

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF SARPY,
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF**

AND

**THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, SARPY LODGE NO. 3
Law Enforcement Sworn Employees**

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement, by and between the Sarpy County Sheriff, hereinafter referred to as the Sheriff, County of Sarpy, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as County, and the Fraternal Order of Police Sarpy Lodge No.3 Sworn, hereinafter referred to as F.O.P., is designed to promote and strive to maintain a working agreement between the Sheriff, County and F.O.P.

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following words, terms and phrases shall be construed in accordance with the definitions assigned to them unless the context in which the same shall be used would otherwise necessarily require a different definition:

- SECTION 1. OFFICE shall mean the Sheriff's Office and all its Divisions of the County of Sarpy, Nebraska.
- SECTION 2. EMPLOYEE shall mean any sworn employee of the Sheriff's Office of the County of Sarpy, Nebraska.
- SECTION 3. EMPLOYER shall mean either, the County of Sarpy, Nebraska or the Sarpy County Sheriff or both, as may be appropriate in the context in which the word is used.
- SECTION 4. SHERIFF shall mean the duly elected/appointed Sheriff of the County of Sarpy, Nebraska.
- SECTION 5. COUNTY shall mean the County of Sarpy, Nebraska.
- SECTION 6. FOP shall mean the Fraternal Order of Police, Sarpy Lodge #3 Sworn.
- SECTION 7. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE shall mean an employee who is accountable for eighty (80) hours of time per pay period. The eighty (80) hours of time will consist of hours worked, which may include accumulated sick, compensatory, vacation or any other approved leave
- SECTION 8. RETIRE OR RETIREMENT shall mean for purposes of this contract, an employee who has a minimum of ten (10) years of continuous service with Sarpy County and voluntarily leaves employment of Sarpy County in good standing on or after their 55th birthday, and is eligible for Sarpy County retirement benefits. For retiree healthcare eligibility, the minimum years of service requirement found in Article 23, Section 7 (fifteen (15) continuous years) shall apply, in addition to the other criteria included in this definition.
- SECTION 9. RESIGNATION shall mean a decision by an employee to voluntarily leave their position.

- SECTION 10. SUSPENSION shall mean a forced leave of absence, without pay, for disciplinary purposes.
- SECTION 11. ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE shall mean temporary leave from a job assignment, forced or unforced, with pay and benefits remaining intact.
- SECTION 12. FLEX-TIME shall mean an agreed upon arrangement whereby the employee may work alternate hours within the limits established by the Sheriff or his designee.
- SECTION 13. DISCIPLINARY ACTION LETTER shall mean a document from the Sheriff or Chief Deputy Sheriff addressed to a specific employee that notifies that employee of the imposition of required counseling, admonishment, reprimand, suspension, demotion or termination. This document shall specifically state that it is a "Disciplinary Action Letter."
- SECTION 14. PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE shall mean, per Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-1731, an employee in the classified service appointed for a probationary period. The probationary period shall last through the first twelve months of employment, beginning with the date of appointment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, a probationary employee may be disciplined or terminated for any lawful reason in accordance with the procedures of the Merit Commission.
- SECTION 15. TENURED EMPLOYEE shall mean a non-probationary employee.

ARTICLE 2

F.O.P. RECOGNITION

- SECTION 1. The County recognizes the F.O.P. as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative of the sworn employees of the Sheriff's Office, excluding the Chief Deputy and Sheriff.

ARTICLE 3

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- SECTION 1. The Sheriff and the County (hereinafter "Employer") shall retain any and all authority and powers as employers as granted to them by Nebraska law except as provided in this Agreement. These powers of the Employer shall include but not be limited to the following:

The right to plan, direct, control, reduce and terminate operations; to determine shift schedules as provided in this Agreement; to determine the nature of services to be supplied and to determine the extent to which such services will be provided; or the scheduling of service and the methods, processes and means of service; the right to hire, select, and promote in accordance with the

Merit Commission's employment process and to also assign, transfer, demote, suspend and discharge employees; the right to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and the consequences for violating those rules; the right to establish drug, alcohol and controlled substance testing; the right to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons; and the right to introduce any new or improved methods or facilities; the right to establish and implement a performance appraisal system and the right to select any and all equipment and materials to be utilized in the operation of the Sheriff's Office.

Except where expressly limited, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to restrict, limit, or impair the rights, powers, and the authority of the Employer.

The Sheriff also reserves the right to laterally transfer any employee, including those in specialty positions, to another assignment, unit or division, provided that the employee's hourly base wage doesn't change. The Sheriff also reserves the right to add or remove an employee, from a specialty unit, e.g., E.S.U., S.A.R.T., Drug Recognition Expert, Accident Reconstructionist, etc. (The Sheriff will continue to comply with Article 10, Non-Discrimination). All other additional pay or compensatory time received for specialty positions, holidays, court appearances, overtime, etc., shall not be considered a part of hourly base wages for the purposes of this Article.

In accordance with the standards established by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council, the Sheriff shall require job-related physical fitness tests and medical examinations, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The County and the Sheriff reserve the right to require examinations (fitness for duty exams) when there is a need to determine whether an employee is still able to perform the essential functions of the job or for concerns regarding the safety and protection of the employee or others.

ARTICLE 4

BULLETIN BOARDS AND BALLOT BOXES

- SECTION 1. The County shall permit the F.O.P. to use bulletin boards designated by the Sheriff, in the assembly rooms and off-site facilities for posting of F.O.P. meetings and elections, reports of F.O.P. committees, and other notices or announcements that would be of benefit or interest to the employees.
- SECTION 2. Posted notices shall not contain anything political or anything reflecting adversely upon the County or any of its employees.
- SECTION 3. The bulletin board provided shall be for the exclusive use of the F.O.P.
- SECTION 4. The County will permit the F.O.P. use of one ballot box, designated by the Sheriff, in the designated assembly rooms, for use in F.O.P. elections. No employee shall participate in any F.O.P. election, in any manner, during his/her

tour of duty. Any F.O.P. authorized violation of this section shall entitle the County to cancel immediately the provisions of this section and prohibit further use of the ballot boxes.

ARTICLE 5

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- SECTION 1. A grievance is a written claim of an employee alleging a violation of any provisions as set forth in this Agreement, the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) or the Sarpy County Merit Commission Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual, as applicable.
- SECTION 2. In reducing a grievance to writing, the following information must be stated with reasonable clearness: The exact nature of the grievance; the act or acts of commission or omission; the exact date of act or acts of commission or omission; the identity of the party or parties who claim to be aggrieved; the provisions of this Agreement, the SOP's or the Merit Commission Bylaws that are alleged to have been violated; and, the remedy which is sought.
- SECTION 3. Acceptance of Grievance:
- A. The Chief Deputy or his/her designee will accept any grievance contesting a Reprimand, Suspension, Demotion or Termination, and any grievance involving a non-disciplinary matter.
 - B. The Sarpy County Merit Commission will accept the following:
 - 1. A grievance contesting a Suspension, Demotion or Termination from a ~~tenured non-probationary~~ employee.
 - 2. A grievance from any employee that involves a non-disciplinary matter.
 - C. Per this Agreement, the Sarpy County Merit Commission will NOT accept the following:
 - 1. A grievance contesting any type of disciplinary action from a probationary employee.
 - 2. A grievance contesting a Reprimand or any lesser disciplinary action.
- SECTION 4. Submission of Grievance:
- A. An aggrieved employee shall have the right to process his/her grievance individually or with the assistance of the FOP. The FOP Board of Directors may also assign a case representative.

- B. Within ninety-six (96) hours of the date and time the employee first becomes aware of a grievable event or, if applicable, the date and time the employee received a Disciplinary Action Letter, the employee or his/her representative must take the following action(s):
1. Hand-deliver the written grievance to the Chief Deputy or his/her designee.
 2. Place the written grievance in the ~~office~~department mail slot for the Chief Deputy or his/her designee if the grievance cannot be hand-delivered. If the grievance is not hand-delivered, the employee or his/her representative must verbally notify the Chief Deputy that a written grievance has been filed.
- C. From the time the Chief Deputy or his/her designee first becomes aware that a grievance has been filed, he/she shall have ninety-six (96) hours to respond to the grievance, in writing, excluding weekends and holidays recognized by this agreement. The grievance shall be considered denied if the Chief Deputy or his/her designee fails to respond within this period.
- D. If the Chief Deputy or his/her designee denies the grievance, the employee may continue in the grievance process except for the disqualifications listed in Article 5, Section 3:
1. Disciplinary Grievance
 - a. The employee may file the disciplinary grievance with the Merit Commission. This action must occur within ten (10) calendar days after the employee is presented with an Order of Suspension, Demotion or Termination (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-1734).
 - b. The Merit Commission shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days from the filing of such appeal, hold a hearing thereon, and thereupon fully hear and determine the matter, and either affirm, modify or revoke such Order. The findings and decision of the Merit Commission shall be certified to the Sheriff, and shall forthwith be enforced by him/her (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-1734).
 - c. The Merit Commission shall base its findings and decision on the bylaws and statutes in effect at the time of the hearing.
 2. Non-Disciplinary Grievance
 - a. The employee may file the non-disciplinary grievance with the Merit Commission. This action must occur within ten (10) calendar days after the employee first becomes aware of the grievable event.

- b. The Merit Commission shall hear the grievance at its next regularly scheduled meeting, or the Merit Commission may, at its discretion, set a special meeting to hear the grievance (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-1734).
 - c. After hearing or reviewing the grievance, the Merit Commission shall issue a written order either affirming or denying the grievance. Such order shall be delivered to the parties to the grievance or their counsel within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the hearing or the submission of the written grievance (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-1734).
 - d. The Merit Commission shall base its findings and decision on the bylaws in effect at the time of the hearing.
- E. Grievance Filing Deadline - The starting date and time for the ninety-six (96) hour period and the ten (10) day period listed in this Section shall be considered to occur at the same time.

SECTION 5. After the Merit Commission issues a written decision, either the employee or employer shall have the right to seek such other remedies as may be allowed by law.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit both parties from reaching an agreement or settlement in a manner not outlined in this Agreement. However, all time limits and pertinent Sections of this Agreement and State Statutes shall be strictly adhered to when processing a grievance in accordance with this Agreement.

