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1	ATTENDING COMMISSIONERS:
2	Commissioner Kim Birchfield
3	Commissioner Brent Cherry
4	Commissioner Mark Dunbar
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6	Commissioner Ray Farris
7	Commissioner Ed Jackson
8	Commissioner Chad Partin - Vice Chair
9	Commissioner Lowell Russell
10	Commissioner Tom Spangler - Chair
11	Commissioner Bobby Waggoner
12	Commissioner Brian Wright
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18	Joseph Underwood, Chief Counsel, and Kim Cooper,
19	State of Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Fire Prevention and Law Enforcement
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CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Good morning, everyone. Welcome, Commissioners.

Those of you that were here yesterday, thank you for your time and attention. I know it was a long afternoon, we appreciate your time, and things went well, I hope.

We have a couple of things I think we have finally gotten straightened out, so maybe things will go a little bit smoother, or we'll make sure we pay a little bit more attention to that.

Those of audience, too, if you will, when your agency is called, if you will, when you come to the lectern up here, if you will introduce yourself for the commission and who you have with you and where you are from. Obviously, I think I'll announce where you are from, but if you will at least remind us again when the time comes, we'll certainly appreciate it.

Commissioners, if you would, look over the

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1	agenda. If there's any changes that need to be made,	09:29:17
2	please let me know. If not, I'll entertain a motion	09:29:22
3	that we approve the agenda as written.	09:29:25
4	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I make a motion.	09:29:25
5	COMMISSIONER WAGGONER: Second.	09:29:46
6	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have a motion from	09:29:46
7	Commissioner Wright and a second by Commissioner	09:29:47
8	Waggoner. Any further discussion?	09:29:51
9	All in favor say aye.	09:29:53
10	Opposed?	09:29:54
11	The ayes have it.	09:29:55
12	Any administrative matters that need to	09:29:56
13	be covered right now?	09:29:58
14	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: No, Mr. Chairman.	09:30:04
15	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Commissioners, I'll	09:30:06
16	ask you to I know our court reporter has a little	09:30:08
17	bit of time with the things in her ears that she	09:30:12
18	needs us to speak up, so if you will speak up so that	09:30:14
19	she can hear you as well. We'll do roll call.	09:30:16
20	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Commissioner Bello is	09:30:21
21	absent.	09:30:24
22	Commissioner Birchfield.	09:30:25
23	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: Here.	09:30:27
24	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Cherry.	09:30:28
25	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Here.	09:30:29

1		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Dunbar.	09:30:29
2		COMMISSIONER DUNBAR: Here.	09:30:30
3		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Farris.	09:30:31
4		COMMISSIONER FARRIS: Here.	09:30:33
5		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Commissioner Faulkner	09:30:33
6	is absent.		09:30:36
7		Mr. Forrester.	09:30:37
8		Mr. Hulsey is absent.	09:30:40
9		Mr. Jackson.	09:30:44
10		COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Here.	09:30:46
11		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Russell.	09:30:47
12		COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: Here.	09:30:48
13		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Waggoner.	09:30:48
14		COMMISSIONER WAGGONER: Here.	09:30:50
15		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Wright.	09:30:51
16		COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Here.	09:30:53
17		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Chairman Spangler.	09:30:55
18		COMMISSIONER SPANGLER: Here.	09:30:57
19		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Partin.	09:30:58
20		VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: Here.	09:30:59
21		DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Mr. Cherry, you have a	09:31:00
22	quorum.		09:31:02
23		CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Thank you.	09:31:03
24		At this time I'm going to ask the	09:31:04
25	Commissione	r Partin if he'll read our disclaimer,	09:31:10

1	please.	09:31:12
2	COMMISSIONER PARTIN: All P.O.S.T.	09:31:13
3	commissioners have previously agreed to recuse	09:31:13
4	themselves from any vote that would constitute a	09:31:15
5	conflict of interest. The most obvious of these	09:31:18
6	would include issues that involve our own departments	09:31:21
7	or someone we know personally, because we have	09:31:24
8	already agreed to this.	09:31:26
9	It should be noted that on routine	09:31:28
10	matters it will be assumed nonverbally that these	09:31:29
11	commissioners have abstained from the vote and bigger	09:31:32
12	more controversial issues that may have a more overt	09:31:34
13	conflict of interest and may have an appearance of	09:31:38
14	impropriety, that those applicable commissioners will	09:31:41
15	still verbally abstain from these votes or those	09:31:44
16	votes.	09:31:47
17	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Thank you,	09:31:49
18	Commissioner.	09:31:50
19	We don't have any minutes from the last	09:31:51
20	month, or at least we haven't had them out to us,	09:31:53
21	right?	09:31:56
22	MS. GORDON: I emailed those out.	09:32:02
23	COMMISSIONER SPANGLER: Were they	09:32:02
24	emailed? Maybe I just didn't see them then.	09:32:03
25	MS. GORDON: They were attached to the	09:32:03

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1	agenda.	09:32:05
2	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I'll make a motion	09:32:06
3	to approve them.	09:32:08
4	COMMISSIONER WAGGONER: Second.	09:32:09
5	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have a motion by	09:32:09
6	Commissioner Wright and a second by Commissioner	09:32:10
7	Waggoner.	09:32:12
8	Any further discussion?	09:32:12
9	All in favor, say aye.	09:32:12
10	Opposed?	09:32:14
11	The ayes have it. Thank you-all.	09:32:15
12	Decertification hearings held this month.	09:32:20
13	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: None, Mr. Chair.	09:32:23
14	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Thank you.	09:32:24
15	Appearing before the commission is	09:32:28
16	preemployment requirements. Greene County Sheriff's	09:32:30
17	Office are requesting a military waiver for James A.	09:32:33
18	Crum. Mr. Crum was discharged from the military	09:32:37
19	under honorable conditions, and will require a	09:32:40
20	military waiver.	09:32:43
21	Is Greene County here?	09:32:44
22	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.	09:32:46
23	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Welcome, gentlemen.	09:32:51
24	CHIEF DEPUTY BEVERLY: My name is David	09:32:53
25	Beverly. I'm the chief deputy for the Greene County	09:32:55

1	Sheriff's Department, I'm here with James Crum.	09:32:58
2	He's worked at our detention center for	09:33:00
3	just over two years. He has tested, the written	09:33:02
4	test, also the physical test, and interviewed for the	09:33:08
5	patrol division, and I'm here today to ask for the	09:33:10
6	waiver in reference to the military discharge.	09:33:13
7	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: His military	09:33:20
8	discharge is honorable?	09:33:21
9	CHIEF DEPUTY BEVERLY: His military	09:33:23
10	discharge, it was honorable, but if you will give me	09:33:24
11	just a second, please.	09:33:28
12	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: If I could	09:33:31
13	interject here, I'm just looking at his discharge	09:33:32
14	paperwork. This is what they call a general	09:33:36
15	discharge under honorable conditions, it's an	09:33:39
16	administrative discharge, less than honorable, but	09:33:39
17	still under honorable conditions, so it's like in the	09:33:43
18	second tier of administrative separation, honorable,	09:33:46
19	general under honorable conditions, and then general	09:33:49
20	under other than honorable conditions. So this is	09:33:52
21	one we can do a waiver for, but it's a little less	09:33:56
22	than straight honorable.	09:33:59
23	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Which could be an	09:34:01
24	injury or something like that?	09:34:02
25	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Well, I'm sure	09:34:04

1	Mr. Crum will give us an explanation here. The	09:34:05
2	characterization or, rather the style of the	09:34:11
3	separation here indicates that the reason is for a	09:34:12
4	condition, not a disability.	09:34:15
5	And I'm sure Mr. Crum will be able to	09:34:18
6	explain to us about that.	09:34:20
7	MR. CRUM: Yes, sir. Basically, I spent	09:34:24
8	about two years or so in the security forces, it was	09:34:29
9	a noncombat sort of role. After I did two years of	09:34:32
10	doing that, I was sent to an infantry unit in	09:34:38
11	California.	09:34:43
12	I was an E-4 when I got there, so they	09:34:45
13	made me a platoon they put me basically over	09:34:49
14	platoon when I had got there. No combat experience,	09:34:53
15	and the stress was a lot for me, asking me to be over	09:34:58
16	the platoon, the Marines. Most of them combat	09:35:05
17	veterans themselves.	09:35:09
18	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Any questions from	09:35:16
19	any of the commissioners?	09:35:18
20	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Mr. Crum, I'd like	09:35:18
21	to ask you a couple questions. I've got a Marine	09:35:20
22	Corps background myself, I was a Marine Corps lawyer	09:35:22
23	for a long time.	09:35:22
24	Did they give you an opportunity to	09:35:25
25	consult with a lawyer before you separated?	09:35:27

1	MR. CRUM: A lawyer?	09:35:29
2	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Yes.	09:35:31
3	MR. CRUM: No, sir.	09:35:32
4	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Typically, if it's	09:35:34
5	going to be a negative style of discharge, you would	09:35:36
6	have been given an opportunity, and perhaps even a	09:35:38
7	board, to determine the characterization of your	09:35:41
8	service. Because they offered you a general	09:35:44
9	discharge, it's not considered negative, but you	09:35:46
10	understood it's not as good as an honorable	09:35:49
11	discharge	09:35:51
12	MR. CRUM: Right.	09:35:52
13	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: discharge,	09:35:53
14	right?	09:35:53
15	And I'm just looking at your record, at	09:35:53
16	least based on the little bit we have here, it looks	09:35:55
17	like you did a fine job in the Marine Corps. You had	09:35:57
18	your good conduct medal, you advanced to the rank of	09:36:00
19	corporal in pretty good time.	09:36:03
20	MR. CRUM: Yes, sir.	09:36:05
21	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Your total time was	09:36:06
22	just a little bit less than three and a half years;	09:36:08
23	is that accurate?	09:36:10
24	MR. CRUM: Three years and five months,	09:36:11
25	or something like that.	09:36:13

1	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Yeah, almost three	09:36:14
2	and a half years, roughly.	09:36:15
3	And I guess my only concern is for you.	09:36:16
4	This seems that, based on your service, you should	09:36:20
5	have gotten an honorable discharge. Even though you	09:36:23
6	had some issues, your service appears to have been	09:36:27
7	honorable.	09:36:30
8	Is there anything I'm missing in here,	09:36:31
9	anything else that happened? Did you have any	09:36:33
10	disciplinary issues in the Marine Corps?	09:36:35
11	MR. CRUM: Disciplinary, well, this is	09:36:38
12	before I had even got to that infantry, but there was	09:36:40
13	a couple of page 11s.	09:36:43
14	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: So counseling,	09:36:47
15	basically.	09:36:47
16	MR. CRUM: Yeah. Basically, yeah.	09:36:48
17	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: For the civilians	09:36:50
18	to understand it, that would be like counseling	09:36:52
19	entries into your record.	09:36:54
20	MR. CRUM: Right.	09:36:54
21	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: We talked to you	09:36:55
22	about your boots weren't shiny enough or you showed	09:36:57
23	up late to formation one day or something pretty	09:37:00
24	minor like that, right?	09:37:02
25	MR. CRUM: Right. Yes, sir.	09:37:02

