

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2018

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. Commissioners present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Chief Percy Wilburn
Sheriff Boyd Hicks
Sheriff Doc Holladay
Mr. Barry Phillips
Dr. James Golden
Mr. Barney Reeves
Mr. Thomas Marsh

Absent:

Lt. Staci Rhoads
Chief Richard Wingard

Others present:

Letitia Marsh, Ft. Smith
Todd Grooms, Crittenden County SO
James Huff
Atty. Robert Newcomb
Director Jami Cook
Deputy Director Brad King
Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon
Atty. Sara Farris, AG's Office
Atty. Amanda Yarbrough
Jake Jones, Hearing Officer
Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assistant

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a motion by Commissioner Phillips and were seconded by Commissioner Marsh.

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Item I: Item one was for the Commission to give a final vote of approval of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulation. Commissioner Reeves made the motion to accept and approve the new changes and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. The vote was unanimous.

Item II: Item two was to approve the Board and Commission Expenses for the upcoming year. A motion to accept the expenses for the year was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

Item III: Item three was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Daniel Scott Cantwell. A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips to go forward with decertification proceedings and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the Jonesboro Police Department for decertification of former Officer Justin Thompson. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion passed.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Larry Aldridge. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. The vote was unanimous.

Item VI: Item six from the Jonesboro Police Department was tabled until further information could be obtained from the police department.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Marvell Police Department for decertification of former Officer Robert Nearn. A motion was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips to go forward with decertification. Motion passed.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Marion Police Department for decertification of former Officer Troy Alguburi. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion passed.

Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for decertification of former Officer Benjamin Waldrip. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

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Item X: Item ten was a request from the Garland County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Donald Bullis. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office to withdraw the decertification request and process for former Deputy Michael Browning. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Reeves and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the Hot Spring County Sheriff's Office for an extension for Deputy Mike Morrow in order that he can attend the Central ALETA class in North Little Rock. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Immediately following the completion of the agenda items a decertification hearing was held for former Officer **James Huff**. After hearing the evidence presented the Commission voted to decertify Mr. Huff. There were ten uncontested hearings brought before the Commission. The ten individuals decertified were: **Christopher Shultz, Dustie Smith, James T. Hodges, Emily Ennis, John Carey, William Ball, Scott Alan West, Sammy Koons, Paul Allen and Seth Nichols**. Attorney Jack Jones of the Attorney General's Office served as Hearing Officer and Trish Hendrix served as Court Reporter.

After the completion of the hearings Director Cook reported on a number of projects and training opportunities being conducted. Ms. Cook reported that Supervisor Charles Ellis has been conducting CIT training classes across the state and has more scheduled to provide access all across the state. The training has been well received. The Director reported that the ALETA 2018-A Class is full and will start on January 14th. North West ALETA classes will begin on January 22nd with a full class and that three classes will be conducted at the Springdale facility this year. Central ALETA will have two classes and the first one will start on March 18th. She also gave a report on the progress of the security upgrades at ALETA. The abatement process on the north dorm is ongoing and should begin soon. The ACADIS system is continuing to be upgraded and expanded to make the system more accessible for agency submissions and on line training. Ms. Cook stated that Deputy Director Brad King has made some changes to the Retired Officer Hand Gun permit making it easier for the departments and the Standards Office as well.