissioners to be approved as a consent item.

Action Items

* The Sheriff’s Office will create and maintain a policy and procedure for bail commissioners
* With advice from the Sheriff, the County Commissioners will appoint and swear in members of the Sheriff’s Office as Bail Commissioners.
* Oaths and bonds of the office of Bail Commissioners shall be filed with the County Clerk’s Office.

Attachments

* UCA 17-32-1, 17-32-2, 17-32-3, 17-32-4
* Weber county Sheriff’s Office Bail Commissioner Policy
* Recommendations from the Sheriff’s Office for new Bail Commissioners

Recommendation for new Weber County Bail Commissioners

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Sergeant Landry Roskelley

Sergeant David Lockwood

Corporal Jax Anderson

Corporal Zach Anderson

Corporal Jenifer Chilat-Luca

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