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1	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: But you didn't have	09:37:03
2	any, like, nonjudicial punishment or courts or	09:37:04
3	anything like that?	09:37:07
4	MR. CRUM: No, sir.	09:37:09
5	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: I see. Those are	09:37:09
6	all of the questions I have.	09:37:10
7	And I would make a motion to grant the	09:37:11
8	waiver.	09:37:12
9	COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Second.	09:37:17
10	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have a motion on	09:37:19
11	the floor to approve by Commissioner Cherry, and	09:37:21
12	second by Commissioner Jackson. Is there any further	09:37:25
13	discussion?	09:37:28
14	All in favor, say aye.	09:37:29
15	Opposed?	09:37:31
16	The ayes have it.	09:37:32
17	Thank you, gentlemen.	09:37:34
18	CHIEF DEPUTY BEVERLY: Thank you, sir.	09:37:36
19	Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.	09:37:38
20	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Oak Ridge Police	09:37:39
21	Department. They request a late submission waiver	09:37:42
22	for Robert L. Hubbs. Mr. Hubbs was hired by this	09:37:44
23	agency on April 8, 2019. This agency failed to	09:37:47
24	submit Mr. Hubbs' preemployment paperwork to P.O.S.T.	09:37:51
25	until October 23, 2019.	09:37:54

1	Is Oak Ridge here? Is there an objection	09:37:58
2	to put it towards the end and check with them later?	09:38:07
3	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: I make a motion	09:38:11
4	we do that.	09:38:11
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.	09:38:15
6	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: A motion with a	09:38:15
7	second to put it towards the end of the agenda.	09:38:16
8	All in favor, say aye.	09:38:18
9	Opposed?	09:38:20
10	The ayes have it. Thank you.	09:38:20
11	Roane County Sheriff's Office requests a	09:38:21
12	waiver for Gregory L. Scalf. Mr. Scalf was charged	09:38:23
13	with a DUI on November 17, 2017, in Knox County.	09:38:26
14	Mr. Scalf pled guilty to DUI first	09:38:31
15	offense charge and has satisfied all fines and court	09:38:33
16	costs in this matter. Mr. Scalf has an unrestricted	09:38:37
17	driver's license.	09:38:40
18	Roane County.	09:38:43
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm going to go	09:38:58
20	ahead and introduce all of the speakers, and then	09:38:58
21	I'll start.	09:38:58
22	First of all, we have Greg Scalf. Our	09:38:58
23	attorney general, elected attorney general, Chief	09:39:03
24	Phillips. Myself. Jack Stockton. And Lieutenant	09:39:06
25	Anderson and Chris from the Child Advocacy Center,	09:39:10

1 and Mr. Scalf's pastor from the Baptist Church. 09:39:12 2 MR. JOHNSON: They have asked me to go 09:39:20 3 first, Chair members. I'm Russell Johnson. 09:39:21 09:39:22 4 elected district attorney for the 9th District, I have been so since 2006. I have Loudoun, Roane, 5 09:39:25 Morgan and Meigs Counties. 09:39:29 6 7 I'm here to speak on behalf of Greg. 09:39:31 And I told him I was going to call him up anyway, but we 09:39:34 8 have already done that, and just kind of to help me 9 09:39:37 10 through this process and make sure that everything I 09:39:41 11 say is accurate and truthful. 09:39:43 12 I've known Greg since 2006. Before that, 09:39:44 13 when I didn't know him, he was in the Army as a 09:39:49 14 paratrooper, six years in the military, some of that 09:39:52 15 in the National Guard. 09:39:56 16 He returns to Roane County and works for 09:39:57 17 then Chief Jack Stockton at the Harriman Police 09:40:01 Department. He worked his way up through the ranks, 18 09:40:05 started as a road officer. And then Jack Stockton 19 09:40:07 2.0 finally came to his senses and realized what he had 09:40:10 21 on his hands. 09:40:13 22 This is a very smart individual. He's 09:40:14 23 hard working. He's dedicated. He has the skills to 09:40:17 2.4 be a detective, and that's what he's been since that 09:40:21 25 09:40:24 time several years after he started working with the

1 Harriman PD. 09:40:27 2 Jack Stockton was elected sheriff in 2006 09:40:29 3 when I was elected district attorney, and that's when 09:40:31 09:40:34 4 I came to know Greg. Greg came to the office of the sheriff's office as a detective, and started working 09:40:38 5 6 with us. 09:40:41 7 We organized, along with the Child 09:40:42 Advocacy Center and Ms. Evans-Longmire and the 09:40:45 8 Department of Children's Services, those of you that 9 09:40:47 10 are in law enforcement, a Child Protective 09:40:50 11 Investigative Team. A specific team working closely 09:40:53 with the CAC and the DCS with all four counties. 12 09:40:55 13 And that team -- of course, Greg could 09:40:58 14 only work Roane County, but he was a detective, and 09:41:01 15 he took on the role of investigating child sex abuse 09:41:03 16 cases, child abuse cases, as a passion. 09:41:07 17 And he has exhibited the intellect, 09:41:10 18 skill, work ethic and the dogged determination to 09:41:15 19 solve those cases that he did with any other type of 09:41:18 2.0 case, but really his heart and soul is in these type 09:41:20 21 09:41:22 of cases. 22 09:41:23

And we found very few detectives that even want to deal with that. There are very special circumstances. You are dealing with victims that require a special sort of handling, a special sort of

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compassion and ability to communicate and cooperate with the CAC as they are doing their forensic interviews, to know what to ask and how to deal with the evidence once you get it.

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The most important thing is dealing with the perpetrators of these horrible crimes. Some of them are highly intellectual, some of them are on different spectrums of intellectual ability, but also have, you know, obvious weird turn or quirk to them, and this man has a special ability to work with those type of cases; to get confessions that mean that we don't have to put that child victim on the stand. If we have confessions, we can get convictions, as you imagine, much more quickly, and Greg was always great at doing that.

Because of his work -- Clifford [sic] and Amanda Dotson, who over a period of almost a year starved their 17-month-old son, Clifford, to death, those two people are now serving life sentences.

Even though he hasn't been operating as a detective for almost the last two years, he still has come back to court and helped us with motion hearings and to appear at trial.

Just three weeks ago, a two-day jury trial with Eric Brownlow, who was charged with three

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1 counts of child rape, Greq was sitting at the table 09:42:55 2 with us as the prosecutor. And because of Greq's 09:42:58 3 work, Mr. Brownlow now is facing a sentencing hearing 09:43:02 09:43:06 4 of anywhere from 40 to 120 years. So he's the one person in the district 09:43:08 5 I've not -- there's no one else -- there are other 09:43:12 6 7 good detectives, don't get me wrong, but at this part 09:43:14 of the work, he's the best, even surrounding 09:43:17 8 detectives around us. 9 09:43:20 He is vital to the sheriff's department, 10 09:43:21 11 not just in these cases, but other cases. He brings 09:43:24 12 a certain set of skills that I've not seen in the 13 09:43:27 13 some years that I've been district attorney. 09:43:32 14 Even if it weren't for that, even if you 09:43:36 15 had him back as a road officer, as any other kind of 09:43:38 16 investigator or administrator, Greg would be 09:43:44 17 important. 09:43:46 18 Public service is his life. He could 09:43:48 19 make more money, and probably is making more money 09:43:51 2.0 doing what he's doing now in the private sector than 09:43:54 he would coming back to the sheriff's office, but he 21 09:43:57 22 wants to come back, and that's why he's here today 09:44:00 23 with these people standing behind him. 09:44:03 2.4 He's human, he did make a mistake, but he 09:44:04 25 made a mistake that could be overcome. And he's 09:44:07

1	already come to grips with that. He's doing this on	09:44:09
2	a daily basis. He has gone to the right sort of	09:44:13
3	people, one of them who is here is his minister, to	09:44:18
4	help walk him through this, to talk to him about not	09:44:22
5	holding the emotion and stress of the job that every	09:44:25
6	officer faces, but especially someone doing these	09:44:29
7	types of cases on a daily basis faces.	09:44:32
8	You know, he doesn't want to bring it	09:44:35
9	home and unload it on his wife or his son, and it	09:44:37
10	came to a head for him. He and I have talked about	09:44:39
11	this.	09:44:42
12	For those of us that have children, you	09:44:43
13	know, to sit and tell your son, hey, daddy made a	09:44:45
14	mistake, but I'm going to get beyond it, I'm going to	09:44:49
15	make you proud of me.	09:44:51
16	And this is part of you had that	09:44:53
17	that's the way you explained it to me, right, to sit	09:44:57
18	and talk to him. And that had to be something	09:44:59
19	difficult for you to do, but he handled it, I'm sure,	09:45:01
20	like a man.	09:45:05
21	MR. SCALF: He did.	09:45:06
22	MR. JOHNSON: Like you taught him to, and	09:45:06
23	you talked to your wife about it.	09:45:09
24	He deserves a second chance to do what he	09:45:11
25	was meant to do. Jack Stockton in the Roane County	09:45:13

1	Sheriff's Department needs him. My office and I need	09:45:16
2	him. But more importantly, the people of Roane	09:45:18
3	County need him back.	09:45:21
4	I ask you to consider deliberatively and	09:45:22
5	recertify him to return to work. Thank you for your	09:45:26
6	attention.	09:45:30
7	SHERIFF STOCKTON: My name is Jack	09:45:35
8	Stockton. Back in 2002 I hired Mr. Scalf to come to	09:45:36
9	work for the Harriman Police Department as a patrol	09:45:42
10	officer. During his first year of service, he was	09:45:45
11	exemplar in his work. Never missed work, he was	09:45:50
12	dedicated.	09:45:53
13	I got to know Greg on a personal level.	09:45:54
14	He's a good family man. He was respected throughout	09:45:57
15	the community. He gave his all to his job and to his	09:46:00
16	family. And that was his life, his service to the	09:46:03
17	public and the citizens of Harriman.	09:46:07
18	I was elected in 2006 to the sheriff's	09:46:11
19	office, I've been there ever since. And in my 36	09:46:16
20	years of service, I have never met a more productive	09:46:19
21	detective.	09:46:21
22	He learns fast. He's very intelligent,	09:46:23
23	like the attorney general said. He's one of the	09:46:25
24	biggest assets that we have in law enforcement today.	09:46:28
25	He did a terrible thing, made a bad	09:46:34