SECTION 7. At any step in the grievance procedure, the FOP Board of Directors shall have the final authority in respect to any aggrieved employee covered by this Agreement and to decline to further process a grievance, complaint, difficulty, or dispute, if in the judgment of the FOP Board of Directors, such grievance or dispute lacks merit, or lacks justification under the terms of this Agreement, or has been adjusted or justified under the terms of this Agreement to the satisfaction of the FOP Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

SECTION 1. No employee shall be disciplined without the element of just cause.

SECTION 2. The Sheriff reserves the right to conduct internal affairs and line investigations to uncover the facts in each case, but expressly agrees to carefully guard and protect the rights, privacy and dignity of the accused employees. Employees shall fully cooperate with an investigation and shall not withhold any information that may be relevant to the investigation.

SECTION 3. In conducting internal affairs and line investigations, the Sheriff will not knowingly commit any act that deprives the employee of any statutory or constitutional rights or privileges.

SECTION 4. Internal Affairs/Line Investigations:

- A. Before an employee is questioned or interviewed concerning an Internal Affairs/Line investigation, he/she will be informed about the nature of the investigation in writing and whether he/she is the subject of the investigation or a witness.
- B. Interviews and questioning of employees will be conducted in a professional manner. Statements from employees will not be taken in a coercive manner. Departure from the truth during an investigation shall be considered just cause for discharge.
- C. When an employee is being questioned about possible criminal matters and it has been determined that any self-incriminating statements that the employee makes will not be used against him/her in a criminal prosecution, "Garrity" warnings will be given to the employee. "*Garrity v. New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967)."
- D. ~~Tenured e~~ Employees who are the subject of a disciplinary investigation shall, upon request, (i) have the right to union representation, or if the employee so chooses, legal counsel; and (ii) receive a copy of their written or recorded statement at no cost to the employee no less than 24 hours prior to their "Loudermill" hearing. "*Loudermill v. Cleveland Board of Education*, 470 U.S. 532 (1985)."
- E. Upon the conclusion of an investigation against him/her, the accused employee who had prior notification of an investigation shall be notified in writing about the case's classification.
- F. The County, the F.O.P. or the Sheriff shall not make any press releases regarding on-going internal investigations or those of a non-criminal nature.

SECTION 5. Employees shall comply with all existing work rules, provided that the rules the employees believe are in conflict with the terms of this Agreement or situations in which the rules are not being uniformly applied may be grieved by the employee; however, the employee will comply with such rules until they are found, through the grievance procedure, to be conflicting or inappropriately applied, except in those situations in which the employee reasonably believes there to be an immediate and substantial safety hazard.

SECTION 6. Performance Evaluations:

- A. If the Sheriff decides to conduct performance evaluations of employees, such evaluations shall be conducted on a regular basis, and fairly and

adequately cover the duties and responsibilities of each employee. In that event, the employee will be provided with a copy of the evaluation used, and the Sheriff agrees to discuss with the employee all terms contained in such evaluation. The employee shall have the right to add pertinent information or brief comments to any evaluation and to have such comments or information attached to such evaluation.

- B. Any internal affairs or line investigation that is classified as Unfounded or Exonerated shall not be referred to in a performance evaluation.
- C. Performance evaluations will be maintained on a confidential basis with access available only to the Merit Commission, the employee, the employee's supervisors, and authorized members of the Sheriff's Office Command staff.

SECTION 7.

Personnel Files:

- A. Only one personnel file shall be maintained at the Sheriff's Office for each employee (hereinafter "personnel file"). The Human Resources Department also maintains a file on each employee that contains payroll and benefit information. Every employee may, during his/her non-duty hours and during regular office hours of the Sheriff's Office, inspect his/her file at such office and shall be allowed to make copies of anything contained therein.
- B. The Merit Commission, when conducting business relating to its official duties, shall have the right to inspect the personnel file of any employee who has filed a grievance. The inspection of the records shall take place at the Office of the Sheriff during normal office hours (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-1728).
- C. Any employee shall have the right to respond in writing to any adverse comment or incorrect information contained in his or her personnel file. Such comments shall be kept in the employee's personnel file as long as the challenged comment or information remains in the file.
- D. Documentation reflecting disciplinary action or performance assessments shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file without the signature of the employee verifying knowledge of the existence of such information. However, when asked to do so, employees have no right to refuse to verify their knowledge with their signature when asked to do so.
- E. The County agrees that pre-employment background investigations, psychological evaluations, and polygraphs will be kept confidential and will not be deemed part of the employee's personnel file.
- F. If an employee receives a Disciplinary Action Letter, the letter must be inserted into the employee's personnel file.

- G. Any documentation representing disciplinary action shall remain active for progressive discipline and promotion evaluation purposes for the time periods listed below.

Counseling	90 Days
Admonishment	180 Days
Reprimand	18 Months
Suspension	4 Years
Demotion	Permanent
Termination	Permanent

It shall be the employee's responsibility, after the appropriate time, to request the removal of any inactive documentation. Any documentation representing disciplinary action that becomes inactive shall be removed from the employee's personnel file after the time period listed above and shall be maintained in a file known as "Inactive Disciplinary Action." In the event of a recommended demotion or termination, all previous disciplinary action even if removed as outlined above may be taken into consideration.

- SECTION 8. Official Distribution Lists. The F.O.P. President shall be included on the Distribution List for all present Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) or revisions thereof.

ARTICLE 7

DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

- SECTION 1. Discipline. Disciplinary action by the Sheriff shall be imposed for just cause only. Disciplinary action may include any of the following:

- A. Counseling
- B. Admonishment
- C. Reprimand
- D. Suspension
- E. Demotion
- F. Termination

- SECTION 2. If an tenured employee is facing a suspension, demotion or termination, he/she is entitled to a pre-disciplinary "Loudermill" meeting. "*Loudermill v. Cleveland Board of Education*, 470 U.S. 532 (1985)." The employee must be personally notified about the meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours beforehand. Even if the notification is given verbally, a written notice shall be immediately available at the Sheriff's Office for the employee. If the employee chooses not to pick up the written notice before the pre-disciplinary meeting, it shall be given to him/her at the commencement of the meeting.

The following information shall be given to the employee during the notification:

- A. Charges brought against the employee.

- B. Description of the act, omission or performance that may result in disciplinary action (A copy of the materials which the recommended disciplinary action is based upon may be attached to the notice).
- C. Type of disciplinary action recommended.

During the pre-disciplinary meeting, which the employee may waive in writing, he/she shall be given the opportunity to be heard and to respond to the charges.

An **tenured** employee has the right to be represented by a person of his/her choice or a F.O.P. representative during a pre-disciplinary meeting.

SECTION 3. An employee shall not have a disciplinary action imposed more than once for a single incident; however, discipline for each additional act of the same or similar nature may be imposed.

SECTION 4. Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, both parties shall follow the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office in effect at the time of the signing of this Agreement with regard to any disciplinary action taken against an employee.

SECTION 5. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office will impose disciplinary action in accordance with this Agreement.

SECTION 6. Employees will be notified in writing of a disciplinary action through a Disciplinary Action Letter. They will be given the opportunity to read, sign, and be given a copy of the Disciplinary Action Letter before it is placed in their personnel file.

ARTICLE 8

SENIORITY

SECTION 1. Continuous length of service shall mean service with the Sheriff's Office without a break or interruption. The following shall constitute a break or interruption and seniority will be frozen for the entire duration of the break or interruption, which will also affect any other provision of seniority:

- A. Suspension for disciplinary purposes for more than thirty (30) calendar days but less than one year.
- B. Authorized leave of absence for more than thirty (30) calendar days (with or without pay) but less than one year, except absences while complying with FMLA, as described in Article 12, Section 8, or USERRA, as described in Article 12, Section 3, shall not constitute a break or interruption in service.
- C. Layoff for more than thirty (30) calendar days but less than one year.

D. Resignation or separation other than layoff. Upon approval of the Sheriff, a former employee may be rehired. An employee rehired after resignation or separation other than layoff shall be treated as a new employee as of the date of rehire for the purposes of all employee rights and benefits, including but not limited to: rank, seniority, pay rate, vacation, and sick leave. No rights or benefits earned before resignation or separation other than layoff shall be carried forward upon re-employment. Employees who ceased employment and then were rehired within less than one hundred and twenty (120) days. Employees that have separated from service for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days will be treated as a new employee if rehired.

SECTION 2. Seniority, relative to granting employees preference for holiday and vacation leave shall be based on continuous length of service with the Sheriff's Office to include non-sworn employment with the Sheriff's Office.

SECTION 3. Seniority, relative to bidding for duty shifts, shall be based on continuous length of service within a specific classification. However, employees will be considered to have continuous length of service in all classifications below his or her present level.

SECTION 4. A list of employees arranged in order of seniority shall be maintained and made available for examination by employees. The seniority list will be revised and updated at the end of each fiscal year by the Sheriff's Administration Division.

SECTION 5. Where two (2) or more employees in the same classification are appointed or promoted on the same date, seniority shall be determined by the order of ranking on the Sheriff's Office Merit Commission certified list from which their appointments or promotions were made. If two (2) or more employees appointed on the same date were tied on the eligibility list, seniority shall be awarded to the employee who would have been hired by the Sheriff if only one position were available. If two (2) or more employees promoted on the same date were tied on the promotional eligibility list, seniority shall be awarded to the employee with the earliest starting date as a sworn employee.

ARTICLE 9

LAYOFFS

SECTION 1. Whenever a reduction in work force becomes necessary, layoffs shall be made on the basis of seniority with the Sheriff's Office. The employee lowest on the seniority list shall be the first laid off and the last to be recalled. The F.O.P. shall be notified in advance of any anticipated lay-off to allow the F.O.P. to work closely with the County and/or Sheriff's Office to correctly align the determining conditions of the lay-off.

SECTION 2. If employees are to be laid off, a fourteen (14) day written notice shall be given prior to the date when their services shall no longer be required.

