

Public Safety Commission Meeting - 10/24/2025

Date: October 24, 2025

Location: Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center

Time: 6:00 PM

Quorum: Yes (More than half of the commissioners present)

I. Roll Call

- Present: Commissioners Doyle, Burris, Charles, Thompson, Fowler, Gilbert, Moffitt, Lopez
- Quorum confirmed. Proceeded with meeting.

II. Opening Comments and Announcements

- City Atty. Lynette Perez shared insights from the International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Meeting.
- Highlighted legal concerns about immigration enforcement agreements and implications for federal grants.
- Noted Pulaski County Sheriff's participation in a 287(g) agreement granting database access but not housing ICE agents.
- Discussed importance of police following procedures and city legal support policies.
- Atty. Perez also announced her election as Senior VP of the IMLA for the Eighth Circuit South.
- Shared a TSA encounter with James Carville.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from the September 25, 2025 meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

• Youth Violence Reduction Subcommittee presented a letter urging reinstatement of the Pulaski County Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Letter detailed CSU's background, impact of closure, and requested city/county/UAMS collaboration to restore it. Motion passed to submit letter to Mayor and City Board of Directors with signatures from commissioners.

V. Community Engagement Barriers

- Commissioner reported ongoing difficulty gaining access to schools for student survey due to lack of response from LRSD Communications Director Pamela Smith.
- Follow-up actions include personal outreach and upcoming meetings with Director Smith.

VI. New Business

• Commissioners discussed gun violence reduction models including David Kennedy's plan and local efforts like GBI. Prosecutor Kelly Casey Beard is expected to attend next meeting to present updates on GBI coordination and funding challenges.

VII. End-of-Year Report Preparation

- Commission voted to empower Youth Violence Reduction Subcommittee to begin drafting the 2025 End-of-Year Report.
- Topics to include: CSU advocacy letter, survey initiatives, walking path projects, Project HEAL, GBI updates, and school district partnerships.
- Draft to be presented at the November meeting.

VIII. Commissioner Resignation

• Commissioner Moffitt submitted resignation due to personal reasons. Vacancy for at-large seat to be posted on city website for new applicants.

IX. Miscellaneous Items

- Reminder about previously discussed name tags and funding options.
- Concerns raised regarding a bodycam incident involving law enforcement interaction and interagency respect.
- Commissioner Lopez noted scheduling conflicts but confirmed future attendance.
- Clarified that all commissioners, including non-subcommittee members, are welcome to attend subcommittee meetings.

X. Adjournment

• Motion made and approved to adjourn at 6:45 PM.