1 mistake, a bad choice. Sometimes I feel like it was 09:46:37 2 my fault because of the pressures of the job that I 09:46:40 3 instilled upon him, and the sexual cases he was 09:46:42 dealing with, which is no excuse for his actions. 09:46:45 4 But he accepted the responsibility of his 09:46:47 5 actions like a man should. He came in and resigned 09:46:50 6 7 in less than a week after the incident. He said it's 09:46:54 the right thing to do for your office, for law 09:46:58 8 enforcement as a whole, and I will accept my 09:47:01 9 10 punishment. He took a plea, pled quilty to the DUI 09:47:04 11 I think he's paid his debt to society. 09:47:07 But Greg is one of those kind of people 12 09:47:12 13 that can overcome and adapt, and I think he has 09:47:14 14 overcome, and he realizes that it was a mistake that 09:47:18 15 will never happen again. And it's been a burden on 09:47:22 16 him and his family, his spiritual life, and it has 09:47:25 17 humbled him and made him a better man. 09:47:29 18 And I really, truly believe, in my 36 09:47:32 19 years, if anyone deserved an opportunity to get back 09:47:34 in this field and profession, it would be Greg Scalf. 2.0 09:47:39 21 And I wouldn't say that about anyone else that I know 09:47:41 22 probably in this room, no disrespect. 09:47:44 23 But if you would consider him, the 09:47:49 sheriff's office needs him. I have held this 2.4 09:47:50 25 position, and hope and pray that he will get to come 09:47:53

1 back. His office is still intact with the door 09:47:56 2 locked with all of his personal items in there. 09:47:59 3 And that in itself tells everyone there 09:48:02 09:48:06 4 that we regard him highly and he is detrimental [sic] to us in his service to us. Thank you. 09:48:12 5 CHIEF DEPUTY PHILLIPS: I'd like to say a 09:48:17 6 09:48:19 7 few words, I'm Chief Deputy Tim Phillips. I've worked for the sheriff going on 21 years. 09:48:21 8 I came from the police department there in Harriman with the 9 09:48:24 10 sheriff when he got elected. And when Greg came to 09:48:27 the police department, we hired him, put him through 11 09:48:29 12 09:48:31 the academy. 13 Some of the things that the people have 09:48:32 14 talked about, one of the other specialties that Greq 09:48:34 15 has, being from a small county, we have very few 09:48:37 16 people to choose from, and Greg is one of our only 09:48:42 17 negotiators. 09:48:46 18 And the times that we've had issues and 09:48:47 19 stand-offs and things like that, in knowing that we 09:48:49 2.0 have Greg there to call to come in and talk to these 09:48:52 21 folks in, you know, whatever situation we are dealing 09:48:55 22 with, it was pretty awesome. 09:48:58 23 Since Greg has been gone, those 09:49:02 2.4 situations don't stop. And it is so tough for us as 09:49:04 25 09:49:09 a small sheriff's office -- you know, just because a

1 person wants to be a hostage negotiator or crisis 09:49:13 2 negotiator, doesn't mean they have the skills. 09:49:18 3 Greg Scalf has those skills. 09:49:19 09:49:20 particular incident that Greq dealt with that sits 4 heavy on me, and I've actually traveled to a few 5 09:49:23 different places and spoke on this particular 09:49:26 6 7 incident, where Greg talked a police officer that had 09:49:28 been into an incident that had shot his wife, and the 09:49:33 8 police officer was held up in the house and was 9 09:49:37 10 suicidal and homicidal -- and, you know, I play the 09:49:40 11 radio recording at the conferences that I speak at, 09:49:46 12 and having Greg -- knowing that he's on his way to 09:49:48 13 come and do what he does, is a great skill. 09:49:51 14 And he talked that officer out of that 09:49:56 15 And that officer now is in recovery, he works 09:49:57 16 at a rehabilitative place for men. So that officer 09:50:03 17 had a chance to change his life and get his life 09:50:07 18 turned around. 09:50:09 19 And I was called by the Baltimore County 09:50:11 2.0 Police and the FBI back in January of this past year, 09:50:14 21 and they wanted me to come and speak, because it was 09:50:19 22 kind of unique that we had a police officer 09:50:21 negotiating with a police officer. 23 09:50:24 2.4 And I said, hey, have you ever thought 09:50:26 25 09:50:28 about having the person that we negotiated with show

1	up and get to get their perspective of things? They	09:50:31
2	are like, well, do you think he would do it?	09:50:34
3	Absolutely, he done that.	09:50:36
4	And I attribute that to what Greg Scalf	09:50:37
5	did. If Greg hadn't talked him out of there, either	09:50:41
6	that guy would have killed himself or he would have	09:50:43
7	forced one of us to kill him.	09:50:46
8	We would love to have him back. We know	09:50:48
9	that you guys have a lot of tough decisions to make,	09:50:50
10	and at the end of the day, if you guys find it in	09:50:55
11	your hearts to allow this guy to come back to work,	09:50:57
12	he's going to be put to use. Thank you.	09:51:00
13	LIEUTENANT ANDERSON: I'm Lieutenant	09:51:05
14	Robert Anderson, the general departmental instructor	09:51:08
15	for the sheriff's office. I've been in it for 30	09:51:12
16	years, I've been the general departmental instructor	09:51:13
17	for about 25 years. I have seen a lot of people come	09:51:15
18	and go from our agency.	09:51:17
19	I have never seen a void left like when	09:51:19
20	Greg had to leave, and I'd just ask for you-all's	09:51:22
21	consideration. He's a good detective. We have got	09:51:25
22	some great detectives, but the void he's left, we	09:51:28
23	need it filled. Thank you.	09:51:31
24	MS. EVANS-LONGMIRE: I'm Chris	09:51:37
25	Evans-Longmire, the executive director for the Child	09:51:42

1 Advocacy Center. 09:51:45 2 I've got a couple of things I'm going to 09:51:46 3 read to you, because these are words that have been 09:51:49 09:51:51 4 shared with me from specific members. As our Attorney General Johnson shared 09:51:54 5 with you guys what the Child Protective Investigative 09:51:56 6 7 Team means, and that is a group of multi-disciplinary 09:52:00 folks that have been tasked, per our TCA code, with 09:52:03 8 investigating child sexual abuse crimes. 9 09:52:07 10 I have worked with Greg, who came on 09:52:09 11 board as a detective for Roane County Sheriff's 09:52:11 12 Office, for the past 13 years, until the exit in 09:52:15 13 2017. 09:52:18 14 I can tell you that these cases are not 09:52:19 15 enjoyed by law enforcement, they are not enjoyed by 09:52:22 16 anybody. But when you are tasked with the statement 09:52:25 17 of a seven-year-old who says that this person, my 09:52:29 18 dad, hurt me, and he hurt me on my too-too, and 09:52:34 19 nobody knows and no one saw it, and you have to build 09:52:39 2.0 a case on her telling you what happened to her, and 09:52:43 21 there is no evidence, and there is no corroboration, 09:52:47 22 and there is no witness, he never backed down from 09:52:50 23 these cases, ever. 09:52:55 2.4 He was challenged. He believed this 09:52:57

He believed this forensic interview.

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watched this child sit in this forensic interview, 1 09:53:03 2 because he saw 191 cases in eight years, 191 cases, 09:53:06 3 and he attended more than 75 percent of those 09:53:15 forensic interviews. 09:53:18 4 5 And he saw that seven-year-old sitting in 09:53:20 that forensic interview, and he saw her go from 09:53:21 6 talking casually about her day, to shrinking down in 09:53:23 7 a chair, to breaking eye contact, to her voice 09:53:27 8 9 getting very low, to saying, now do I have to say 09:53:31 10 what happened to me? 09:53:36 11 And it challenged him to find who did 09:53:39 12 this to her, because seven-year-olds don't make these 09:53:44 13 things up. And we need to protect her and we need to 09:53:46 14 protect other children, and we need to keep this from 09:53:48 15 happening again. 09:53:50 16 He never backed down from that, and it is 09:53:52 17 And we have good detectives in Roane County. 09:53:55 18 We have no one like Greg Scalf, and we never have. 09:53:59 And we understand he made a mistake. 19 Не 09:54:04 2.0 made a serious mistake, and we are not here to 09:54:07 21 dispute that. He called us and told us exactly what 09:54:09 22 happened. And that was not easy, but he owned it. 09:54:12 23 And he said, I messed up and I'm going to resign. 09:54:16 2.4 And we have felt that void for two years, 09:54:20 25 09:54:24 because there is not another person in the sheriff's

1 office who is him. They do not have his skills. 09:54:27 2 They do not have his insight. They do not have his 09:54:30 3 inspiration. They are not challenged in the same 09:54:32 09:54:36 4 way. They are not him. 5 And our community in Roane County is not 09:54:39 09:54:41 6 Our cases are not handled the same way. the same. 7 There is a loss. There is a lack 09:54:45 There is a void. of inspiration because we do not have him. 09:54:48 8 9 Some of our team members shared these 09:54:53 10 things with me and gave me permission to share this 09:54:54 11 Greg Scalf is an asset to the law 09:54:56 enforcement and to the child abuse victims he served 12 09:55:00 13 in Roane County. He was a motivated detective. 09:55:03 He 14 was very passionate about protecting and seeking 09:55:06 15 justice for the children and citizens of Roane 09:55:09 16 County. 09:55:11 17 I had the honor of working with Greg for 09:55:11 18 more than ten years, and ask that you please take 09:55:13 into consideration the immeasurable contributions 19 09:55:16 2.0 Detective Scalf made to ensure that justice was 09:55:20 21 served in protecting the lives of the children and 09:55:23 22 the citizens of Roane County. 09:55:25 23 There's been a tangible void since 09:55:27 2.4 Detective Scalf has left our team, Child Protective 09:55:29 25 09:55:32 Investigative Team. It seems to have affected many

1 agencies, as we work with community organizations 09:55:34 2 there is not the support, the confidence or even the 09:55:37 3 friendship that we enjoyed before. Scalf was in many 09:55:40 ways the glue that held us together. And because of 09:55:44 4 his determination and love for this work, it inspired 09:55:48 5 us all to do better every day. 09:55:50 6 7 I can honestly say this, the county that 09:55:52 used to have the most productive in our child sex 09:55:55 8 abuse investigations, it's now different. 09:55:58 9 It somehow 10 is less productive. There is a lack of communication 09:56:03 11 between our agencies. 09:56:05 12 Having Scalf as a part of our CPIT team, 09:56:06 13 we knew exactly what to expect. He returned calls. 09:56:09 14 He was accessible. He provided support as quickly as 09:56:13 15 possible. 09:56:16 16 As a result of his absence, so many 09:56:16 17 children of families we have worked with have lost 09:56:18 18 out on his support and his reassurance. 09:56:20 19 I think his joining our CPIT, the 09:56:23 2.0 sheriff's office again will remedy difficulties that 09:56:25 09:56:28 21 seem to have arisen over the past two years. 22 Detective Scalf is the most dedicated 09:56:32 investigator in the 9th Judicial District. He is one 23 09:56:34 2.4 of a kind. His level of commitment and compassion 09:56:37 25 09:56:39 for these cases and others surpass any investigator

