

## RESOLUTION 2016-06

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**WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners fully support the agreement for the benefit of the citizens of Ottawa County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners supports favorable consideration in this agreement between the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and the various Tribal Police Forces of Ottawa County.

Approved in Regular Session this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.



ATTEST:

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Ottawa County Clerk

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February, 17, 2016

Greetings,

I am sending this letter pursuant to a meeting I had with Ottawa County District Attorney Kenny Wright on Feb. 17, 2016. He and I have discussed the possibility of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office issuing provisional commissions to your respective tribal police officers, however I would like to meet with tribal leaders, and discuss my intentions in granting law enforcement commissions. I would like to eventually enter into cross-deputization agreements with all the tribal entities to help provide a better law enforcement service to the citizens of Ottawa County, and in so doing, extend the scope of service for all of the tribal police forces. I have been in office for 48 days, and have been carefully considering the civil responsibility, I bear for all the citizens of Ottawa County. My first responsibility, I believe, is to the citizens and tax payers, and I do not enter upon any decision without first considering the possibility of tax payers having to bear the burden of civil litigation brought upon Ottawa County, due to the actions of police officers, over whom I have no policy-making authority.

Earlier in the year, shortly after I took office, I was contacted by the police chief of the Wyandotte Nation, and an investigator with the Quapaw Marshals. I explained to them my intentions concerning cross-deputization agreements, and that I am eager, and willing to enter into such agreements, however these agreements are time, and labor intensive, and have many different entities involved. Therefore, in meeting with our district attorney, I believe we have come to a kind of middle-ground, which will serve all needs for the immediate future.

I am currently working on provisional commissions for the various tribal police forces. I expect to have them issued by the end of this month. I will need to meet with the tribal police chiefs, and discuss the responsibilities and limits of the commissions, and to receive any training documentation needed by my office.

In closing, I hope that this process is a smooth and beneficial one. I look forward to continuing to work with your police officers, and hope for further cooperation in the future.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Derek Derwin

APPROVED Date 2-22-16  
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