- SECTION 3. No full-time employee shall be laid off from any classification while there are probationary, part-time or temporary employees working in the same classification.
- SECTION 4. In the event that an employee becomes subject to lay-off in his/her particular classification, and is qualified to perform duties in a lower classification, he/she shall be permitted to take a position in the next lower classification at the lower classification's rate of pay and any employees in the lower classification subject to lay-off by virtue of the provisions of this Section, shall be laid off in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 hereof.
- SECTION 5. In the event that an employee becomes subject to lay-off in his/her particular classification and a vacancy exists in a position of lower classification for which he/she is qualified, he/she may, with the approval of the Sheriff, or his/her designated representative, be appointed to such position in a lower classification on the basis of his/her seniority.
- SECTION 6. The names of regular employees who have been laid off shall be placed on a lay-off list maintained by the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall rehire in the reverse order of the lay-off, provided such employees are otherwise qualified to perform the duties of the position. No new employees will be hired by the Sheriff as long as there are employees laid off who have seniority who are immediately capable of performing all of the essential functions of the position.
- SECTION 7. Where an employee has accepted a position in a lower classification by virtue of Sections 4 or 5 hereof, he/she shall be recalled to his/her former position when the same becomes available in the reverse order of reduction.

ARTICLE 10

NON-DISCRIMINATION

- SECTION 1. The parties hereby agree not to discriminate on the basis of any protected class under federal, state, or local law.
- SECTION 2. The parties hereby agree that no officers, agents, representatives, members or anyone connected with either party shall in any manner intimidate, coerce, restrain, or interfere with the rights of employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from any of these activities, including the right of employees to withdraw, revoke, or cancel F.O.P. membership.

ARTICLE 11

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYEE DUTIES

- SECTION 1. **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT UNIFORM:** Employees shall be entitled to engage in outside employment which does not require the use of the official uniform as defined in the Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedures if the

outside employment meets all of the following criteria:

- a. It is neither prohibited by the provisions of this Agreement nor the Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedures
- b. The duties of the outside employment do not constitute a conflict of interest nor conflict with an employee's performance of his/her duties with the County
- c. Prior approval is obtained by the employee from the Sheriff using the "Off-Duty Employment Request Form."

SECTION 2.

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT WITH A UNIFORM: Employees may be allowed to engage in outside employment which does require the use of the official uniform as defined in the Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedures if the outside employment meets all of the following criteria:

- a. It is neither prohibited by the provisions of this Agreement nor the Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedures
- b. The duties of the outside employment do not constitute a conflict of interest nor conflict with an employee's performance of his/her duties with the County
- c. The employee must seek approval by the Sheriff if the off-duty employment is not F.O.P. assigned and such request shall be made on the "Off-Duty Employment Request Form."
- d. In the event the employment opportunity arises at such a time that it is impossible to obtain prior approval as noted above and an employee desires to substitute for another employee engaged in approved outside employment or to engage in outside employment approved for other employees with such other employees, the employee will follow the proper chain of command.

ARTICLE 12

LEAVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. All employees shall be granted annual vacation leave with pay in the following amounts based on continuous years of service as defined in Article 8:

- A. No vacation shall be taken until the employee has completed one (1) year of service. Upon completing one (1) year of service, the employee shall be granted 88 working hours.
- B. Upon completing two (2) through five (5) continuous years, 100 working hours.
- C. Upon completing six (6) through nine (9) continuous years, 124 working hours.
- D. Upon completing ten (10) through fourteen (14) continuous years, 148 working hours.
- E. Upon completing fifteen (15) through nineteen (19) continuous years, 174 working hours.

- F. Upon completing twenty (20) through twenty-four (24)-continuous years, 182 working hours.
- G. Upon completing twenty-five (25) continuous years, 192 working hours.
- H. Upon completing thirty (30) continuous years, 210 working hours.

Any employee who retires, resigns, dies or is dismissed from the Sheriff's Office shall receive all accrued vacation leave at the rate of payment based upon his/her regular pay at the time employment ceases.

Upon approval of the Sheriff, a retiree may choose to use up to 8 weeks of accumulated vacation or compensatory time prior to the retiree's date of retirement. During such period, the retiree will be considered a full time employee exercising the appropriate paid-time off. Upon retiree's date of retirement all unused vacation leave, compensatory time and other pay will be paid out in a lump sum payment.

Regularly scheduled days off and holidays occurring during vacation leave shall not be charged against vacation leave.

An employee, with the consent of the Sheriff, may elect to carry over a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) vacation hours into his/her next year of service. Employees should use their vacation leave during the course of the year so that the need for the Sheriff to allow employees to carry over vacation hours is limited.

Subject to manpower staffing requirements, as may be determined by the Sheriff, no limitations shall be placed on the number of vacation hours which may be taken by an employee. All vacation hours must be approved by the Sheriff or by his/her designee.

Seniority, as it applies to granting employees preference for vacation leave, shall be based on continuous length of service with the Sheriff's Office as defined in Article 8. Seniority will only apply to those requests made more than sixty (60) calendar days in advance of the requested leave date(s). An employee's leave request may be bumped if the requested leave is more than sixty (60) calendar days away. Once the employee's request has reached the sixtieth (60) calendar day prior to the leave date(s), his/her request may no longer be bumped by seniority. If employees leave requests are going to be bumped, then the Sheriff/or his/her designee shall notify the employees as soon as possible.

Should two or more employees request vacation leave for the same date(s) and the requests were made sixty (60) calendar days or less from the requested leave date(s), the first employee to request vacation leave will have preference. Full-time employees shall take precedence or have seniority over part-time employees regardless of length of service with the Sheriff's Office when it applies to vacation leave.

SECTION 2. Civil Leave. An employee shall be given time off without loss of any pay if he/she is called to serve on a jury or a County Election Board. The employee may retain fees paid him/her for serving.

SECTION 3. Military Leave. The Sheriff's Office will grant military leave to any employee who is a member of the National Guard or any organized military reserve of the United States who is ordered to attend military training or receives a notification for active duty call-up. Military leave with pay will not exceed one hundred twenty (120) hours in one (1) calendar year. During this time, the employee shall receive his/her regular County pay and the compensation received for active duty training. If the amount of military leave requested exceeds one hundred twenty (120) hours in any one (1) calendar year, the employee may request to use vacation and/or compensatory time, or a leave of absence without pay.

If an employee chooses to use vacation and/or compensatory time during their military leave, they will be considered an active employee for the purposes of continuing health insurance benefits under the same terms and conditions of other eligible employees. If an employee is on military leave without compensation from the County for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, insurance benefits will be extended according to the provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act (COBRA) regulations.

If an employee is on a military leave of absence without pay for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, all accumulated sick, vacation and compensatory time, if any, will be frozen, and the employee will not continue to accrue these benefits. However, the employee will not lose any seniority benefits, regardless of the duration of the military leave.

The employee requesting military leave shall notify their supervisor immediately upon notification of orders to attend training or duty.

SECTION 4. _____ A. Sick Leave. Each employee shall be entitled to sick leave with full pay computed on the basis of ten (10) hours for each completed month of service. Employees may use sick leave for a bona fide illness or injury; to supplement Workers Compensation payments; absence related to pregnancy and childbirth; absence due to exposure to a contagious disease under circumstances in which the health of other employees or the public would be endangered by attendance on duty; absence for the treatment of drug or alcohol addiction if medically diagnosed by a licensed physician; and absence for medical or dental appointments. Sick leave may also be granted for illness of the employee's immediate family (spouse, dependent child, parent, and parent-in-law) when the employee's attendance is required.

B. Sick leave for employees hired on or before June 30, 2014 shall be accumulated to a maximum of two-thousand eighty (2,080) hours effective July 1, 2014, and the employee will cease earning sick leave until the employee's accumulation falls under their balance of two-

thousand eighty (2,080) hours. Any employee with a sick leave balance above two-thousand eight (2,080) hours will have their accumulation frozen as of July 1, 2014 at their current amount, and the employee will cease earning sick leave until the employee's accumulation falls under their frozen balance.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2014 shall be allowed to accumulate sick leave to a maximum of one-thousand four-hundred and forty (1,440) hours. Once an employee reaches one-thousand four-hundred and forty (1,440) hours of sick leave accumulation, they will cease earning sick leave until the employee's accumulation falls under one-thousand four-hundred and forty (1,440) hours.

- C. Effective July 1, 2014, an employee who has accumulated at least one-thousand two-hundred (1,200) hours of sick leave shall be entitled to annually convert a portion of sick leave to no more than forty (40) hours of pay depending upon when the sick leave hours were earned. In other words, an employee may convert up to eighty (80) hours of sick leave hours earned before July 1, 1999 at a 2 to 1 ratio to a maximum of forty (40) hours of pay or an employee may convert up to one-hundred sixty (160) hours of sick leave hours earned after July 1, 1999 at a 4 to 1 ratio to a maximum of forty (40) hours of pay. Such conversion may occur only once per calendar year.
- D. Employees hired on or before June 30, 2014 who have accumulated at least eight-hundred (800) hours of sick leave shall be entitled to a credit to vacation leave of one-half (1/2) of his/her accumulated sick leave in excess of eight-hundred (800) working hours. Effective July 1, 1999, an employee who has accumulated eight-hundred (800) hours of sick leave may be entitled to a credit to vacation leave of one-quarter (1/4) of his/her accumulated sick leave in excess of eight-hundred (800) working hours. Hours accrued prior to July 1, 1999 shall remain at one-half (1/2) conversion. Such adjustment for those persons having over eight-hundred (800) hours accumulation of sick leave shall be made on an annual basis. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2014 shall not be allowed to convert sick leave to vacation leave.
- E. When an employee retires or ~~is placed on disability by the County~~ is approved and placed on disability by the County's carrier, he/she shall be paid one-half (1/2) of his/her accumulated sick leave, with a maximum of four hundred (400) hours pay, with the rate of payment based upon his/her regular pay at the time he/she retires. Upon the death of an employee, his/her beneficiary shall be paid one-half (1/2) of his/her accumulated unused sick leave with a maximum of four hundred (400) hours pay, with the rate of payment based upon his/her regular pay at the time he/she dies.
- F. ~~When an employee finds it necessary to utilize sick leave, his or her supervisor must be notified immediately~~ Employees shall advise their supervisors immediately when it is necessary to be absent from work on