1 I've ever dealt with during the last ten years I've 09:56:41 been here. 2 09:56:45 3 If my child or relative were abused, I 09:56:46 would choose Scalf to work this case over anyone, 09:56:48 4 hands down. I know he would leave no stone unturned 5 09:56:50 within his power to bring justice. 09:56:54 6 7 If Scalf is returned to this position, 09:56:56 the children we serve, the CPIT and the members of 09:56:58 8 our community win; if not, we all lose. 09:57:01 9 I've worked with child sex abuse victims 10 09:57:05 11 for the past 17 years, and I have never worked with a 09:57:07 12 law enforcement officer that impresses me as much as 09:57:10 13 Greq Scalf. 09:57:12 14 Greg Scalf is able to connect and 09:57:13 15 empathize not only with the child, but with the 09:57:15 nonoffending family. He communicates effectively 16 09:57:17 17 with the offender and obtains confessions and other 09:57:20 18 incriminating statements when the team thought there 09:57:24 19 was no hope. 09:57:26 2.0 He has been a team player and he has 09:57:26 supported and communicated with all team members. 09:57:28 21 Ι believe it is a disservice for him to not be 22 09:57:32 23 investigating child abuse cases in Roane County. 09:57:35 2.4 The last thing I'll say, and this is just 09:57:39 25 09:57:42 my observation of Greg Scalf, one thing I have known

1 from the day I met him when he walked into the Child 09:57:46 2 Advocacy Center, telling us how we needed to be doing 09:57:52 3 forensic interviews, when he was not a forensic 09:57:54 interviewer. 09:57:58 4 5 And I thought, he's a real arrogant guy, 09:57:58 I'm not sure I like him very much. It took a while 09:58:01 6 to like him because he was a very arrogant guy, but 09:58:03 7 he was a very competent man and he was extremely 09:58:06 8 09:58:09 9 passionate about this work. 10 And one thing I have come to know about 09:58:12 11 him is something he shared with me a long time ago. 09:58:13 12 He said, Chris, it is something within me that calls 09:58:18 13 me to do this work. 09:58:21 14 And it just reminds me of a piece of 09:58:23 15 scripture out of Isaiah, which is Isaiah 6, verse 8, 09:58:25 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord say, whom shall I 16 09:58:29 17 And he said, I will send us, I will send me." 09:58:32 18 We understand that he made a mistake. 09:58:41 He made a serious mistake. We believe he owned that 19 09:58:43 2.0 mistake, and he paid the price that our law would ask 09:58:45 21 09:58:48 for him to pay. 22 And we'd just ask that you would consider 09:58:49 23 allowing him the waiver to be able to return back to 09:58:51 2.4 the work that he was made to do. Thank you. 09:58:55 25 CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: 09:58:58 Thank you.

REVEREND JOHNSON: Good morning. 1 T'm 09:59:02 2 09:59:04 Reverend Sue Lynn Johnson. That's two names, Sue I'm one of the ministers at Kingston United 3 09:59:07 09:59:12 Methodist Church. And I have known Greg since the 4 5 mid-1990s, so I've known him a long time. 09:59:14 In fact, I attended his and his wife's 09:59:18 6 7 wedding, and was around for the birth of his child. 09:59:20 I've known Greq a long time. I've known him in 09:59:26 8 9 different capacities than these other folks who have 09:59:29 10 spoken. 09:59:33 11 What I know about Greq is he a man of 09:59:33 12 integrity. He does what is right and believes in 09:59:36 13 doing what's right. He has no bias, no agenda. 09:59:39 14 He called me once and said, Sue Lynn, 09:59:43 15 this is, I'm sorry to say, a professional call. 09:59:46 16 it was about my son and some of the friends that he 09:59:51 17 had hung around with, and some information that Greg 09:59:53 18 had about some damage that had been done on property 09:59:58 near where I live. He called me, his minister, and 19 10:00:00 2.0 said we need to talk to your son. 10:00:06 21 Greg is honest. From the very beginning, 10:00:09 22 he has owned up to what he has done. I have seen his 10:00:12 23 son from the time he was born, when he was baptized 10:00:17 2.4 in our church. And I know what Green has taught him, 10:00:21 25 10:00:26 and Greg has taught him to be honest.

1	I know his son, and he's a little stinker	10:00:30
2	sometimes, but Greg has taught him right from wrong.	10:00:32
3	And from the very beginning of all of this, he told	10:00:38
4	Ridley what had happened. He owned up to it.	10:00:42
5	Greg is dedicated. You have heard other	10:00:40
6	folks talk about his dedication to his work. I want	10:00:51
7	to talk to you about the dedication to his church.	10:00:54
8	From that first weekend that this	10:00:58
9	happened, Greg and his family have been in church.	10:01:02
10	They sit up front. He doesn't try to hide anything	10:01:07
11	by sitting in the back so he could make an easy	10:01:12
12	escape. He sat up front, knowing that all eyes would	10:01:14
13	be on him.	10:01:19
14	Greg is a man of faith. He knows that	10:01:21
15	God is a God of forgiveness, and when you ask for	10:01:25
16	forgiveness, God will give that forgiveness, and that	10:01:29
17	you make changes in your life and you move on, right?	10:01:33
18	Greg is devoted to his family. When his	10:01:38
19	son was born three months prematurely, I met him at	10:01:43
20	Parkwest Hospital where my husband was being	10:01:49
21	discharged, and we talked. And Greg said, I have	10:01:51
22	given my son to God. God is the only one who can	10:01:5
23	bring him through this.	10:02:03
24	And through those months of going to the	10:02:04
25	NICU to visit their son, Greq held his son to God,	10:02:07

1 without fail, without ever having any doubt that God 10:02:15 2 would bring them through that. 10:02:21 Ever since I was asked to speak or to 3 10:02:25 come on Greg's behalf, I've had a passage of 10:02:27 4 5 scripture that's run through my mind. My husband and 10:02:30 son suggested that I not use it, but I'm going 10:02:36 6 against their judgment and I'm going to use it 10:02:39 7 10:02:42 8 anyway. And it's the passage in John Chapter 8 9 10:02:44 10 verses 1 through 7, Jesus has been in the synagoque, 10:02:46 11 in the temple teaching, and has come under the 10:02:51 12 scrutiny of Pharisees for healing somebody on the 10:02:54 13 Sabbath, because, you know, for the Pharisees to do 10:03:02 anything like that on the Sabbath is work. 14 10:03:05 15 So Jesus said, "You can do these things, 10:03:09 but I can't heal a man on the Sabbath?" Well, the 16 10:03:12 17 day ended, everyone went their separate ways, and the 10:03:16 18 next day they came back. 10:03:19 19 And this is where we read in John 10:03:21 2.0 Chapter 8: Early in the morning he returned to the 10:03:22 21 temple, all the people gathered around him and he sat 10:03:25 22 down and taught them. The legal experts of Pharisees 10:03:29 brought a woman caught in adultery, placing her in 23 10:03:33 2.4 the center of the group, they said to Jesus, Teacher, 10:03:36 25 10:03:40 this woman was caught in the act of committing

1	adultery. In the law Moses commanded us to stone	10:03:42
2	women like this. What do you say?	10:03:46
3	They said this to test him because they	10:03:50
4	wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him.	10:03:52
5	Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his	10:03:57
6	finger. They continued to question him.	10:03:59
7	So he stood up and replied, whoever	10:04:01
8	hasn't sinned should throw the first stone. Bending	10:04:04
9	down again, he wrote on the ground.	10:04:10
10	Those who heard him went away one by one,	10:04:11
11	beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and	10:04:14
12	the woman were left in the middle of the crowd.	10:04:17
13	Jesus stood up and said to her, Woman,	10:04:20
14	where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?	10:04:25
15	And she said, no one, sir.	10:04:29
16	Jesus said, neither do I condemn you. Go	10:04:33
17	and from now on don't sin anymore.	10:04:36
18	Now, my emphasis is not on what the	10:04:40
19	Pharisees said and did or were trying to do to Jesus,	10:04:43
20	the emphasis was on Jesus and his response to the	10:04:47
21	woman. You sinned, he said it, in essence, in his	10:04:49
22	response to her. I don't condemn you, now go and	10:04:57
23	don't do that again. Change your life and do what is	10:05:01
24	right.	10:05:06
25	Ladies and gentlemen, Greg Scalf is an	10:05:09

1	asset to the law enforcement community, not only of	10:05:12
2	Roane County, but to the state of Tennessee. Our	10:05:15
3	community needs Greg Scalf. Our children need Greg	10:05:20
4	Scalf. Greg is a survivor. He will get through	10:05:26
5	this, but this is where he is called to be.	10:05:31
6	Thank you for your time.	10:05:35
7	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Thank you.	10:05:38
8	Mr. Scalf.	10:05:39
9	MR. Scalf: Thank you for allowing me and	10:05:41
10	giving me the opportunity to speak to all of you this	10:05:43
11	morning. I know these are not easy decisions; they	10:05:45
12	are difficult ones. They should be, this is a very	10:05:49
13	important job and a very important role that you	10:05:51
14	play.	10:05:54
15	And my actions two years ago, yes, it is	10:05:54
16	a very stressful job, it's very damaging to deal not	10:05:56
17	only with the victims, but the suspects, to reach	10:06:01
18	them on an emotional level, to exchange emotion and	10:06:03
19	to connect with them enough to where they give you a	10:06:06
20	statement, admission of guilt or a confession.	10:06:08
21	That's a difficult thing to do, and then	10:06:13
22	walk out of the room after two or three hours, or	10:06:15
23	however long it takes, and get in your car, drive	10:06:17
24	home, sit in your car for a second before you come to	10:06:21
25	the door, put on a happy face for an eight-year-old	10:06:24

and for your wife.

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For 14 years it was difficult, and I made a decision not to talk about most, if not all, of the types of things I would see, from crime scenes to incidents with child death, next-of-kin notification, all of the horrible things -- people do not call us when things are going well. We don't get those calls. It's the opposite of the spectrum. Those are the calls that we get.

So when I walk through the door and I have an eight-year-old who expects it to be puppy dogs, and his AYSO soccer coach, who I had been for two years, and his hero, you put on that mask and that's who you become, because you can't share some of the things that you do for the community with your family, or at least I thought.

And then you get to a point to where you manage or you learn how to navigate in those waters, working in that role.

And then something close to home happens. A year before I was arrested, my father was diagnosed with cancer. A couple of surgeries, removed his bladder, he had a bag, and we found some clothes that the bag would fit into. He had beaten it, he had won.

