

## LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** March 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Trowsdale County Courthouse

**Present:** Chris Gregory, Amber Russell, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, Shane Burton, Steve Whittaker, Linda Bruce, Brian Crook.

**Others Present:** Sheriff Ray Russell, Gina Duncan

Chairman Amber Russell called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes of February 23, 2026 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Crook, second by Gregory. Motion approved.**

Crook began presenting sheriff's report as Sheriff Russell had not arrived yet. One graduating on Friday from academy, one ready to go, believes fully staffed on patrol. Training being done through virtual academy, expect to have completed by June.

Sheriff Russell arrived and discussed radio tower, was originally brought up at May 2024 budget hearings. Gregory said Budget & Finance had discussed at March meeting and likely would fund as part of 2026-27 budget. Nothing else required from LEO Committee in this regard.

Sheriff discussed staffing, five people short at jail but about to hire four, one more ready to interview. On patrol, between eight and 10 current deputies have less than one year of experience. Sheriff will ask for 10 percent raise in 2026-27 budget, along with three vehicles and one patrol position removed from Urban Services. Sheriff said he had not agreed to losing that position, but Gregory pointed out May 21, 2025 budget minutes where that was discussed and voted upon.

Maintenance: wants to replace floor tiling at sheriff's station.

16 cases from Trowsdale Turner were booked into jail last week, 16 more scheduled for upcoming week. Getting prisoners from other counties to Trowsdale remains ongoing issue.

Next meeting scheduled for April 27 at 5:30 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn by Gregory, second by Bruce. Motion approved.**

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory*