

# Illegal Tobacco Task Force Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** 12/17/19

**Meeting Time:** 10:30am

**Meeting Location:** 100 Cambridge Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room C

**Board Members Present:** Marikae Toye (Co-Chair), Maj. Steve Fennessy (Co-Chair), Patricia Henley, Amber Villa, Susan Terrey, Jennifer Zalnasky (via Phone)

**Others:** Cheryl Sbarra, Chris Banthin, Martin Saulen, Evan Garcia, Scott Delaney, Patrick Johnson, Warren Lent

## **Call to Order:**

- Meeting was called to order at 10:36am by Mrs. Toye
- Quorum to hold the meeting with met, with Ms. Zalnasky present via phone

## **Potential Storage Solutions Discussion - Continued:**

- Mrs. Toye began the continued discussion on storage. At the present moment, DOR will not need space. The contract in motion will just be for task force/MSP seizures.
- Maj. Fennessy gave an update on the change of administration at the MSP, and plans to speak with the new leadership about the storage plan, but he does not foresee any issues.
- Ms. Villa also updated the task force on information she received from her agency (AGO).
- According to Ms. Villa without the necessary space, the AGO cannot continue with any cases and suggests work is done quickly on the storage acquisition so work can continue. She also states the AGO will help bridge the gap financially for this fiscal year to get started.
- With funding questions answered, Mrs. Toye asked the additional question of who will be the lease holder.
- Ms. Villa states she was uncertain, but will work with MSP to secure the lease.
- The task force agreed to vote on the logistics for lease responsibility between the AGO and MSP agencies
  - Motion: Made by Maj. Fennessy to allow the AGO and MSP to secure the lease for the storage facilitate.
  - Second: Ms. Terrey
  - Vote was taken by roll call. All approved unanimously
- A second vote was decided for the task force to pursue additional funding for the storage lease in FY21 – beginning 7/1/2020.
  - Motion: Made by Mrs. Toye to pursue additional funding through the Task Force budget to cover the cost of the storage lease for FY21
  - Second: Maj. Fennessy

- Vote was taken by roll call. All approved unanimously
- Additional question was asked by Ms. Henley in the event supplemental funding could not be procured.
- Sgt. Johnson says there are funds left from investigations because work significantly reduced because of the storage issue.

**Other Business:**

- The task force briefly discussed the future as the scope of their work has potential to change with the new law change.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Maj. Fennessy made a motion, which was second by Ms. Terrey. Vote was taken by roll call. All approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:16am by Mrs. Toye.