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1 Less than a week before I was arrested, 10:07:49 2 he went back for a six-month screening and the cancer 10:07:51 3 had returned, and this time it was nontreatable. 10:07:54 doctors told him and told us that eat what you want, 4 10:07:58 live your life, be around your family, I don't really 5 10:08:01 know how much time that you have. 10:08:04 6 7 Because I had not been able to talk to my 10:08:08 wife about some of the things that I deal with at 10:08:12 8 9 work, I wasn't at that point, really, in a position 10:08:14 10 to talk to her about all of the rest of this. 10:08:17 11 That was a mistake, I see that now. 10:08:21 I made the decision to drink too much and try to 12 10:08:25 13 drive home one night, well after midnight, and was 10:08:28 arrested. 14 10:08:32 15 In the last two years since this has 10:08:38 16 occurred, I've watched the destructive nature of 10:08:42 17 overindulgence or drinking to excess, how that has 10:08:47 18 impacted not only my family, my career, but also the 10:08:50 realization that I could have killed someone that 19 10:08:54 2.0 night. Based on my reckless behavior, I could have 10:08:58 21 10:09:03 killed an innocent person. 22 The people that I swore and took an oath 10:09:04 23 in 2001 to protect, I could have killed someone. 10:09:07 2.4 That still haunts me to this day, and it's something 10:09:10 25 10:09:13 I'll deal with the rest of my life. By the grace of

1 God, no one was injured. And thanks to Knox County, 10:09:16 2 I made it through that. 10:09:22 3 What I've learned over the last two years 10:09:26 4 is my technique or my decision to not share things 10:09:27 with my family was where I was in error. At some 5 10:09:32 point I talked to the pastor of my church, and they 10:09:37 6 asked me, do you talk to your wife. And I was like, 10:09:40 7 there's some things I just can't share with her. 10:09:42 8 9 And they counselled me. They said, 10:09:45 10 that's where you are off the rails, Greq. 10:09:47 11 tougher than she looks. So for the last two years we 10:09:50 12 talk about everything, our relationship is stronger 10:09:52 13 than it's ever been. 10:09:56 14 There were times throughout the 10:09:57 15 adjudication process with my situation two years ago 10:09:58 16 that we just would sit in the living room and cry. 10:10:01 17 And my child, I've always talked to him 10:10:05 18 from when he was young, at school especially, if you 10:10:07 19 get in trouble, admit your mistakes, correct the 10:10:11 2.0 behavior, make it right if you can, but more 10:10:14 21 importantly, you make better decisions down the road. 10:10:17 22 Your behavior doesn't define you unless you continue 10:10:21 23 to exhibit it. And he's rarely in trouble, and so 10:10:24 2.4 he's a good boy. 10:10:30 25 And now he's heard me say this for 10:10:31

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1	several years. Well, now his father has stumbled,	10:10:35
2	and so now it's time for me to demonstrate that those	10:10:42
3	aren't just words that I tell him, that I'm a living,	10:10:44
4	breathing example of what I've tried to instill in	10:10:47
5	him or what I've tried to teach him.	10:10:49
6	That, yes, your father is not perfect, by	10:10:51
7	no means. But your father also has the ability to	10:10:55
8	change, to correct behavior, right, to realize what I	10:10:59
9	did and the way I was coping two years ago wasn't	10:11:04
10	going to work; it can't work.	10:11:06
11	And then what I found was being able to	10:11:09
12	share and talk with my wife about what I was feeling	10:11:11
13	and what I was going through, has a cathartic or a	10:11:13
14	therapeutic nature that alcohol cannot match.	10:11:17
15	I'm in a healthy place now. I believe	10:11:22
16	that I'm ready to come back. And I believe that the	10:11:24
17	children of Roane County are safer with me as a	10:11:27
18	detective of the sheriff's office.	10:11:29
19	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Are you prepared for	10:11:40
20	the scrutiny you are going to get on	10:11:42
21	cross-examination?	10:11:44
22	MR. SCALF: Absolutely.	10:11:45
23	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: You have probably	10:11:46
24	already faced it.	10:11:47
25	Obviously, General Johnson is willing to	10:11:50

1	work through that as far as your reputation goes	10:11:52
2	moving forward.	10:11:54
3	MR. PHILLIPS: If I may, as far as I'm	10:11:58
4	concerned, you know, we anticipate this at some point	10:12:00
5	being an issue. In the Brownlow case we filed a	10:12:03
6	motion in limine to exclude any reference to the	10:12:06
7	conviction. The judge upheld that, it wasn't an	10:12:08
8	issue.	10:12:11
9	DUI is not a mens rea intent crime, so	10:12:11
10	unless he's out on the road doing field sobriety	10:12:15
11	tests, making a judgment call on DUI, we don't see	10:12:18
12	this problem. And I think the Court does too,	10:12:21
13	proceeding the same way.	10:12:25
14	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: I feel like asking	10:12:29
15	you just a few questions about the DUI itself, if I	10:12:30
16	could?	10:12:34
17	MR. SCALF: Absolutely.	10:12:34
18	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Now, this happened	10:12:35
19	after your father had been rediagnosed?	10:12:36
20	MR. SCALF: Yes.	10:12:39
21	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: As I understand it	10:12:40
22	just looking at the materials here, you went to watch	10:12:43
23	a ball game with friends?	10:12:46
24	MR. SCALF: Yeah. I spent a couple days	10:12:47
25	at the house, just kind of in a dark place, and a	10:12:49

1	friend reached out to me. It was on a Thursday, the	10:12:51
2	Titans were playing Pittsburgh and said, hey, meet us	10:12:55
3	in Farragut, you can ride up with me and let's go	10:12:58
4	watch the game, get you out of the house, get you out	10:13:00
5	of your head a little bit.	10:13:03
6	I really hadn't accepted the fact that my	10:13:05
7	father was there was no fight that we could win.	10:13:07
8	We couldn't fight it anymore, you know. We went	10:13:11
9	from we had won. We beat it, to there was not	10:13:14
10	even any point of fighting it anymore.	10:13:18
11	And so he recognized that I was, you	10:13:21
12	know, not in a good place, sitting at home, you know,	10:13:23
13	like that. So he thought it would be a good idea,	10:13:26
14	and I did, to get out and just breathe and be around	10:13:29
15	friends and stuff like that.	10:13:33
16	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: When you drove	10:13:36
17	home, none of your friends tried to stop you from	10:13:41
18	driving home? Were you not demonstrably drunk at	10:13:43
19	that point?	10:13:48
20	MR. SCALF: Yeah. That's a good	10:13:48
21	question. The next day I called him and I said, hey,	10:13:50
22	you know, what happened? You know, what did you see?	10:13:52
23	He said, well, he said, I could tell you	10:13:56
24	were drowsy or tired. He said, I probably should	10:13:58
25	have called your wife or tried to talk you into	10:14:01

1	staying, but you said you were okay. Those were his	10:14:03
2	words to me.	10:14:05
3	Let me state that this is not his fault.	10:14:06
4	This is 100 percent on me. I made that decision and	10:14:11
5	I want to make sure that everyone is clear that I	10:14:15
6	realize that the decisions I make, I made, led to	10:14:17
7	that, and I was not his responsibility, but to answer	10:14:22
8	your question, sir.	10:14:24
9	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Yeah, I think we	10:14:25
10	all recognize and appreciate the fact that you have	10:14:27
11	taken responsibility for this.	10:14:30
12	When you were arrested, did the police do	10:14:33
13	any kind of test of your blood or your breath to see	10:14:38
14	what your level of intoxication was?	10:14:40
15	MR. SCALF: Yes, I was transported to a	10:14:42
16	hospital and he did do a blood draw.	10:14:44
17	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: What was your BAC?	10:14:48
18	MR. SCALF: I believe it was .18.	10:14:49
19	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: So you were pretty	10:14:50
20	drunk.	10:14:52
21	MR. SCALF: Yes.	10:14:56
22	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: When you reported	10:14:56
23	this to your agency, did they react with, you know,	10:14:57
24	we are going to have to do something about this, or	10:15:01
25	was this just an immediate you went to the agency and	10:15:03

1 said, hey, I let this happen to me. I made a mistake 10:15:07 and I'm going to resign. Was it immediate like that, 2 10:15:09 3 or how did that --10:15:11 There was a few days before 4 MR. SCALF: 10:15:12 the actual resignation took place. As to how many 5 10:15:14 days, I'm not sure. But, yeah, I notified them 10:15:17 6 immediately, and that was not a mistake. 10:15:20 7 That was a decision I made. It was a 10:15:22 8 10:15:24 9 terrible decision. Some people say mistake and tries 10 to minimize their -- you know, like it was accidental 10:15:27 11 or something. 10:15:30 It wasn't accidental. I made a terrible 12 10:15:30 13 decision to do that that night, and I realize that. 10:15:33 14 I've had an eight, now ten-year-old, watching me 10:15:37 15 navigate these waters throughout this process. And I 10:15:41 16 wanted to make sure that I was leading a good example 10:15:43 17 for him, and not try to get out of this in any way or 10:15:46 18 somehow minimize the decisions I made in my 10:15:49 19 responsibility for myself. 10:15:55 2.0 COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Many agencies have 10:15:56 21 programs for officers who get into alcohol or drug 10:15:57 22 abuse, and offer programs to help them overcome these 10:16:01 issues, without actually taking action to decertify 23 10:16:05 2.4 them or fire them or decertify them. And I don't see 10:16:08 25 anything in the records we have that indicates that 10:16:11

1	any action was taken to decertify you.	10:16:13
2	Your certification is still intact; is	10:16:16
3	that correct?	10:16:19
4	MR. SCALF: I'm not sure about that, sir.	10:16:19
5	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: But there was no	10:16:22
6	action taken that you know of to decertify you; is	10:16:23
7	that right?	10:16:27
8	MR. SCALF: I'm not sure, sir.	10:16:27
9	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: You were never	10:16:28
10	notified that you were being decertified or anything	10:16:29
11	like that?	10:16:31
12	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: His certification is	10:16:33
13	inactive just because he's not working.	10:16:34
14	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Okay. So really by	10:16:36
15	resigning your position at your agency, you in effect	10:16:37
16	imposed upon yourself your own punishment, and in	10:16:45
17	effect almost a suspension of your certification, is	10:16:50
18	that fair to say?	10:16:54
19	MR. SCALF: That's fair to say. I did so	10:16:55
20	because I was guilty. I wasn't going to put Knox	10:16:59
21	County through any type of trial process or you	10:17:02
22	know, I had to demonstrate, and I keep saying I had	10:17:05
23	to demonstrate to my child, that when you get in	10:17:10
24	trouble, here is how you conduct yourself, in as much	10:17:12
25	dignity and grace as God will allow throughout the	10:17:16

1	process.	10:17:20
2	We are a small community, and it seems	10:17:21
3	that most of our more seasoned officers and	10:17:23
4	detectives are selected and lured out of our agency	10:17:26
5	by more money or more benefits or whatever, so we are	10:17:30
6	left with a constant turnover.	10:17:33
7	So having individuals that are seasoned	10:17:34
8	and are of the community to work there, is rare. We	10:17:38
9	don't really have it. And so it's always a struggle	10:17:41
10	to have good law enforcement, to have good	10:17:44
11	representation in the community. It was important	10:17:46
12	for me to try to get back.	10:17:52
13	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: As far as your	10:17:54
14	alcohol use is concerned, after this incident, after	10:17:56
15	you left the department, did you get involved in any	10:17:59
16	kind of alcohol treatment programs, Alcoholics	10:18:03
17	Anonymous or were you diagnosed?	10:18:08
18	What do you do in that regard to deal	10:18:10
19	with the alcohol use?	10:18:12
20	MR. SCALF: I had two separate alcohol	10:18:13
21	and drug assessments done, one by Knox County and one	10:18:15
22	by Covenant Counseling out of Knoxville.	10:18:17
23	Neither one suggested any follow-up with	10:18:21
24	Alcoholics Anonymous or anything like that. In my	10:18:25
25	opinion, this was an incident that was a perfect	10:18:27