~~account of a non-FMLA illness,~~ and they shall keep their supervisors informed of their condition. An employee may be required to submit a medical certification for any such absence. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in denial of sick leave. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action. ~~Sick leave may also be granted for illness of the employee's immediate family (spouse, dependent child, parent, and parent-in-law) when the employee's attendance is required.~~

- G. At the end of each calendar year, an employee may elect to have ten (10) hours of sick leave deducted from the total sick leave accumulation for the employee and is credited to a Sheriff's Employee Sick Leave Bank. The Sick Leave Bank is administered by a committee composed of two (2) representatives appointed by the Sheriff and two (2) representatives appointed by the F.O.P. to permit extension of sick leave benefits for employees who exhaust their sick leave accumulation and compensatory time accumulation in the event of a serious health condition. The Committee so appointed will meet and promulgate policies and procedures for the administration of the fund. Employees are not eligible to participate in Sarpy County's "Illness Leave Donation Policy" outlined in the Sarpy County Policies and Procedures Manual and Personnel Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 5. _____ Job-Related Injuries. Employees are covered by Worker's Compensation as provided by the law of the State of Nebraska. ~~When employees under this agreement are entitled to Workers Compensation benefits, other than medical, surgical, and hospital services as defined by law, they shall be eligible for a supplemental payment by the County~~ Employees shall be eligible for a supplemental payment by the County for up to three hundred sixty-five (365) days if they are injured while at work. In certain exceptional circumstances, the Sheriff or his designee may permit an employee injured in a work-related incident to receive additional injury leave for more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days. –The supplemental payment shall be an amount equal to the difference between the average weekly wage, as calculated for Worker's Compensation purposes, and the amount of the weekly Worker's Compensation benefit the employee receives. After three hundred sixty-five days (365) has expired, or the Sheriff's extension time period has expired, vacation, sick, or compensatory leave may be used to supplement the employee's Worker's Compensation benefit. Injury leave shall be taken within two (2) years from the date of injury for which the leave was being paid and may be taken non-consecutively over the two-year period. ~~Such compensation shall continue for as long as said employee receives Worker's Compensation, or until a lump-sum payment is agreed upon and approved by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.~~

Upon the approval of a lump sum settlement by a court of competent jurisdiction, the County is not obligated to supplement such payment in any way.

The employee shall not be entitled to a supplemental payment, or to the supplemental use of vacation, sick or compensatory leave, under this section in an amount that, when added to any Worker's Compensation benefit and/or any

wage or salary compensation received from Employer, results in the employee receiving total compensation greater than the average weekly wage for the applicable period of time.

SECTION 6. Leave of Absence Without Pay (Non-FMLA). A non-FMLA leave of absence of up to one year, for good cause shown, may be granted at the discretion of the Sheriff. When a leave of absence is granted, all accumulated sick, vacation and compensatory time, if any, will be frozen, and the employee will not continue to accrue these benefits.

If the leave of absence is greater than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, the effective leave date will be retroactive to the first workday absent and all longevity, step increases and vacation accrual dates will be adjusted based on the hours the employee was absent without pay. If the leave of absence is thirty (30) consecutive calendar days or less, no adjustment will be made.

SECTION 7. Funeral Leave. Funeral leave of up to five (5) consecutive calendar days will be granted to employees for the attendance and bereavement at the funeral of the following current family member group: spouse; child related by blood, marriage or adoption; father; mother; brother or sister.

Funeral leave of up to four (4) consecutive calendar days will be granted to employees for the attendance and bereavement at the funeral of the following current family member group: grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.

Funeral leave of one (1) calendar day will be granted to employees for the attendance and bereavement at the funeral of the following current family member group: aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and the following in-laws: grandfather, grandmother, sister and brother.

In addition, at the discretion of the Sheriff, additional calendar days of funeral leave may be granted.

Notification to the immediate supervisor or the Assigned Duty Commander (ADC) in the event the immediate supervisor is not available, shall be given by the employee as soon as possible prior to leave.

SECTION 8. Family Leave (FMLA). The Family Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2612 (1993), and Neb. Rev. Stat § 48-234 (Reissue 2000), entitles eligible employees to ~~take paid and/or unpaid~~, job-protected leave for specified family, military and medical reasons ~~with continuation of group health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as if employees had not taken leave~~. For additional information regarding employee FMLA protected rights, refer to the Sarpy County Family and Medical Leave Policy. Employees' time spent on family medical leave shall still be considered as continuous service for purposes of pension, other benefits, and seniority status.

ARTICLE 13

HOLIDAYS

SECTION 1. Employees shall be paid for the following holidays, along with any other days designated by the County:

New Year's Day	Veterans' Day
Martin Luther King Day	Thanksgiving Day
Presidents' Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas
Independence Day	Floating Holidays (2)
Labor Day	

Upon the request of the employee, a floating holiday may be granted by the employee's supervisor only when that request does not create an overtime situation that can be foreseen at that time. The floating holidays shall not be carried over into the subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Whenever a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday. Whenever a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as the holiday.

~~Effective July 1, 2014, w~~hen an employee is assigned to a 12-hour shift in the Road Patrol or Jail Division, and New Year's Day, Christmas Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day falls on a Sunday, those employees scheduled to and who actually work on those days shall be entitled to pay in accordance with Section 3 of this Article. Those employees not scheduled to work on the Sunday shall be entitled to pay in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. Employees called in to work on those days shall be entitled to pay in accordance with Section 3 of this Article. No additional holiday pay will be paid for the Monday following the Sunday holiday for these individuals.

SECTION 3. All work performed on an observed holiday shall be compensated at the rate of two and one-half (2½) times the regular rate of pay for the actual number of hours worked.

SECTION 4. Whenever a holiday occurs on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, such employee shall receive compensation for the holiday on the basis of eight (8) hours of pay at their regular rate of pay.

SECTION 5. Whenever an observed holiday falls during an employee's authorized leave, such observed holiday shall not be charged against the employee's authorized leave.

SECTION 6. Employees who are absent without leave on the work day immediately preceding or following the observed holiday shall not be entitled to holiday pay or other provisions of this Article.

SECTION 7. Employees may elect to receive holiday overtime hours earned as compensatory

time off as provided in Article 19, Section 7.

SECTION 8. Employees electing holiday pay shall be paid no later than the next pay period available following the holiday.

SECTION 9. Holiday pay as designated in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Article shall be granted to those employees who begin working on the observed holiday. No employee shall be paid under both Section 3 and 4 of this Article for the same holiday, except for those employees working a grant assignment.

ARTICLE 14

PROMOTIONS/DEMOTIONS/VACANCIES

SECTION 1. Whenever possible, all promotions to fill existing positions within the Sheriff's Office shall be made as needed and from the ranks of such employees in strict accordance with the procedures specified by the Merit Commission, provided any employee to be promoted must be qualified for the position to be filled.

SECTION 2. An employee who is promoted shall receive a minimum of 5% increase in pay and shall go to the pay level that meets this requirement.

SECTION 3. If an employee is demoted without cause to a position for which he/she is qualified, the demoted employee shall receive a pay rate in the lower classification that provides the smallest decrease in pay. If the demotion is for just cause, the Sheriff may set the demoted employee's pay at any appropriate rate, as designated by the Sheriff, within the lower classification.

If an employee is demoted upon his/her request, his/her pay rate in the lower classification scale should be set as though the employee had never been promoted.

SECTION 4. Vacant positions due to resignation, promotion, retirement, death, demotion or discharge shall be filled no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date the vacancy occurred unless the position is eliminated at the Sheriff's discretion. The ninety (90) day period may be extended upon a mutual agreement in writing between the Sheriff and the F.O.P.

ARTICLE 15

SAFETY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. A Committee shall be formed to investigate any complaints by employees relative to their health and safety. Said committee shall consist of three members of the F.O.P.

SECTION 2. The Safety Committee shall meet with the Sheriff as needed to discuss and make recommendations for improvements of general health and safety of the

employees. The County hereby agrees it will provide efficient and safe equipment and material to protect the health and safety of employees. The FOP agrees that employees may be disciplined for failure to comply with the County's safety policies.

SECTION 3. A record of discussion of the meeting (minutes) shall be kept by the Safety Committee and forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners and the F.O.P. President.

SECTION 4. Complaints by the employee may be filed with the Committee in writing. The Committee shall make a written recommendation to the Sheriff within seven (7) days relative to a remedy for the complaint. The Sheriff shall review the recommendation and provide a written response to the Committee with seven (7) days from the date he/she received the complaint.

A copy of the employee complaint, Committee recommendation and the remedial action taken by the Sheriff shall be forwarded to the County Board and the F.O.P. President.

ARTICLE 16

F.O.P. BUSINESS

SECTION 1. F.O.P. officials, as determined by the F.O.P. President, shall be granted leave from duty with full pay at their regular hourly rate for the purpose of negotiations and administration of this Agreement. Administration of the Agreement shall be defined as grievance, discipline meetings, language interpretation, meetings with departmental employees and individuals associated with this Agreement. The Sheriff shall be notified of all leave requested and such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

SECTION 2. F.O.P. officials may be granted leave with pay for the purpose of attending F.O.P. meetings, conventions, educational conferences or conducting F.O.P. business, when it has been determined by the Sheriff that such absences will not hinder the effective operation of the Sheriff's Office. Such leave shall be contingent upon written request by the F.O.P. and approval by the Sheriff no less than one week in advance of the requested leave dates. Such paid leave shall not exceed eighty (80) hours per fiscal year for the entire F.O.P.

ARTICLE 17

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

SECTION 1. The County shall provide employees with the following items of uniform and equipment: uniform badges, years of service patches, uniform decorations, ballistic vest, department approved O.C. spray, Standard Operating Procedures on compact disc. Upon separation from the County, a sworn employee must return all of these items to the department.

For any Support Units, the necessary equipment will be provided as per policy agreement approved by the Sheriff.

SECTION 2. The County shall provide replacement articles as necessary for damage or loss of clothing or equipment or personal items occurring while in the performance of duties and determined to be necessary to the performance of the employee's duties. Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted in writing accompanied by proper documentation. Personal property claims will be reviewed by the Sheriff and will be paid or denied on the basis of reasonableness.

