

July 11, 2022

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Dunn called the study session to order at 8:30 a.m.

All Commissioners present.

Sheriff Jeff Richards discussed a request from USD 288 Central Heights to partner in providing a School Resource Officer beginning for the 2022-2023 school year. The officer would be an employee of the Sheriff's Department but assigned to Central Heights. The officer would enforce laws like traffic violations on school grounds but also enforce school rules. The school district requested that the Sheriff's Office fund 25% of the position since the officer would work for the Sheriff's Office in the summer months. Sheriff Richards said that there would be specific training needed for the officer and equipment including a vehicle.

The Commissioners discussed the cost of the vehicle, equipment and the training needed for the officer. They felt that would be a significant cost and could count for 25% of the officer. They also discussed the issue of equity of funding part of the wages for the officer. The Commission would need to fund a portion of any officer for other school districts if they fund a portion of the salary for this officer. USD 287 and USD 289 are also discussing the possibility of adding a resource officer. USD 290 has a partnership with Ottawa Police Department.

The Commissioners felt that USD 288 should pay the salary and benefits and Franklin County would cover the training, equipment, and vehicle. The Commissioners gave a consensus to move this to the agenda on Wednesday.

Chair Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:07a.m.

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