1	storm of job-related stress, cancer diagnosis, you	10:18:32
2	know, dad.	10:18:36
3	It was just I was the person that	10:18:38
4	helped people deal with crisis. We go into dark	10:18:43
5	places with either the offender or the victim, and	10:18:47
6	help get them out and reach them in a certain way.	10:18:49
7	I found myself on uneven ground there. I	10:18:52
8	was in crisis and didn't even know it. And I chose	10:18:55
9	to cope the wrong way, incorrect way, and I realize	10:19:00
10	that now.	10:19:04
11	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: What is your	10:19:05
12	current practice as far as alcohol use is concerned?	10:19:07
13	MR. SCALF: A beer or a glass of wine	10:19:11
14	with my wife occasionally. It's not the same.	10:19:13
15	Any of that has a direct connection to	10:19:17
16	what happened two years ago, and the destructive	10:19:19
17	nature of overindulgence or drinking too much. It's	10:19:24
18	just and it doesn't work. To cope with the stress	10:19:30
19	of work and family and stuff like that, it just	10:19:33
20	doesn't work.	10:19:36
21	I found that being able to talk to my	10:19:37
22	wife and share to her, to share with my minister and	10:19:39
23	other people in this room, is very much more	10:19:42
24	therapeutic than alcohol could ever be. It's just	10:19:44
25	not a healthy thing to do.	10:19:46

1 And then I'll go back to the best apology 10:19:48 2 for my family, for this community, for the people in 10:19:53 3 this room that came up here today, is a change in 10:19:55 behavior. 4 10:19:58 5 I've worked for two years in the 10:19:58 community still, made it to work every day, my kid to 10:20:01 6 7 school every morning. A year of that was spent with 10:20:06 one of those interlock devices on my vehicle, so that 10:20:10 8 six or seven times you would be tested, your blood 9 10:20:12 10 alcohol content, even first thing in the morning at 10:20:15 11 6 a.m. when I left. 10:20:17 12 You can't be a regular alcohol user and 10:20:19 13 function in that capacity, that thing will detect it. 10:20:21 14 And I managed to go through that 365 days and was 10:20:23 15 clear of it, no extension for a violation or anything 10:20:27 16 like that. 10:20:29 17 Alcohol was a problem for me in 2017. 10:20:30 18 10:20:34 chose to cope the incorrect way. It is not a problem 19 today. 10:20:37 2.0 COMMISSIONER CHERRY: At the current time 10:20:40 21 now, you are not under the jurisdiction of the court, 10:20:41 22 all of your obligations are completed, there's no 10:20:44 2.3 more probation, no more anything; is that correct? 10:20:46 2.4 No, sir, that's correct. 10:20:49 MR. SCALF: 25 10:20:50 COMMISSIONER CHERRY: Thank you, I don't

1	have any other questions.	10:20:51
2	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Any other questions,	10:20:53
3	Commissioners?	10:20:54
4	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I have a few	10:20:56
5	things.	10:20:57
6	First of all, I appreciate you for your	10:20:58
7	military service, first and foremost.	10:21:00
8	MR. SCALF: Thank you.	10:21:03
9	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: It's a very	10:21:06
10	impressive group of people that you was able to bring	10:21:08
11	here with you today, and obviously you and everybody	10:21:10
12	knew it's a pretty hard hurdle to receive a waiver in	10:21:14
13	a short period of time.	10:21:19
14	We could sit here and do the what ifs all	10:21:23
15	day long. You brought it up a little bit about you	10:21:26
16	could have killed somebody that day. Reading the	10:21:28
17	affidavit, it's not like you was pulled over for a	10:21:31
18	seat belt and he smelled the odor of alcohol.	10:21:33
19	You was driving on the wrong side of	10:21:39
20	I-40, eastbound in the westbound lanes. That's	10:21:44
21	very you was watched over that day for sure.	10:21:53
22	MR. SCALF: Absolutely.	10:21:56
23	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: To get stopped, no	10:21:57
24	doubt.	10:21:59
25	MR. SCALF: Absolutely.	10:21:59

1	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I'm not sure. I	10:22:02
2	mean, I guess I'm kind of on the fence because of the	10:22:04
3	short time frame.	10:22:07
4	Obviously, with a group of people, I	10:22:08
5	don't think I could have got that many people to	10:22:10
6	speak anything good on my behalf. I don't think I	10:22:11
7	could get that many people together, but we'll see	10:22:14
8	how this commission hearing goes. I don't have	10:22:20
9	anything else.	10:22:23
10	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Thank you.	10:22:24
11	Any other comments, Commissioners?	10:22:26
12	I have a disclaimer to make. This	10:22:30
13	happened in Knox County. This was before me taking	10:22:31
14	office, so I know nothing about this case. So I	10:22:34
15	wanted to make sure that I brought this to the	10:22:39
16	commission. I don't believe that I have a conflict	10:22:42
17	on this, so I just wanted to make sure that everyone	10:22:44
18	knew.	10:22:47
19	All right. If there's no other	10:22:51
20	questions, I'll entertain a motion.	10:22:54
21	COMMISSIONER CHERRY: I make a motion to	10:22:57
22	approve the request for a waiver.	10:22:59
23	COMMISSIONER DUNBAR: Second.	10:23:01
24	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have a motion from	10:23:01
25	Commissioner Cherry and a second from Commissioner	10:23:03

Dunbar to approve the waiver. 1 10:23:07 2 Any further discussion? 10:23:10 COMMISSIONER CHERRY: I'd just like to 3 10:23:12 4 point out, when I first looked through this package 10:23:13 10:23:15 5 just briefly based on the agenda we were given, I saw that this is a fairly recent DUI, and oftentimes we 10:23:19 6 see requests for preemployment waivers for folks who 10:23:22 7 want to be officers and they got something that 10:23:25 8 recent, our eyebrows go up and we think, wow, this is 9 10:23:28 10 very recent, you know, he's going to have to have a 10:23:31 11 good story. 10:23:34 12 I didn't realize looking over that agenda 10:23:35 13 that this was a seasoned, experienced officer that 10:23:37 14 had already put in a number of years of service. 10:23:40 15 I didn't realize that at that moment that 10:23:44 16 he had effectively taken himself out of the law 10:23:46 17 enforcement community, imposing upon himself his own 10:23:50 18 discipline for this action, and now he's seeking to 10:23:54 come back. I think this is a different kind of 19 10:23:58 2.0 circumstance that we don't see very often. 10:24:02 21 If he had stayed in the agency, I'm not 10:24:08 22 convinced that he would have been fired. I could see 10:24:11 an agency, with somebody of this caliber, working 23 10:24:16 2.4 with him, helping him overcome whatever issues he had 10:24:18 25 so that they could maintain this officer in service 10:24:21

1	and continue to benefit from his expertise and	10:24:24
2	experience and abilities.	10:24:29
3	This is a case where I think Mr. Scalf	10:24:33
4	has taken it upon himself to discipline himself and	10:24:37
5	to correct his deficiencies, and now he's offering	10:24:41
6	himself up again to continue in service.	10:24:47
7	The agency is obviously behind him, the	10:24:50
8	community is behind him that he's working with, and I	10:24:52
9	think this is appropriate for a waiver.	10:24:57
10	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Any further	10:25:02
11	discussion?	10:25:02
12	All in favor, say aye.	10:25:08
13	Opposed?	10:25:11
14	The ayes have it. Congratulations.	10:25:13
15	MR. SCALF: Thank you.	10:25:17
16	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Thank you. Thank	10:25:17
17	you-all for coming.	10:25:18
18	Waivers for basic training, there are no	10:25:32
19	waivers for the month of November. Waiver of basic	10:25:34
20	training, no waivers for November.	10:25:38
21	Waive of in-service rule, we have none.	10:25:40
22	Our six-month rule waiver following the	10:25:45
23	department's requesting a waiver of the six-month	10:25:47
24	rule to keep their officers and/or officer and the	10:25:49
25	department in compliance.	10:25:53

1	Roane State Community College, Department	10:25:54
2	of Public Safety requests a six-month waiver for	10:25:57
3	Steven L. Davis, Jr.	10:25:59
4	Mr. Davis was hired by this agency on	10:26:02
5	September 27, 2019, and is registered to begin the	10:26:03
6	basic police academy at TLETA on January 5, 2020.	10:26:07
7	Good morning.	10:26:18
8	THE WITNESS: Good morning, sir. Thank	10:26:19
9	you. My name is William Kain, I'm the Director of	10:26:20
10	Pubic Safety and Chief of Police at Roane State	10:26:25
11	Community College.	10:26:26
12	We are requesting this waiver. We hired	10:26:26
13	Mr. Davis, he was actually a school security officer	10:26:28
14	for about six years in the Knox County school system.	10:26:31
15	When we hired him, we were trying to get him into an	10:26:34
16	academy a little closer to home.	10:26:37
17	Of course, I'm a graduate of the	10:26:40
18	Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, it	10:26:40
19	tickles me to death that we have got him in there for	10:26:43
20	the January class, but we couldn't get his shop	10:26:45
21	records.	10:26:48
22	He looks like a younger guy, and if you	10:26:49
23	looked at his driver's license, he's actually I	10:26:50
24	think older than I am. And so high school was just a	10:26:52
25	few years before he came to the Roane State	10:26:56

1	Department of Public Safety, so we couldn't get his	10:26:59
2	shot records.	10:27:02
3	And in order to attend college at Walters	10:27:02
4	State, which is what they consider the police	10:27:06
5	academy, you have to have shot records. We would	10:27:07
6	have been sending him with about a week's notice,	10:27:09
7	maybe a week and a half, to the police academy.	10:27:12
8	And he had missed the orientation. And I	10:27:15
9	did not want to do that to him, so we got him	10:27:18
10	enrolled in the soonest class at the Tennessee Law	10:27:20
11	Enforcement Training Academy that we could. We'd	10:27:23
12	just respectfully request a waiver so that he could	10:27:25
13	complete that training and serve as a certified	10:27:27
14	officer with us.	10:27:29
15	And just a side note, I got a call from	10:27:30
16	him last night and he was with a special agent for	10:27:33
17	Norfolk Southern Police Department off duty. He	10:27:36
18	actually helped to get a couple of kids off the	10:27:38
19	railroad tracks with a train coming.	10:27:40
20	So this is somebody that has got a high	10:27:42
21	degree of integrity and honor, and we just humbly	10:27:44
22	request that he have this six-month waiver.	10:27:48
23	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Mr. Director, are	10:27:55
24	there any issues with that?	10:27:57
25	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: No, I don't think so.	10:27:58