SECTION 3. The County shall provide ammunition for prescribed duty weapons each six (6) months. The old ammunition will be used for arms training. Ammunition shall be provided as necessary to the training needs established by the Training Division and certified by the Sheriff.

SECTION 4. Reimbursement:

A. Each fiscal year (July 1st), employees are entitled to be reimbursed up to the following monetary amounts for substantiated claims pertaining to the purchases and maintenance of clothing and equipment required in the performance of their duties but are not adaptable or acceptable for general use:

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| 1. | Newly-Hired employees:
(maximum amount allowed per year for the first two years of employment from date of hire) | \$2,200 |
| 2. | Non-newly hired employees | \$1,100 |
| 3. | Employees required to wear civilian clothing: | \$ 340 |

B. Civilian Attire: In addition to being eligible to receive \$340 in uniform reimbursement, employees required to wear civilian clothing will receive a \$760 clothing allowance once each fiscal year (July 1st) with which to purchase attire that is in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures as set forth by the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. This is an allowance and not a reimbursement; allowances are considered supplemental wages and are therefore subject to taxation. This allowance is payable only if the employee is assigned to a division that requires civilian attire; should an employee be reassigned during the fiscal year, he/she will not be eligible for any further uniform and/or equipment reimbursement until the subsequent fiscal year (July 1st).

C. The County shall provide Uniform Reimbursement Forms for the purpose of listing all uniform/equipment purchases and maintenance. An employee shall submit receipts for all purchases/maintenance and a Uniform Reimbursement Form once the receipts equal or are greater than fifty dollars (\$50) in accordance with the Sheriff Department's

Standard Operating Procedures and the Uniform & Equipment Reimbursable Items current revised list as approved by the Sheriff.

- D. In order to be reimbursed, employees must submit their receipts no later than the second Tuesday in June of each fiscal year. Any substantiated receipts submitted after this date will be carried forward and applied to the employee's uniform and equipment reimbursement funds for the subsequent fiscal year. Employees shall submit their receipts to the Desk Sergeant.
- E. After an employee receives the maximum reimbursement, his/her receipts may be carried forward and applied to the subsequent fiscal year's clothing reimbursement funds. These carried over receipts may only be forwarded after the subsequent fiscal year commences.

SECTION 5. If there is a separation of employment, any final reimbursement shall be issued in accordance with the Sheriff's Office Standard Operating Procedures.

ARTICLE 18

HOURS OF WORK

SECTION 1. The workweek shall begin at 12:01 AM on Sunday and end at midnight on Saturday.

SECTION 2. Employees may be required to attend roll call fifteen (15) minutes before their shift commences. Roll call time shall be compensated once per pay period through two (2) hours of Early Time Off (ETO) which shall be taken in conjunction with an employee's four (4) hours of regular ETO. An ETO is assigned once during a pay period by a shift supervisor to bring the number of hours worked by employees to eighty (80). The assigned ETO shall be six (6) hours per pay period. In the event employees are unable to take ETO, the six (6) hour ETO shall be compensated at time and a half (1½) their regular rate of pay.

Employees of the Sheriff's Office may be required to attend training time other than scheduled duty time. This time shall be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours times one and one-half (1½) the regular rate of pay or the actual number of hours worked times one and one-half (1½) the regular rate of pay, whichever is greater.

The Sheriff may require an employee to flex his/her hours for training if given a minimum of one (1) calendar week notice. If an employee trains in-house during regular time off, flex time will be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the actual number of hours worked.

SECTION 3. Employees who work a shift of at least eight (8) hours shall be entitled to take a sixty (60) minute lunch period, and the time of said lunch period shall be included as paid time for that shift. Employees may be required to perform job functions during such lunch period without additional compensation. However, employees

assigned to job duties in the jail or as part of court services who are prevented from taking a sixty (60) minute lunch period shall be compensated one additional hour of regular pay. The Sheriff shall retain the right to impose restrictions and limitations in those periods when an employee's absence for a lunch period would jeopardize or otherwise detract from the efficient operation of a division of the Sheriff's Office.

SECTION 4. Temporary shift hours are to be determined by the Division Commander, with approval of the Sheriff. Each shift designated may be varied not to exceed two (2) hours, at the sole discretion of the Sheriff, provided the employees affected are given a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to the change of hours for the shift.

The Sheriff may schedule permanent shifts of eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hours.

SECTION 5. The shifts designated in Section 4 of this Article shall be staffed by employees on the basis of bids submitted by such employees to be effective on the first full weekend of May and November of each year on the basis of their seniority in accordance to Article 8. If an employee is scheduled to be transferred, the Administration Division shall notify him/her at least fourteen (14) calendar days before shift change.

Shift bidding only concerns hours of work. Employees do not have the right to bid for assignments, e.g. road or jail, or specific shifts, e.g., A, B, C or D shift.

The Sheriff and the F.O.P. shall establish the time period and procedures for bidding and scheduling days off.

~~The parties agree that the Sheriff and the FOP have already negotiated a temporary revision to the shift bidding procedures contained in the Agreement. The Sheriff and the FOP shall enter into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) that shall be attached to this Agreement. The MOU shall govern the shift bidding procedures as though the language is in the Agreement. A sunset clause shall be included in the MOU stipulating the MOU will be null and void on December 1, 2017, unless the Sheriff extends the length of the MOU.~~

SECTION 6. Any vacancy or vacancies occurring in a shift or shifts between the scheduled changes in Section 5 of this Article may be filled by assignments of the Division Commander, provided the employees affected are given a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to the change of hours.

SECTION 7. During an emergency as declared by the Sheriff, employees' shifts, hours, and duties may be established and leave provisions may be cancelled or restricted at the discretion of the Sheriff. This does not include previously approved vacation leave and military orders for active duty.

SECTION 8. The Sheriff may assign certain employees to standby duty that requires the employee to remain in contact with the Communication Center or A.D.C.

SECTION 9. Employees shall be required to reside within a distance that will allow the

employee, under normal weather conditions, to arrive at their assigned work area within forty-five (45) minutes driving time from their residence.

SECTION 10. Employees who are suspended shall not be permitted to schedule or work additional hours of work outside of their regularly scheduled shift, during the pay period in which they are suspended.

ARTICLE 19

OVERTIME, CALL-BACK AND STANDBY PAY

SECTION 1. Overtime Pay. Employees shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay for the number of hours worked in excess of eighty (80) hours per pay period.

Overtime shall not be paid twice for the same hours worked.

SECTION 2. Call Back. If a full-time employee is called to duty during his/her off-duty time and such time does not coincide with his/her scheduled tour of duty, such employee shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at the rate of time and one-half (1½) the regular rate of pay, or one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay for the actual number of hours worked, whichever is greater.

If the employee stays after the end of the shift, the time worked is not considered call back and the employee shall only be compensated at the applicable rate for the actual time worked. This also applies should an employee be called to court before or coinciding with the end of the employee's duty shift.

SECTION 3. Standby and On Call Pay. If an employee is assigned to standby duty pursuant to Article 18, the employee shall be paid for one (1) hour of regular pay or compensatory time for each eight (8) hours of standby duty or any fraction thereof.

An employee assigned to be on-call shall be paid one (1) hour of regular pay or compensatory time for each eight (8) consecutive hours on-call or any fraction thereof. An employee must be on-call a minimum of eight (8) consecutive hours to receive this benefit.

SECTION 4. Exceptions to the foregoing are contained in Article 18, Section 7.

SECTION 5. In calculating overtime pay, the following rules shall apply: Overtime compensation will be rounded to the nearest quarter (1/4) of an hour in all situations. For example, if an employee works seven (7) minutes past the end of his/her shift, he/she will not receive any compensation. If an employee works eight (8) minutes past the end of his/her shift, he/she will receive a quarter (1/4) of an hour of compensation. If an employee works twenty-two (22) minutes past the end of his/her shift, he/she will receive a quarter (1/4) of an hour of compensation. If an employee works twenty-three (23) minutes past the end of his/her shift, he/she will receive a half (1/2) of an hour of compensation.

SECTION 6. Overtime opportunities in any Division shall be distributed equally within the Division so far as it is practical and possible. Supervisors shall not monopolize any work hours to the detriment of other employees.

SECTION 7. Compensatory Time Off. An employee may elect to receive compensatory time off in lieu of pay for overtime or holiday hours earned. Employees hired on or before June 30, 2014 shall have the right to accumulate three-hundred twenty (320) hours of compensatory time. Employees having a balance over three-hundred twenty (320) hours as of July 1, 2014 will have their balance frozen, and will not be able to receive compensatory time until their balance drops under three-hundred twenty (320) hours. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2014 shall have the right to accumulate two-hundred forty (240) hours of compensatory time. After reaching and maintaining the accumulation maximum outlined above, further overtime hours shall be paid out. Compensatory time will be at the rate of one and one-half (1½) hours' time off to hours earned.

When an employee's service is separated from the Sheriff's Office, he/she shall receive payment of accumulated compensatory time as outlined in the above paragraph.

SECTION 8. Under no circumstances shall an employee voluntarily work without compensation.

SECTION 9. No employee shall receive additional compensation or be docked for working when the time is adjusted bi-annually because of daylight savings.

ARTICLE 20

ATTENDANCE IN COURT, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Any employee required to attend as a witness or in any other capacity directly related to his official duties, any case pending in the Juvenile Court, County Court or in District Court, or before any Grand Jury proceedings or in conferences with the County Attorney or their respective Assistants, or at any proceedings by any City, County, State or Federal Government or any of the subdivisions of agencies thereof, during off-duty periods, shall be entitled to overtime compensation at the rate of time and one half (1½) the regular rate of pay for a minimum of two (2) hours or one and one half (1½) times the regular rate of pay for the actual number of hours worked, whichever is greater, except in the case of Automatic License Revocation Hearings (ALR).

~~Beginning July 1, 2011,~~ if an employee is required to testify at an ALR hearing and the hearing is held telephonically, the employee shall be paid at a rate of time and one-half (1½) the regular rate of pay for a minimum of forty (40) minutes or one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay for the actual number of hours worked, whichever is greater.

