

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2015

The meeting of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training was called to order at 10:03 A. M. Commission members present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Lt. Bobby Walraven
Dr. James Golden
Sheriff Doc Holladay
Chief Percy Wilburn
Mr. Barnes Reeves
Sheriff Boyd Hicks
Lt. Stacie Rhoads

Commissioners absent:

Mr. Alonza Jiles
Mr. Cecil Greene

Others Present:

Director Jami Cook
Brian Marshall, Deputy Director, Standards
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director, Training
J. P. French, Attorney General General's Office
Sue Albritton, Commission Secretary
Charles Ellis, ALETA Supervisor
Chief Robert Alcon, Mayflower Police Dept.
Danny Leigh, Mayflower Police Dept.
Lt. Sam Boren, Mayflower Police Dept.
Ptl. Johnathon B. Lovell, Cabot Police Dept.
Jackie Davis, Cabot Police Dept.
Russell Ursery, Clark Co. SO
Jason Watson, Sheriff Clark County
Steve Shults, BRTC-LETA
Tate Lawrence, Izard Co. Sheriff

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A motion was made by Commissioner Walraven to accept the minutes of the last two meetings and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Item I: Item one was a request from the Mayflower Police Department to appeal the expulsion of former basic student Danny Leigh. A motion from Commissioner Wilburn was to deny the request and uphold the academy's decision of expulsion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Item II: Item two was a request from IZARD County for an extension for Deputy Michael Smith. A motion by Commissioner Walraven was seconded by Commissioner Holladay to grant the request for the extension passed with one opposing.

Item III: Item three was a request from the Clark County Sheriff's Office in regard to the employment/certification status of Russell Ursery. A motion by Commissioner Reeves was to require Mr. Ursery to take the next available Refresher Class and to work in a non-law enforcement capacity until the class is completed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn and passed unanimously.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the Camden Police Department for decertification of former Officer Robert Henninger. A motion by Commissioner Walraven was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. The vote was unanimous to go forward with decertification.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Christopher Hunter. A motion by Commissioner Reeves was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn to go forward with decertification was passed unanimously.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Waldron Police Department for decertification of former Officer Keith Vanravensway. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Lake City Police Department for decertification of former Officer Steven Chamness. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Jacksonville Police Department for decertification of former Officer Bobby Forrest. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Motion passed.

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Item IX: Item nine was a request for decertification from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Officer Cecil Rowton. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed.

Item X: Item ten was a request for decertification from the Paris Police Department for former Officer Stanley Craig Moore. Commissioner Reeves moved to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

Item XI: Item eleven had been resolved and was not presented in the meeting.

Director Comments: Director Cook gave an update on the legislative session, stating that we had three pieces of legislation to get through. Two of which were the appropriation bills which were passed with no holds. The third was a bill proposed to be able to give our retired officers of CLEST their duty weapon upon retirement. We were successful in passing this and it was made it retroactive to January 2014. And that is significant in that Charlie Duboise retired from here with over 30 years of service. With that legislation being successfully put through this year, we will be able to present this to Mr. Duboise at the July meeting in appreciation for his service. She reported that the Commission was able to receive some funding for the 911 Dispatcher Training which is being taught at ALETA. She stated that were other programs that were being worked up and would be very beneficial to law enforcement. Director Cook stated that Governor Hutchinson would be the speaker for the next graduation. Director Cook stated that the Red Book is under revision and will be completed soon. Director Cook gave an update on the Acadis System and its progress and the Constable Regulation that is also in the works. Meeting adjourned at 11:20.