1	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Everything is good?	10:28:01
2	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: I make the motion	10:28:03
3	that we approve it.	10:28:04
4	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I second.	10:28:05
5	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have got a motion	10:28:07
6	by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner	10:28:08
7	Wright.	10:28:13
8	Any further discussion?	10:28:13
9	All in favor, say aye.	10:28:15
10	Opposed?	10:28:17
11	The ayes have it. Thank you.	10:28:17
12	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	10:28:19
13	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: New business for	10:28:24
14	discussion. The town of Unicoi is requesting that	10:28:25
15	P.O.S.T. recognize the town of Unicoi Police	10:28:30
16	Department as a law enforcement agency.	10:28:33
17	The town of Unicoi voted and passed	10:28:35
18	resolution 2019-303 on July 15, 2019.	10:28:37
19	Good morning.	10:28:43
20	CHIEF SLAGLE: Good morning. I'm Andy	10:28:44
21	Slagle. This is the Mayor Johnny Lynch for the town	10:28:47
22	of Unicoi. And I got hired a month ago yesterday,	10:28:51
23	and have been building the police department.	10:28:55
24	I've got a letter and everything,	10:29:00
25	information of what I've done, pictures of the cars	10:29:02

1 and stuff I'll give to you-all, if I can. 10:29:04 2 And we have obtained an ORI. I'm 10:29:11 3 scheduled to go Tuesday and Wednesday for Tibers 10:29:17 training, and work dealing with TITAN. 10:29:22 4 TITAN installed. Got an MOU with the 911 dispatch 10:29:25 5 and everything else. Everything is ready to go, we 10:29:29 6 7 just have to get through this step and get 10:29:31 10:29:34 8 recognized. 9 And I've been in law enforcement since 10:29:35 10 2009. I've worked for the county before coming over 10:29:37 And I have a good working relationship 11 10:29:42 12 with the sheriff, and he's going to assist me. 10:29:47 13 are getting the department going, we are looking to 10:29:50 14 10:29:53 grow. 15 DIRECTOR GRISHAM: While there's no clear 10:30:01 16 real procedure for starting up a law enforcement 10:30:03 17 agency, a lot of people will call us and they start 10:30:05 18 with building that relationship with the reporting 10:30:07 19 system and access to NCIC and all of that, but 10:30:11 2.0 basically they appear before you to tell you what 10:30:16 21 their plan is for what kind of officers they are 10:30:19 22 going to have and who is going to be the certified 10:30:21 23 So that's why they are here today. 10:30:23 2.4 CHIEF SLAGLE: We are going to start 10:30:32 25 10:30:33 small. I mean, right now, it's just me, you know,

1	but looking to grow to some part-times and going down	10:30:36
2	the road for the budget, and keep on growing from	10:30:40
3	there, growing with the town.	10:30:46
4	It's a smaller town, it's 3,600 people.	10:30:48
5	It sits up within the northern part of Unicoi County,	10:30:51
6	like it says in my letter. And it's been covered by	10:30:55
7	the county. I came from the county. And, you know,	10:30:58
8	but it is a decent size, 16.3 square miles, most of	10:31:03
9	it is woods and stuff like that.	10:31:08
10	Like I said, we'll be working with the	10:31:10
11	sheriff and extra security for the town. And it's a	10:31:13
12	25-year-old town, so it's a younger town.	10:31:17
13	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: I don't have your	10:31:20
14	records at my fingertips, so could you just explain	10:31:21
15	what your background is as far as your	10:31:24
16	qualifications?	10:31:27
17	CHIEF SLAGLE: I started off I've	10:31:29
18	worked in public service since I was 18. I've	10:31:30
19	started dispatch. I was in the Army, National Guard.	10:31:32
20	Went from the Army to now I'm starting my swing	10:31:36
21	one (phonetic).	10:31:40
22	I worked with Carter County for a little	10:31:41
23	while, and then went to Unicoi County. And I stayed	10:31:43
24	with Unicoi County for they sent me through the	10:31:45
25	academy in '09. And I went back to Carter County	10:31:51

1	when my dad got sick because my family is from there.	10:31:53
2	And I worked there for a year, and then came back to	10:31:56
3	Unicoi County.	10:31:58
4	So I've just been I've been in Unicoi	10:31:58
5	County and Carter County my whole career. I don't	10:32:02
6	have any like I said, I came up here a couple	10:32:05
7	months ago with Major Morales for a P.O.S.T there	10:32:10
8	was something with my P.O.S.T.	10:32:16
9	I resigned for a month and then went back	10:32:19
10	in, and now I think there's something dealing with my	10:32:21
11	certification with that. But there was no negative	10:32:25
12	marks or anything, but they approved me.	10:32:27
13	And that's what I was I wrote the	10:32:29
14	letter, hopefully, just transfer that certification	10:32:32
15	back over to the police department.	10:32:35
16	I've worked in CID. I've worked in	10:32:42
17	narcotics. I was a K-9 officer. I've worked school	10:32:46
18	resource officer, courthouse security. I've	10:32:48
19	patrolled. I've been supervisor for years, patrol	10:32:51
20	supervisor.	10:32:56
21	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Did you attend our GI	10:32:57
22	school yesterday, by chance?	10:33:00
23	CHIEF SLAGLE: No, sir. I think that's	10:33:02
24	scheduled for April.	10:33:03
25	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: What we you need to	10:33:05

1	get up to speed on how to submit to P.O.S.T and	10:33:08
2	everything, because you will be the GDI going	10:33:10
3	forward.	10:33:13
4	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: What are	10:33:16
5	you-all's plans for the department, is it going to	10:33:16
6	be how many people?	10:33:21
7	CHIEF SLAGLE: Right now it's, like I	10:33:23
8	said, just me. I'm hoping to work it out with the	10:33:24
9	town to hire part-time people, maybe two or three	10:33:27
10	part-time starting off, and then continue to grow in	10:33:32
11	the years. Me and the mayor was talking a while ago,	10:33:36
12	we are eventually hoping to get eight.	10:33:39
13	And because Erwin you know, we are	10:33:41
14	right there with Erwin. Erwin has 16. We was	10:33:43
15	wanting to get eight, because we are about half the	10:33:47
16	size of Erwin. And the budget and the town, it's	10:33:49
17	been really supportive.	10:33:54
18	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: If you go to	10:33:59
19	school, you will learn the part-time issues. There's	10:34:00
20	some things you need to know, you need to consult	10:34:02
21	with the	10:34:04
22	CHIEF SLAGLE: I've made good friends	10:34:05
23	this month. You know, I've made good friends with	10:34:06
24	Chief Depew from Bluff City, Chief Burns (phonetic).	10:34:10
25	I've met a lot of people. I haven't done this by	10:34:14

1	myself, obviously.	10:34:17
2	And, you know, I've reached out and I'm	10:34:18
3	not too humble to ask for help. And I've made a lot	10:34:21
4	of friends and they have been a big help with me.	10:34:24
5	And it's been a great experience so far, I'm just	10:34:28
6	ready to go out and serve the community.	10:34:31
7	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: What I meant by	10:34:35
8	that, part time, there's certain rules that you can	10:34:36
9	work off and things like that, so you need to	10:34:38
10	communicate with P.O.S.T. or with	10:34:40
11	CHIEF SLAGLE: Yes.	10:34:43
12	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Are you set up in the	10:34:45
13	ACADIS and everything?	10:34:47
14	CHIEF SLAGLE: That's what I was going to	10:34:48
15	work on next week, because they said we had to get	10:34:50
16	this process done first.	10:34:52
17	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Give him Kelly's or	10:34:55
18	your contact information. Thank you.	10:34:57
19	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: How are you	10:35:01
20	planning on covering all of the shifts, are you still	10:35:02
21	going to fall back on the county on the times that	10:35:04
22	you are not on?	10:35:07
23	CHIEF SLAGLE: Yes.	10:35:08
24	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: When did you leave	10:35:09
25	the county?	10:35:10

1	CHIEF SLAGLE: October 12 was my last day	10:35:11
2	at the county.	10:35:14
3	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: So you are	10:35:17
4	currently certified?	10:35:18
5	CHIEF SLAGLE: The only break in service	10:35:20
6	I have had has been this month.	10:35:22
7	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: One month.	10:35:24
8	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: Why did you leave	10:35:51
9	the county?	10:35:52
10	CHIEF SLAGLE: To come start the police	10:35:53
11	department.	10:35:54
12	VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: Mayor, down in my	10:36:11
13	territory, in some of the lower portions of the	10:36:13
14	Cumberland Plateau we have had several little	10:36:17
15	departments and they have come and gone. They are	10:36:18
16	there one day and gone the next.	10:36:21
17	I think I had one of my guys come in the	10:36:23
18	other day, and I think there's a little department up	10:36:25
19	above Nashville that this past week has closed its	10:36:27
20	doors and has got all of its patrol cars for sale.	10:36:31
21	I don't want to see your chief get in a	10:36:35
22	bind and start looking for another job. I just see	10:36:41
23	so many of these little start-up departments, and	10:36:44
24	they get some young person in there as a chief. And	10:36:49
25	they kind of don't understand about audits and drug	10:36:53

1	funds and accountability, and the next thing you know	10:36:57
2	they are indicted and they are in trouble.	10:37:00
3	So please use your head with great	10:37:03
4	oversight, don't get greedy. Don't be a speed trap,	10:37:07
5	be careful with that. I notice you have got one	10:37:10
6	alderman already against you.	10:37:13
7	But every department is always looking	10:37:17
8	these start-up departments are always looking for	10:37:20
9	revenue, and that's when things start going downhill.	10:37:22
10	Do what's right, follow the law.	10:37:26
11	CHIEF SLAGLE: I understand.	10:37:28
12	VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: And good luck to	10:37:30
13	you, but I'll make a motion if you need one, and wish	10:37:32
14	these folks good luck in their fair little city.	10:37:35
15	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: I second that.	10:37:39
16	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: So your motion is to	10:37:40
17	approve their request to be a police department,	10:37:41
18	correct?	10:37:45
19	VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: Yes, sir.	10:37:46
20	COMMISSIONER BIRCHFIELD: I second it.	10:37:47
21	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: And we have a second	10:37:47
22	by Commissioner Birchfield.	10:37:48
23	Any further discussion?	10:37:53
24	All in favor, say aye.	10:37:56
25	Opposed?	10:37:56

