

July 1, 2023

Again your esteemed Sheriff Greg Capers, is extremely grateful for your overwhelming attendance and vocal support at the June 14 Commissions Court Meeting, which resulted in unanimous vote for San Jacinto County to make an application for the Governor's State Grant Funding to combat the existing rampant Border Crisis and Cartel Gang presence locally and beyond. This will happen by our joining forces and affiliating with Operation Lone Star Task Force, currently consisting of 24 cities and county police and Sheriff agencies, thankfully growing every day. Our federal government won't provide funding or, most importantly, make any attempt to STOP this invasion of our country, let alone, the crime, death and those who will continue to die from China's and Mexico's imported drug FENTANOL (see attached page which describes how and what this drug does to kill people). We are now awaiting final grant approval, no doubt, along with others. We anticipate affirmation soon. We'll keep you informed. This hopefully will fill the aforementioned needs, however, it will not cover another urgent immediate requirement and that is filling job vacancies ... dispatchers, jailers, patrol personnel, detectives, investigators, etc. If you have a genuine interest in any form of Law Enforcement, contact our Sheriff's Office, even if you are willing to just volunteer your time.

During the last Commissioner's Court meeting and the brief budget hearing, Chief Tim Keen prepared, not only an overhead projector version but likewise, an informative Sheriff's Office Budget Overview. (You can download this Budget Overview at www.SanJacintoCountyBulletinBoard.com/Sheriff-Greg-Capers.html) What a masterful effective presentation he made with Judge Fritz Faulkner and the 3 remaining Commissioners (with Laddie McAnally

leaving while the session was still in progress). On a number of occasions, Chief Keen was stopped and given accolades on the excellent operation of the jail and the income it has generated. Granted this was accomplished while dire negative circumstances continued to exist, namely staff shortage, with many quitting over the extreme low WAGES, including health endangerment. Far too many close by higher paying competition has attracted several. By the time the Chief got to page 10, he was once again stopped with the Judge's comment ... "We get it", along with Commissioner Donny Marrs, chiming in "We've got to do something now". With Commissioner Mark Nettuno, nodding in agreement. So when Chief Keen plainly pointed out, it won't cost the county ONE CENT more, enabling at least a \$5. per hour raise. Things really turned positive and all three Commissioners and the Judge VERBALLY agreed on voting in full favor at the next Commissioners Court Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 9 am. Since it's too early for the agenda items to be composed, the Chief says there will be 3 line items requested, although the full previous commissioners court meeting was recorded and is featured (<https://www.youtube.com/@raymccoppin1538/featured>) Sometimes people's memories fail their commitments, so again, this is where we desperately need all of you have read this.

Your urgent and immediate attention of all San Jacinto County residents and home owners and those of you who missed the last meeting on Wednesday and Budget Hearing and Emergency Appeal from the Sheriff's Office, please once again we need your presence like never before -

We have began to see a spirit of positive understanding and cooperation from three of our four Commissioners and our honorable

Commissioner's Court Judge, towards the needs of the Sheriff's Office. Competitive salary raises have become a necessity and can and will result without costing you, the tax payer, or the county, ONE additional Cent. We have been promised full ratification. We need you to witness their approval on July 12th. We, the people, who they work for, proved that fact to them. Let's PACK THE COURT again and thank you in advance for coming.

Gerald Deeter

Concerned Citizen