When an employee is called as a witness in connection with his/her officially assigned duties and is given witness fees, the employee shall forward the fees to the Sheriff's Office.

- SECTION 2. The Sheriff may require employees to attend meetings of the Sheriff's Office, provided that notice of such meetings be given at least three (3) working days in advance of the required reporting time.
- SECTION 3. Employees attending training seminars, workshops, conferences or schooling approved by the Sheriff outside the County shall be paid at their applicable rate of pay while in attendance at such functions. Employees attending such functions within the County shall be entitled to the provisions of Article 13 and 19, except that the employees may voluntarily attend such functions without being compensated.
- SECTION 4. The Sheriff shall post notice of any schooling or training available.
- SECTION 5. Employees shall be entitled to the compensation as set out in Section 1 of this Article pertaining to Notice of Court Hearing unless such employee is notified twelve (12) hours prior to the set time of said hearing that the hearing has been canceled. The employee shall be responsible to call a predetermined phone number within the Sheriff's Office having knowledge of said Court hearings within the last hour of the last working day when the Courthouse is open to see whether said hearing has been canceled.

ARTICLE 21

WAGES

- SECTION 1. Employees will be compensated in accordance with the Salary Schedule set forth in Appendix B hereto which reflects a 3.0% wage increase for 2019-2020, a 3.0% wage increase for 2020-2021, and a 3.0% wage increase for 2021-2022.
- SECTION 2. Classification levels shall be as follows:
- | | |
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| Deputy Sheriff | |
| Deputy Sheriff | (Sergeant) |
| Deputy Sheriff | (Lieutenant) |
| Deputy Sheriff | (Captain) |
- SECTION 3. Original appointment to any position shall be made at the entrance step of a salary range, unless Article 14, Section 3 is applicable. Advancement from the entrance step to the maximum step within a salary range shall be based on performance and length of service as follows:
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| Step 1 - Year 1 | Step 5 - Year 5 |
| Step 2 - Year 2 | Step 6 - Year 6 |
| Step 3 - Year 3 | Step 7 - Year 7 |

Step 4 - Year 4

Step 8 - After 7th year

SECTION 4.

Employees hired before July 1, 2016 shall have the option to participate in one of the following longevity pay programs for the remainder of their employment with the County ~~(the employee shall make their selection in writing by the end of this contract term, i.e. June 30, 2019 June 30, 2017):~~

Option 1: Employee retains existing longevity pay schedule but is not eligible to participate in the County’s deferred compensation matching program

Commencing the 8th year through 14th year	\$ 885.00/year
Commencing the 15th year through 19th year	\$ 1,330.00/year
Commencing the 20th year through 24th year	\$ 1,785.00/year
Commencing the 25th year through 28 th year	\$ 2,165.00/year
Commencing the 29 th year and after	\$ 2,400.00/year

Option 2: ~~E~~Beginning January 1, 2017, employee’s longevity pay schedule amounts are reduced by three-hundred dollars (\$300) through December 31, 2019 and employee is eligible to participate in the County’s deferred compensation match program (Section 8).

Commencing the 8th year through 14th year	\$ 585.00/year
Commencing the 15th year through 19th year	\$ 1,030.00/year
Commencing the 20th year through 24th year	\$ 1,485.00/year
Commencing the 25th year through 28 th year	\$ 1,865.00/year
Commencing the 29 th year and after	\$ 2,100.00/year

Beginning January 1, 2020, employee’s longevity pay schedule amounts are reduced an additional one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) (for a total reduction of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450)) and employee is eligible to participate in the County’s deferred compensation match program (Section 8).

<u>Commencing the 8th year through 14th year</u>	<u>\$ 435.00/year</u>
<u>Commencing the 15th year through 19th year</u>	<u>\$ 880.00/year</u>
<u>Commencing the 20th year through 24th year</u>	<u>\$ 1,335.00/year</u>
<u>Commencing the 25th year through 28th year</u>	<u>\$ 1,715.00/year</u>
<u>Commencing the 29th year and after</u>	<u>\$ 1,950.00/year</u>

Additionally, ~~beginning January 1, 2017~~ any employee receiving longevity can select to have the County deposit the longevity payment into the employee’s 401(a) tax deferred defined contribution plan account. Such selection ~~shall be made by the employee in writing by the end of this contract term (June 30, 2019) and~~ shall remain in effect for the duration of their employment with the County.

Employees hired by the County after July 1, 2016 shall not be eligible to receive longevity pay but shall be eligible to participate in the County’s deferred compensation match program (see Section 8 of this Article).

SECTION 5.

Sworn employees who are assigned to specialty assignments (ESU, Negotiators, S.A.R.T., Investigator, Accident Reconstructionist, Technical

Support, F.T.O./J.T.O. Supervisor, Drug Recognition Expert, Warrants/Extradition Personnel, Rangemaster, Lead Firearms Instructor, Court Services Technical Support Deputy and K-9 handler) shall receive an additional three percent (3%) of their regular (non-overtime) earnings per pay period. In order to receive this pay, the employee shall maintain the qualifications for the specialty assignment as directed by the Standard Operating Procedures, and attend and successfully complete all required training.

Employees are only eligible to receive pay for one specialty assignment.

The staffing of these specialty assignments has been set by the Sheriff's Administration Division. In June of each year, the Sheriff will notify the County Board regarding any changes in the staffing requirements that are necessary.

SECTION 6.

If an employee reaches a new step during the first seven days of a pay period, he/she shall be entitled to the higher pay rate for the entire pay period. If the new step is reached during the last seven days of a pay period, the employee shall not receive the higher rate until the subsequent pay period.

If July 1 (date of new pay scales every fiscal year) falls in the first seven days of a pay period, employees shall be entitled to the higher pay rate for the entire pay period. If July 1 falls in the last seven days of a pay period, employees shall not receive the higher pay rate until the subsequent pay period.

~~The payroll procedures listed in this Section shall be effective July 1st, 2005.~~

SECTION 7.

~~Beginning August 7, 2016,~~ all employees assigned to "C" or "D" shift and who work a majority of his or her hours between 1730 hours and 0600 hours shall be paid an additional ~~sixtyfourty~~ cents (\$0.~~6040~~) per hour on both regular and overtime hours attached to their shift. Employees required to work "C" or "D" shift to cover a personnel shortage shall also receive the ~~sixtyfourty~~ cents (\$0.~~6040~~) shift differential pay.

SECTION 8.

Voluntary Deferred Compensation Match Program: ~~Through December 31, 2019,~~ Beginning January 1, 2017, the County will match up to \$1,040 annually each calendar year of an employee's voluntary contributions to his or her 457(b) deferred compensation account by depositing the matching funds into the employee's 401(a) tax deferred defined contribution account.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the County will match up to \$1,560 annually each calendar year of an employee's voluntary contributions to his or her 457(b) deferred compensation account by depositing the matching funds into the employee's 401(a) tax deferred defined contribution account.

-The employee's eligibility for the employer match is subject to the terms of Section 4 of this Article.

ARTICLE 22

WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION

- SECTION 1. Each time an employee is officially designated by the appropriate supervisor to act in a higher classification, and actually performs said duties for one (1) complete duty shift and meets the minimum qualifications of said position, the employee shall be compensated for all hours worked in the higher salary grade, unless the rate is lower than the employee's regular rate, in which case the employee shall remain at his/her present rate of pay.
- It shall be the responsibility of the supervisor to identify those hours worked out of class for pay purposes.
- SECTION 2. No employee shall be required to work out of his/her class if such employee does not have the prerequisite qualifications to perform such work, nor shall any employee be required to work out of class for the purpose of avoiding paying someone else a higher salary grade.
- SECTION 3. Employees being paid at a higher rate while temporarily filling a position in a higher classification will be returned to their regular rate of pay when the period of temporary employment in the higher class ends.
- SECTION 4. Employees working out of classification shall be entitled to all benefits provided by this Agreement to the position to which they are assigned.
- SECTION 5. An employee who is assigned to work out of classification shall receive a minimum of five percent (5%) increase in compensation, in accordance with the appropriate pay range of the absent employee. At no time shall an employee receive any compensation beyond the top step of the higher pay scale.

ARTICLE 23

INSURANCE

SECTION 1. The County shall maintain a Comprehensive Major Medical Plan that will include deductibles, co-pay amounts, co-insurance levels, in-network benefits, out-of-network benefits, and other participant payment responsibilities customarily found in Comprehensive Major Medical Plans. No plan changes will be made until receiving recommendations from the FOP Insurance Benefits Advisory Committee which shall be submitted to the County Administrator by November 1. If no recommendations are received by November 1, the County Board has the right to make necessary plan changes in time to have the health insurance program in place by the January 1 renewal effective date.

The County shall contribute ninety percent (90%) for individual coverage, eighty-three percent (83%) for employee plus coverage, and eighty-three percent (83%) for family coverage. The plan shall also provide for eighty (80%) percent of eligible in-network co-insurance costs for family, employee plus and individual coverage.

SECTION 2. The County shall not pay such premiums referred to in Section 1 of this Article for any employee who has been provided COBRA rights or who, within any calendar month, had not received any compensation from the County for work performed, except as provided in Section 7 of this Article and when the employee is on FMLA qualified leave.

SECTION 3. If an employee for whom the County is not paying an insurance premium by virtue of the provisions of Section 2 of this Article desires to continue such coverage, if available, it shall be the responsibility of the employee to make the necessary arrangements with the insurance carrier for coverage in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by the carrier at the employee's cost.

SECTION 4. The County shall provide and pay the full premium cost for thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of group term life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for each employee who works an average of sixty (60) hours or more per pay period.

SECTION 5. The County shall provide and pay the full premium cost for long-term disability insurance for each employee who has served the County continuously for at least one (1) year and works an average of sixty (60) hours or more per pay period. The long term disability benefit language is contained in the plan document available through the County Human Resources Department.

SECTION 6. The County shall provide dental insurance coverage for each employee who works an average of sixty (60) hours or more per pay period and elects to carry this coverage. Employees must apply for insurance through the Human Resources Department within thirty-one (30~~1~~) days of their employment eligibility

date. Open enrollment will be held once annually. Employee premiums will be zero dollars (\$0) for single and nineteen dollars (\$19) per family.