1	The ayes have it.	10:37:57
2	Congratulations.	10:37:59
3	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Is Oak Ridge here?	10:38:04
4	Did they come in?	10:38:07
5	2019 audit and inspection of Walters	10:38:17
6	State Community College Basic Police Academy was	10:38:20
7	conducted on October 29, 2019, and I see that the	10:38:22
8	director has stepped out. It says no findings, no	10:38:27
9	recommendations. When he comes back in, we'll just	10:38:32
10	see if he has anything to add to that.	10:38:36
11	Also a letter will be sent to Walters	10:38:38
12	State Basic Police Academy that they are in	10:38:45
13	compliance.	10:38:46
14	Also a 2019 audit and inspection of the	10:38:47
15	Knoxville Police Academy, Basic Police Academy, was	10:38:49
16	conducted on October 28, 2019, with no findings and	10:38:52
17	no recommendations. They will also have a letter	10:38:57
18	sent to them letting them know of that audit.	10:39:00
19	MS. COOPER: I conducted those, there was	10:39:07
20	no findings.	10:39:10
21	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: No findings, thank	10:39:10
22	you.	10:39:11
23	Applications for training officer,	10:39:12
24	P.O.S.T. investigators have reviewed six applications	10:39:14
25	for training officer, and they appear to meet	10:39:17

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1	criteria for approval. I'll entertain a motion to	10:39:20
2	approve.	10:39:24
3	VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: Motion to approve.	10:39:25
4	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: Second.	10:39:26
5	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Motion by	10:39:26
6	Commissioner Partin and seconded by Commissioner	10:39:29
7	Russell. Any further discussion?	10:39:31
8	All in favor, say aye.	10:39:33
9	Opposed?	10:39:35
10	The ayes have it.	10:39:35
11	Specialized training curriculum, P.O.S.T.	10:39:37
12	investigators have reviewed 188 in-service	10:39:39
13	specialized training classes this month, as they	10:39:43
14	appear to be in order and meet or exceed minimum	10:39:45
15	standards set forth by Police Officers Standards and	10:39:48
16	Training Requirements.	10:39:52
17	They have made note that these training	10:39:52
18	offerings meet the P.O.S.T. requirement for fire	10:39:54
19	alarms, EVOC, mental illness and CSA.	10:40:00
20	Entertain a motion.	10:40:05
21	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Motion to approve.	10:40:07
22	COMMISSIONER FARRIS: Second.	10:40:09
23	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Motion to approve by	10:40:09
24	Commissioner Wright, second by Commissioner Farris.	10:40:10
25	Any further discussion?	10:40:13

1	All in favor, say aye.	10:40:15
2	Opposed?	10:40:17
3	The ayes have it.	10:40:17
4	Application for certified instructor,	10:40:19
5	P.O.S.T. investigators have reviewed 21 applications	10:40:21
6	for certified instructor, and they appear to be in	10:40:24
7	order and meet minimum standards, and they have	10:40:27
8	completed the minimum hours and attendance of	10:40:30
9	required courses. And you have a list of those.	10:40:33
10	I'll entertain a motion to approve.	10:40:37
11	VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: Motion to approve.	10:40:39
12	COMMISSIONER DUNBAR: Second.	10:40:40
13	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have got a motion	10:40:40
14	to approve by Commissioner Partin, a second by	10:40:41
15	Commissioner Dunbar. Any further discussion?	10:40:45
16	All in favor, say aye.	10:40:48
17	Opposed?	10:40:50
18	The ayes have it.	10:40:51
19	And we have no waivers for the month of	10:40:52
20	November on the 8th-month rule. No waivers for	10:40:54
21	November for waiver of medical rule. And no waivers	10:41:00
22	for military leave rule for November.	10:41:03
23	And, Director, we went ahead and approved	10:41:10
24	the audit inspection for Walters State. I didn't	10:41:12
25	know if you had anything you wanted to add.	10:41:15

1	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: I did not, it was	10:41:17
2	straight form.	10:41:21
3	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: We didn't actually	10:41:22
4	make a motion to approve on those, did we? I think	10:41:23
5	we just	10:41:25
6	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: On the Walters State.	10:41:26
7	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: On the Walters	10:41:28
8	State and Knoxville Police, I think we just read and	10:41:29
9	were going to wait for him to come back.	10:41:33
10	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: We didn't. I'll	10:41:35
11	make a motion to approve both of them.	10:41:36
12	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Second.	10:41:38
13	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have got a motion	10:41:39
14	for Commissioner Russell, and second by Commissioner	10:41:40
15	Wright.	10:41:40
16	All in favor, say aye.	10:41:43
17	Opposed?	10:41:44
18	The ayes have it. Thank you.	10:41:46
19	VICE CHAIRMAN PARTIN: Mr. Chair, if we	10:41:46
20	go back on this Oak Ridge, if the investigators or	10:41:52
21	directors can give us I think it's just late	10:41:53
22	submission paperwork for preemployment.	10:41:55
23	If any of them can get it, we might be	10:42:06
24	able to do something without them being here, unless	10:42:10
25	you see fit that they need to be here.	10:42:12

1	MR. UNDERWOOD: Usually, they are just	10:42:17
2	called to task for failing to abide and file the	10:42:18
3	paperwork, and that's usually why they'd be placed on	10:42:21
4	this.	10:42:23
5	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: They submitted a	10:42:24
6	letter with their explanation, which they are not	10:42:25
7	sure why this paperwork wasn't submitted, but they	10:42:27
8	reorganized their process.	10:42:30
9	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: Did they ever get	10:42:36
10	it submitted?	10:42:37
11	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Yes, it is submitted.	10:42:40
12	COMMISSIONER JACKSON: I'll make a motion	10:42:44
13	to approve it.	10:42:45
14	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: I second.	10:42:45
15	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: We have a motion to	10:42:45
16	approve by Commissioner Wright, and seconded by	10:42:46
17	Commissioner Russell.	10:42:49
18	All in favor, say aye.	10:42:50
19	Opposed?	10:42:51
20	The ayes have it.	10:42:51
21	Any old business?	10:42:55
22	MR. UNDERWOOD: This is an update from	10:42:57
23	legal. We have filed the rulemaking hearing rules	10:42:58
24	with the notice of rulemaking hearing with the	10:43:01
25	Secretary of State's office, it will be on Thursday	10:43:03

1 at 1:00, January 16. 10:43:07 2 So instead of an informal hearing, we 10:43:09 3 have a full commission meeting, similar to what we 10:43:12 4 did yesterday after rule making the day before for 10:43:16 the joint hearing. The next day will be Friday 5 10:43:19 morning we'll have this. 10:43:21 6 7 CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Mr. Director, are 10:43:23 10:43:24 8 there any new rules? Are there any new rules that we need to --9 10:43:27 10 MR. UNDERWOOD: I will provide you the 10:43:31 documents in December so I'll have the time to review 11 10:43:33 12 I mean, we are reviewing significantly all 10 10:43:35 them. 13 chapters of the P.O.S.T. rules. So I'll give you the 10:43:37 14 redlines, which will show -- a strike through will be 10:43:40 15 the things we are removing, underlined will be the 10:43:42 16 things which we are adding, and so you will be able 10:43:45 17 to see the difference with what the new language will 10:43:46 10:43:51 18 be, if that's acceptable to you-all. 19 And we can email it to you as well, but I 10:43:52 2.0 want to make sure you have copies of it going through 10:43:54 21 it. It's easier to see on paper than it is on the 10:43:56 22 computer screen. 10:43:59 23 COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I understand the 10:44:02 2.4 new rules, I guess, from the GDI school that there's 10:44:03 25 10:44:05 going to be some mandatory requirements now for

1	P.O.S.T. commissioners on meetings. Can you	10:44:07
2	enlighten us on that?	10:44:10
3	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: That's by statute.	10:44:10
4	MR. UNDERWOOD: That's by statute. That	10:44:13
5	was set a couple years ago that you had to make, what	10:44:13
6	is it, two nonexcused absences in a row or something,	10:44:15
7	is the issue.	10:44:18
8	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I just want to make	10:44:21
9	sure we stayed in compliance.	10:44:22
10	MR. UNDERWOOD: Just let us know if you	10:44:24
11	have got an excuse. We had some commissioners just	10:44:25
12	disappear once or twice, so we thought it should	10:44:30
13	change.	10:44:34
14	MS. COOPER: Did Sharon Roberts talk to	10:44:37
15	you about the eight-month rule?	10:44:42
16	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: This will be new	10:44:43
17	business, but we have come into an anomaly with the	10:44:44
18	way the rules are written.	10:44:50
19	Eight-month break in service, one of the	10:44:51
20	exceptions to that, if you get your in-service, an	10:44:58
21	exception to the eight-month rule would be that you	10:45:02
22	were under a medical disability. And our rule the	10:45:07
23	way it's stated says that	10:45:12
24	MR. UNDERWOOD: It's based on the	10:45:15
25	statute, correct?	10:45:16

1	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Is it?	10:45:17
2	MR. UNDERWOOD: I think, yes, part of	10:45:18
3	it it's under 38-8-111(a)(2), it requires eight	10:45:19
4	months.	10:45:31
5	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: But the training	10:45:31
6	requirement in there, does it say training received	10:45:33
7	before the eight months? I believe that's in our	10:45:37
8	rule.	10:45:40
9	MR. UNDERWOOD: Must complete eight	10:45:44
10	months of full-time service.	10:45:46
11	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: Okay. Well, our rule	10:45:48
12	says if they have completed their training, and they	10:45:49
13	are medically disabled, they could be eligible.	10:45:57
14	With the modern changes in training	10:46:01
15	technology, these individuals who are otherwise out	10:46:04
16	on workers' comp or whatever their status is, light	10:46:08
17	duty, they are completing their in-service on V	10:46:12
18	academy; not before, but sometime within that year	10:46:15
19	period they are completing their in-service.	10:46:18
20	Now, of course, if they don't get their	10:46:20
21	mandated practical training done, like firearms, they	10:46:22
22	wouldn't be eligible for the pay supplement.	10:46:27
23	But I think the intent is there that if	10:46:30
24	they complete their in-service in some way and they	10:46:33
25	have valid medical disability that's keeping them	10:46:37

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1	MR. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir. Yes, we did.	10:47:43
2	DIRECTOR GRISHAM: All of the forms were	10:47:46
3	pulled and sent through the publication process	10:47:47
4	again.	10:47:49
5	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Commissioner Wright,	10:47:52
6	you have that look like what?	10:47:56
7	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I'm ready to make a	10:47:59
8	motion here.	10:48:00
9	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Before we adjourn,	10:48:02
10	thank you everyone for your attention, again.	10:48:04
11	And before we get out of here, I want to	10:48:07
12	make sure that I wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving	10:48:10
13	and your families, and best wishes and we'll see you	10:48:13
14	next month.	10:48:16
15	So with that, I'll entertain a motion.	10:48:17
16	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Motion to adjourn.	10:48:20
17	COMMISSIONER RUSSELL: Second.	10:48:21
18	CHAIRMAN SPANGLER: Motion and a second	10:48:22
19	to adjourn.	10:48:23
20	All in favor, say aye.	10:48:24
21	Opposed?	10:48:25
22	We are adjourned.	10:48:26
23	(WHEREUPON, the foregoing proceedings	
24	were adjourned at 10:48 a.m.)	

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4	COUNTY OF FENTRESS
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