

(v) The County Commissioners shall approve the salary of the chief deputy sheriff.

(3) (i) The Sheriff may appoint probationary deputy sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, investigators, communications officers, secretaries, supervisors, administrators, and other staff as approved in the county budget.

(ii) The County Commissioners shall approve the salaries for all staff appointed by the Sheriff.

(III) THE SHERIFF MAY NOT REFUSE TO REAPPOINT A DEPUTY SHERIFF WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

(p) (1) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive a salary of:

(i) \$45,000 for the calendar year 2003;

(ii) \$46,000 for the calendar year 2004;

(iii) \$47,000 for the calendar year 2005; and

(iv) \$48,000 for the calendar year 2006 and each calendar year thereafter.

(2) At the discretion of the County Commissioners, the Sheriff shall receive county-owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's department.

(3) (I) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff, OR THE MANAGERIAL EQUIVALENT, who shall:

1. [receive] RECEIVE a salary of at least \$8,000; AND

2. SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SHERIFF.

(II) THE SHERIFF MAY NOT REFUSE TO REAPPOINT A DEPUTY SHERIFF WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

(4) The Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies shall be paid allowances as the Commissioners may deem necessary.

(5) The County Commissioners may authorize additional deputies as necessary and shall set their compensation at the time of their appointment.

(6) The County Commissioners may authorize the Sheriff to appoint as part-time deputies individuals employed in specific plants, schools, hospitals, institutions, business enterprises, and land development tracts situated within Kent County who are limited to service only within the particular facility where they are employed, and who may not be compensated by Kent County for their services.

(s) (1) (I) The Sheriff of Queen Anne's County shall receive a salary set by the County Commissioners of at least \$10,000.