



**Board of Director's Meeting Report  
October 22, 2020  
WebEx Meeting, 3:30 p.m.**

The Crime Commission Board of Directors meeting was called to order by board of directors' chairman Ben Adams. The July 23, 2020 board report was approved.

**APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

New board members presented:

- Greg Duckett, Baptist Memorial Health Care, Senior V.P., and Corporate Counsel
- FBI Special Agent in Charge, Doug Korneski
- Dr. Albert Mosley, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare, Senior V.P., and Chief Mission Integration Officer

The above candidates were presented; a motion was made, seconded, and approved to admit these members to the Crime Commission board. Ben Adams submitted the following proposed executive committee and officers:

- Board Chair – Ben Adams
- President - Bill Gibbons
- Secretary – Vinessa Brown
- Treasurer – Bo Allen
- Johnny Moore
- Amy Weirich
- Blair Taylor
- Terry Harris
- David Slott
- John Dudas
- Jeffrey Higgs
- Tom Cleves

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept as presented.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THIRD QUARTER OUTCOME INDICATORS AND 2019 FBI UCR REPORT**

Bill Gibbons reported on major violent crime in Memphis and Shelby County (January – September 2020). Mr. Gibbons stressed that TBI (Tennessee Bureau of Investigations) counts

victims not incidents versus MPD (Memphis Police Department) which counts incidents in reporting. Based on TBI preliminary figures, major violent crime in the City of Memphis showed an increase (17.6%) from 2019 during this period. Major violent crime in Shelby County showed an increase (17.1%) from 2019. Major property crime and overall crime showed a decline in the City of Memphis and Shelby County.

Bill Gibbons also presented the FBI Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for 2019 for cities with populations over 200,000. Memphis ranked #3 among these cities in both its violent crime rate and property crime rate in the UCR report. Shelby County ranked #7 as listed in its violent crime rate and #14 in its property crime rate. Mr. Gibbons also stated that a significant reduction in aggravated assaults is required for Memphis to exit the top 5 cities in its major violent crime rate.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Bill Gibbons reported on Mayor Strickland's Advisory Committee on Reimagining Policing and said that Board members would be given an opportunity to participate in one of the planned focus groups. Mr. Gibbons reported on the level of community satisfaction with law enforcement based on key findings from a survey of 450 voters in Shelby County, TN taken July 26-28, 2020:

- 48% of those surveyed believed that Shelby County is moving in the right direction.
- 78% of those surveyed supported hiring more police officers.
- 69% of those surveyed would like increased law enforcement in their neighborhood.
- 63% of those surveyed believe law enforcement needs more resources.

Overall, Shelby County voters felt the police are doing an excellent job in their neighborhood and want more of a police presence.

Mayor Strickland indicated that the city is continuing to struggle to find qualified police officers and that crime hot spots in the city are being covered through significant overtime.

General Amy Weirich stressed the importance of a focused deterrence model and the need to reduce gun crimes.

The "Walk Against Gun Violence" will take place on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to engage the community for change and direct attention to the current gun violence challenge in the city. Bill Gibbons stated that the Health Department is supporting the walk along with partners that have united to form a planning group. The planning group includes law enforcement, non-profits, and health care providers.

## **FINANCIALS/PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY20-21**

Bill Gibbons presented the financial report. He indicated that the Crime Commission has \$17,000 available for operating expenses; the remaining funds are allocated for MPD recruitment efforts.

Bill Gibbons presented the Crime Commission operating budget of \$849,500. Mr. Gibbons stated that the yearly budget has been consistently reduced. Money has been saved by not replacing Brona Pinnolis's position at her salary level and relying so far on part-time employees. The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the budget as presented.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Ben Adams urged the board to participate in the "Unity Walk Against Gun Violence" and encourage others to do so.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Presented by:**  
**Sharon (Sam) Walker**  
**Executive Assistant**



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**Attendance:**

1. Ben Adams
2. Dan Michael
3. Jeff Cox
4. Tom Cleves
5. Johnny Moore
6. Amy Weirich
7. Albert Mosley
8. Tom Cleves
9. Dave Slott
10. Michael Dunavant
11. Ryan Ehrhart
12. Henry Hooper
13. Amber Mills
14. Doug Korneski
15. Pierce Ledbetta
16. Jim Strickland
17. Paul Morris
18. K. B. Turner
19. Louis "Bo" Allen
20. Blair Taylor
21. Dorcas Young-Griffin
22. Dan Weddle
23. John Campbell
24. Stevie Moore
25. Floyd Bonner
26. Don Crowe
27. Jeff Cox
28. David Dart
29. John Dudas

30. Michael Rallings
31. Pierce Ledbetter
32. Greg Duckett
33. Lee Harris
34. Jeffrey Higgs
35. Thomas Campbell
36. Craig Weiss

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

37. Artemis Williams
38. Linda Russell
39. Bill Gibbons
40. Don Crowe
41. David McKinney
42. Linwood Guess
43. Jeff Cox
44. Kari Hall