The annual maximum coverage per plan year (~~January 1 - December 31~~^{July 1 - June 30}) will be fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per covered person per covered year. Also included is a fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) lifetime Orthodontic coverage per dependent child. Orthodontic coverage is limited to persons up to age nineteen (19) or unmarried children twenty-three (23) years of age or less who are chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance and are in full-time attendance of an education institution.

Employees should contact the Human Resources Department for any other information relating to Healthcare or Dental Insurance.

SECTION 7.

A sworn deputy who meets either of the eligibility requirements below, may continue in the County's primary health insurance program and receive insurance coverage as provided in this Section. Should the County discontinue Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare coverage, coverage shall be provided by the primary carrier selected by the County.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Medical Disability. 1) at least thirty (30) years of continuous service as a sworn deputy for the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office; and 2) approved for and/or currently receiving full long-term disability benefits from the County's Long-Term Disability provider; or
- B. Retirement. A minimum of fifteen years of continuous service and be at least age fifty-five (55) years.

Eligible employees must be enrolled in a County insurance program prior to retirement. An employee must enroll in the County's primary health insurance program prior to retirement or during open enrollment under COBRA.

The premium will be paid as provided:

- I. For employees qualifying under 7.A. the County shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the monthly premium for single, employee/spouse, employee/children or family coverage until reaching age sixty (60) years. Once employees qualifying under 7.A. reach age sixty (60) and until their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, the County shall pay one-hundred percent (100%) of single coverage and fifty percent (50%) of employee/spouse, employee/children or family coverage.
- II. For employees qualifying under 7.B. who are age 55-59, the County shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the monthly premium for single, employee/spouse, employee/children or family coverage.
- III. For employees qualifying under 7.B. who are age sixty (60) until reaching their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, the County shall pay one-hundred percent (100%) of single coverage and fifty percent (50%) of

employee/spouse, employee/children, or family coverage.

For the purpose of Section 7 of this Article, it will be necessary in defining "continuous service as a sworn officer" to provide that a layoff of one year or less, any suspension for disciplinary purposes, absence on authorized leave (with or without pay), absence while receiving temporary total disability benefits under the Nebraska Workers Compensation Act, or absence while on disability, shall not constitute a break or interruption in service. In other words, an employee will be considered to have 15 years of continuous service for this Section unless the employee experiences a layoff of over one year.

ARTICLE 24

MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

SECTION 1. Except as expressly provided, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as repealing any lawfully recognized benefit provided through the County for employees of the Sheriff's Office, and no employee shall inadvertently suffer any loss of wages, hours or working conditions by reason of the signing of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25

SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 1. If any provision of this Agreement is subsequently declared by the proper legislative or judicial authority to be unlawful or unenforceable, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 26

DUES CHECK-OFF

SECTION 1. The County shall deduct regularly monthly F.O.P dues from the pay of each employee covered by the Agreement provided that, at the time of such deduction, there is in the possession of the County a current un-revoked written assignment, executed by the employee, in the form and according to the terms of the authorization form, attached hereto, marked as Appendix "A", and made a part hereof. Such authorization may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written notice thereof to the County.

SECTION 2. Previously signed and un-revoked written authorizations shall continue to be effective as to employees reinstated following layoff, leave of absence, or suspension not exceeding sixty (60) days; previous authorizations of other

employees rehired or reinstated shall not be considered to be effective.

SECTION 3. Such authorization deductions shall be made from every other payroll period, and will within ten (10) days be remitted to the duly designated F.O.P. official. The F.O.P. shall advise the County in writing of the name of such official.

SECTION 4. If an employee has no pay coming for the pay period in question, or if such pay period is the first pay period of a new employee, or if the employee has signed an authorization form during such pay period of the subsequent month, such deductions shall be limited to the amount of the current regular monthly F.O.P. dues, and shall not include dues for the prior months or any portion thereof.

SECTION 5. If the County receives an employee revocation of authorization on or before the eighth day of the first payroll period of the calendar month, no deductions will be made from that payroll period or subsequent payroll periods. If such revocation is received after the eighth day of the first payroll period, a deduction will be made from such payroll but shall not be made from subsequent payroll periods.

SECTION 6. At the time of the execution of the Agreement, the F.O.P. shall advise the County in writing of the exact amount of regular monthly F.O.P. dues. If subsequently, the F.O.P. requests the County to deduct additional monthly F.O.P. dues, such request shall be effective only upon written assurance by the F.O.P. to the County that amounts are regular monthly F.O.P. dues duly approved in accordance with the F.O.P.'s constitution and bylaws.

SECTION 7. The County agrees to provide this service without charge to the F.O.P.

SECTION 8. The County shall not be liable for the remittance payment of any sums other than those constituting actual deductions made; and if for any reason it fails to make a deduction for any employee as above provided, it shall make a deduction from the employee's next pay period in which F.O.P. dues are normally deducted after written notification to the County of the error. If the County makes an overpayment to the F.O.P., the County will deduct that amount from the next remittance to the F.O.P. The F.O.P. agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders or judgments brought or issued against the County as a result of any action taken or not taken by the County under the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 27

TRAINING OFFICER

SECTION 1. ~~A From July 1, 2016 until August 6, 2016, a sworn employee, with the rank of Deputy shall receive thirty eight dollars (\$38.00) per shift if he/she trains one or more deputies for the majority of his/her shift. Beginning August 7, 2016 a~~ sworn employee with the rank of Deputy shall receive one (1) hour of compensatory time off for each six (6) hour period that the deputy has a trainee. If a sworn employee is working out of class as a Sergeant, he/she is not entitled to this benefit.

ARTICLE 28

EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVESREIMBURSEMENT

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Article is to foster a positive learning environment and provide educational opportunities and incentives that are mutually beneficial to the employees and the County. These incentives are intended to encourage eligible employees to participate in education programs, to further their skills and knowledge for use in their current position or for use in a possible future position of greater responsibility.

SECTION 2. Educational Reimbursement Program. The Educational Reimbursement Program shall be a plan as provided for in Section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and shall be construed consistently with the requirements of Section 127. Amounts paid for tuition reimbursement meeting the requirements of Section 127 of the IRS Tax Code are not included in an Employee's income or subject to income tax withholding up to a maximum of \$5,250 annually. If subsequent tax law changes fail to continue the tax-free treatment, or in any way modify its treatment, appropriate adjustments in tax withholding will be made from the effective date of the change.

This Program does not apply to training seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

SECTION 3. A. Eligibility for Educational Reimbursement Program

1. Employees must be a full-time tenured employee as of the date the course begins.
2. Employees must be actively working for the County as of the date the course is completed.
3. The course schedule and study time must not be in conflict with the Employee work schedule.
4. Employees must take the course at one of the following types of accredited institutions:
 - Technical Institutes (trade schools)
 - Colleges or Universities
 - On-line courses

The County reserves the right in the sole discretion of the Board of Commissioners to exclude any school or subject from eligibility under the Program. Any exclusion shall be effective as to courses beginning after the date the exclusion is imposed.

5. For employees taking graduate level courses, the course for which reimbursement is sought must be on leading to a graduate degree in a course of study in which the Employee is enrolled.

B. Reimbursement Terms

The County will reimburse employees as follows:

1. Up to 90% of the cost of tuition, required books, and class-associated fees for:
 - Approved technical or undergraduate level courses up to a maximum of \$2,000 per fiscal year, or
 - Approved graduate level courses up to a maximum of \$2,500 per fiscal year.
2. Supplies and other fees and charges will not be reimbursed.
3. Employees shall be entitled to reimbursement if they have complied with all provisions of this Regulation and receive a letter grade of A, B, or C, or a "Pass" grade for "Pass/Fail" courses.
4. Only tuition, required books, and class-associated fees actually incurred by employees are eligible for reimbursement. For example, funds received through grants, scholarships, or other waivers for these expenses will not be eligible for reimbursement.
5. The annual reimbursement shall continue for employees who remain employed until such time as they are reimbursed 90% of the cumulative tuition, books, and class-associated fees incurred by the employee. For example, employees who incur covered educational expenses in the cumulative amount of \$10,000 shall be reimbursed \$9,000 (90% of the total covered educational expenses) in annual increments of \$2,000, over a five year period, provided they remain employed for five years.

C. Application and Reimbursement Procedures

1. Before enrollment in a course, employees must submit to the Sheriff a completed *Education Reimbursement Application*.
2. The completed and authorized application needs to be transmitted to the Human Resources Department for processing and determination if the application satisfies the eligibility criteria.
 - If the application is denied, the Human Resources Department shall notify the applicant in writing as to the reasons.
 - If the application is approved, the Human Resources Department will return the application form to the employee indicating approval. This application must be retained by employees and resubmitted to receive reimbursement.
3. To receive reimbursement, employees must submit within 60 calendar days of the course completion date to the Human Resources Department their:
 - Grades,
 - Proof of payment of tuition and course-related fees,
 - Receipts for required books, and
 - The application.
4. Employees who voluntarily separate service or are dismissed within 12 months after receiving reimbursement, shall repay the County for reimbursements received in the prior 12 months. By accepting the

reimbursement under this Regulation, employees authorize the deduction of reimbursements, which must be repaid from their final paycheck. If repayment is not fully paid from their final paycheck, employees shall immediately pay the County the remaining reimbursement.

SECTION 4. Advanced Educational Incentive. The County agrees to pay an educational incentive to each full-time, tenured employee in the amount of;

1. \$50 a month for a Bachelors' degree from an accredited college or university;

2. \$60 a month for a Masters' degree from an accredited college or university.

The incentive will be awarded based on official transcripts or other certified documentation from the college or university. In order to receive this incentive, the employee must submit an official transcript or other certified documentation to the Sheriff for approval, along with a completed request form available on the Human Resources webpage under "Forms". This documentation must then be transmitted to Human Resources for processing to determine if the employee has satisfied the eligibility criteria for the incentive. A written determination of approval/disapproval will be placed in each employee's personnel file. Payroll will process and pay out approved incentive payments according to law. The County reserves the right in its sole discretion to exclude any school or degree program from eligibility under this section.

~~SECTION 1. All full-time, non-probationary employees who have completed at least one (1) year of continuous service are eligible for educational reimbursement for pre-approved, job related courses at 90% of the cost of tuition, books, and class-associated fees up to a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per fiscal year for new courses. In the event that an employee has outstanding costs which have not yet been fully reimbursed, those costs shall be reimbursed at the rate referenced in this Section, provided that those costs were submitted to and approved by Human Resources prior to effective date of this Agreement. The annual reimbursement shall continue for employees who remain employed until such time as they are reimbursed for 90% of the cumulative tuition, books, and class-associated fees incurred by the employee. For example, employees who incur covered educational expenses in the cumulative amount of \$10,000 shall be reimbursed \$9,000 (90% of the total covered educational expenses) over a five year period, provided they remain employed for five years.~~

~~Supplies and other fees and charges will not be reimbursed. In order to receive reimbursement, employees must successfully complete the course with a grade "C" or higher (or a passing grade in courses that do not assign a letter grade) from an accredited college, university, or technical institute (trade school), or approved on-line courses. (Plus or minus modifiers will be disregarded). Graduate level courses require a grade of "B" or above for reimbursement. For employees taking graduate level courses, the course for which reimbursement is sought must be leading to a graduate degree in a course of study in which the~~

~~Employee is enrolled. Receipts and transcripts are required before reimbursement will be paid.~~

~~SECTION 2. An employee requesting educational reimbursement shall provide information concerning each course to the Sheriff's Office and County Human Resources Department for approval prior to registration for each course. The employee will complete an Education Reimbursement Application, in duplicate, for each course. A copy of the course description, related course costs, and course dates must be attached.~~

~~There will be no loans or advances of money to Employees for purposes of taking courses. Reimbursement will be paid only after the course has been completed and the grades have been received.~~

~~Only expenses actually incurred by the employee are eligible for reimbursement.~~

~~a. Tuition costs that are covered by grants, scholarships, or other waivers (and therefore not the financial obligation of the employee) are not eligible for reimbursement~~

~~SECTION 3. To receive tuition reimbursement, the eligible Employee must submit to the Human Resources Department the original official grade report for the course, or a copy certified by the registrar or other appropriate official of the educational institution, and an original receipt of payment of tuition for the course, or a copy certified by the registrar or other appropriate official of the educational institution, attached to a copy of the approved application for reimbursement.~~

~~Eligibility:~~

~~A. The employee must be a Regular Full-time employee who has completed one (1) year of service as of the date the course begins.~~

~~B. The individual must be actively working for the County as of the date the course is completed.~~

~~C. The course schedule and study time must not be in conflict with the Employee work schedule.~~

~~D. The Employee must take the course at one of the following types of accredited institutions:~~

~~_____ a. Technical Institutes (trade schools)~~

~~_____ b. Colleges or Universities~~

~~_____ c. On-line courses~~

~~The County reserves the right in the sole discretion of the Board of Commissioners to exclude any school or subject from eligibility under the Program. Any exclusion shall be effective as to courses beginning after the date the exclusion is imposed.~~

~~SECTION 4. Employees who voluntarily separate service from the County or are terminated for just cause, within 12 months after receiving reimbursement under the Education Reimbursement Program, shall repay the County for all such~~

~~education reimbursements received in the prior 12 months. By accepting the reimbursement under the Education Reimbursement Program, the Employee authorizes the County to deduct tuition reimbursements, which must be repaid from his or her final paycheck. If the repayments are not fully paid by payroll deduction, the Employee shall immediately pay the County the repayment due and such amount shall bear interest from the date of the Employees' termination of employment until paid at the rate of 10% per annum.~~

~~SECTION 5. Amounts paid for tuition reimbursement from a plan meeting the requirements of Section 127 of the IRS Code are not included in an Employee's income or subject to income tax withholding up to a maximum of \$5,250 annually. If subsequent tax law changes fail to continue the tax free treatment of an Education Assistance Plan, or in any way modify its treatment, appropriate adjustments in Federal Income Tax withholding will be made from the effective date of the change.~~

ARTICLE 29

LINE OF DUTY DEATH

SECTION 1. In the event of a Line of Duty Death, defined as when an employee sustains a fatal injury arising out of and in the course of his or her employment, the County shall pay the cost of funeral expenses up to a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

ARTICLE 30

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective ~~July 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2019, and shall remain in full force and effect until ~~June 30, 2019~~ June 30, 2022. This Agreement shall automatically renew from year to year thereafter unless one of the parties notifies the others in writing that a modification of this Agreement is desired. The written notification must be presented no later than thirty (30) days before this Agreement expires. In the event such notice is given, negotiations shall begin immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this _____ day of _____, 201946.

This contract is approved as to form and content.

By: _____
FOP Lodge #3 President

By: _____
Sarpy County
Board of Commissioners
Chairperson

By: _____
Sarpy County Sheriff

By _____
Sarpy County Clerk

Reviewed and Approved as to Form:

Deputy County Attorney

APPENDIX A

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION

By _____
(Please print last name, first name, middle name)

CLASSIFICATION: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

TO THE COUNTY OF SARPY:

Effective the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, I hereby request and authorize you to deduct from my earnings a sufficient amount to provide for the regular payment of the current rate of monthly F.O.P. dues as certified by the F.O.P.. The amount deducted shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Fraternal Order of Police, Sarpy Lodge #3. This authorization shall remain effective unless terminated by me by written notice to the County.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES: Married or have Dependent Children?

_____ Yes _____ No

Your DOB: _____

APPENDIX B

WAGE SCALE

DEPUTY 3% SGT, LT CAPT, 2%		FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017							
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
SWORN									
DEPUTY		50,202.88	51,349.17	54,530.53	57,712.10	60,900.74	64,085.63	67,268.66	70,447.73
		1,930.88	1,974.97	2,097.33	2,219.70	2,342.34	2,464.83	2,587.26	2,709.53
		24.1360	24.6871	26.2166	27.7462	29.2792	30.8104	32.3407	33.8691
CORPORAL									77,593.57
									2,984.37
									37.3046
SERGEANT						67,108.50	72,953.50	78,792.06	84,636.86
						2,581.10	2,805.90	3,030.46	3,255.26
						32.2637	35.0738	37.8808	40.6908
LIEUTENANT			74,930.75	78,268.11	81,605.26	84,944.70	88,282.06	91,619.22	94,953.46
			2,881.95	3,010.31	3,138.66	3,267.10	3,395.46	3,523.82	3,652.06
			36.0244	37.6289	39.2333	40.8388	42.4433	44.0477	45.6507
CAPTAIN						91,466.54	96,044.83	100,610.64	105,179.15
						3,517.94	3,694.03	3,869.64	4,045.35
NOTE: Due to processing practices, rounding may occur						43.9743	46.1754	48.3705	50.5669

DEPUTY 3% SGT, LT CAPT, 2%		FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018							
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
SWORN									
DEPUTY		51,709.01	52,889.82	56,166.45	59,443.49	62,727.81	66,008.38	69,286.88	72,561.22
		1,988.81	2,034.22	2,160.25	2,286.29	2,412.61	2,538.78	2,664.88	2,790.82
		24.8601	25.4278	27.0031	28.5786	30.1576	31.7348	33.3110	34.8852
CORPORAL									79,921.50
									3,073.90
									38.4238
SERGEANT						68,450.72	74,412.62	80,368.08	86,329.78
						2,632.72	2,862.02	3,091.08	3,320.38
						32.9090	35.7753	38.6385	41.5047
LIEUTENANT			76,429.39	79,833.52	83,237.44	86,643.65	90,047.78	93,451.70	96,852.70
			2,939.59	3,070.52	3,201.44	3,332.45	3,463.38	3,594.30	3,725.10
			36.7449	38.3815	40.0180	41.6556	43.2922	44.9287	46.5638
CAPTAIN						93,295.90	97,965.71	102,623.04	107,282.86
						3,588.30	3,767.91	3,947.04	4,126.26
NOTE: Due to processing practices, rounding may occur						44.8538	47.0989	49.3380	51.5783

DEPUTY, SGT, LT, CAPT, 2.5%		FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019							
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
SWORN									
DEPUTY		53,001.73	54,212.08	57,570.66	60,929.65	64,296.13	67,658.66	71,019.10	74,375.39
		2,038.53	2,085.08	2,214.26	2,343.45	2,472.93	2,602.26	2,731.50	2,860.59
		25.4816	26.0635	27.6782	29.2931	30.9116	32.5282	34.1438	35.7574
CORPORAL									81,919.55
									3,150.75
									39.3844
SERGEANT						70,162.14	76,272.98	82,377.36	88,488.19
						2,698.54	2,933.58	3,168.36	3,403.39
						33.7318	36.6697	39.6045	42.5424
LIEUTENANT			78,340.29	81,829.49	85,318.48	88,809.76	92,298.96	95,788.16	99,274.03
			3,013.09	3,147.29	3,281.48	3,415.76	3,549.96	3,684.16	3,818.23
			37.6636	39.3411	41.0185	42.6970	44.3745	46.0520	47.7279
CAPTAIN						95,628.42	100,414.91	105,188.72	109,965.02
						3,678.02	3,862.11	4,045.72	4,229.42
NOTE: Due to processing practices, rounding may occur						45.9752	48.2764	50.5715	52.8678



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST 19-080

Board of Commissioners - Jun 25 2019

Resolution

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Resolution Approving and Authorizing Chairman to Sign Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Sarpy Lodge No. 3, Law Enforcement - Sworn

SPEAKER

Dan Hoins, County Administrator 593-2347

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

This is a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the FOP Lodge No. 3, Law Enforcement - Sworn. The agreement provides for 3% annual wage increases for a three-year term.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Approval

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal Year

2020 - 2022

Total County cost of project:

3% wage increase for three years

Is Item in current year budget?

Yes No

Does this item commit the County to future expenses beyond this amount?

Yes No

ATTACHMENTS

[2019-06-25 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Chairman to Sign Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Sarpy Lodge No. 3, Law Enforcement Sworn](#)

Submitted by: Lisa Haire, Administration Coordinator 593-1565

Legal review completed

Final review completed