

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
& POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE BELVIDERE CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hunter called this Special Meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to Order at 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Hunter and Rathburn were personally and physically present in the meeting room. Also present was Police Chief Woody, Deputy Chief Bird and SGT Ball

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment presented.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Secretary Rathburn distributed the proposed Minutes of the Board's Special Meetings as held on February 5th of 2025.

- A. Commissioner Hunter made a verbal Motion to Approve as Presented the proposed Minutes of the Board's February 5, 2025 Special Meeting. Commissioner Rathburn verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. *Bills Payable.*

1. Trotsky Investigative Polygraph, Invoice Belvidere 25-01, for \$210.00 for Polygraph Testing ICO Austin Smaha. Commissioner Hunter made a verbal Motion to Approve as Presented this invoice. Commissioner Rathburn verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the invoice was approved for payment.

2. PEI, Invoice 53786 for \$50.00, of 31 October 2024, for PEP Billing ICO Austin Smaha and Sergio Ramirez. Commissioner Rathburn made a verbal Motion to Approve as Presented this invoice. Commissioner Hunter verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the invoice was approved for payment.

B. *Police Chief's Report.*

1. Chief Woody gave a report on the FTL status of recruits currently in the program.
 - a. Officer Jesus LaraPara will be presented his permanent badge on the 24th of February at City Hall.
 - b. On March 17th the Police Department will be presenting multiple awards to multiple officers for lifesaving, meritorious service and other awards.
 - c. On March 24th the Police Department will be presenting awards for three officers for 2023.

C. *Fire Chief's Report.* No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Police:

1. Approve Entry Level Polygraph ICO Austin Smaha. After reviewing the polygraph report, Commissioner Hunter made a verbal Motion that the polygraph be accepted as Passed for Austin Smaha. Commissioner Rathburn verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed the Polygraph for Austin Smaha was accepted as Passed.

2. Approve Entry Level Interview ICO Austin Smaha. After conducting a thorough interview, Commissioner Rathburn made a verbal Motion that Austin Smaha Passed the Entry Level Interview. Commissioner Hunter verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Interview for Austin Smaha was accepted as Passed.

B. Police —A Conditional Offer of Employment is to be made to Austin Smaha.

C. Police—Authorize Entry Level Psychological and medical examinations ICO Austin Smaha. Commissioner Rathburn made a verbal Motion to authorize entry level psychological and medical examinations for Austin Smaha. Commissioner Hunter verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

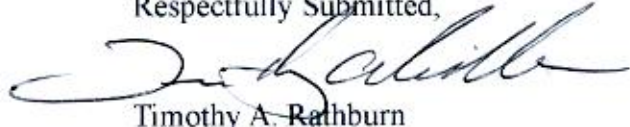
Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the examinations were authorized.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hunter made a verbal Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Rathburn verbally seconded this motion. A voice vote was held and Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Meeting as adjourned. The Meeting adjourned at about 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy A. Rathburn

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Approved by Vote of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners on