

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2018

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

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

Chairman Bob Harrison
Chief Percy Wilburn
Sheriff Boyd Hicks
Chief Richard Wingard
Mr. Barry Phillips
Mr. Thomas Marsh

Commissioners absent:

Dr. James Golden
Lt. Staci Roads
Mr. Barney Reeves
Sheriff Doc Holladay

Others Present:

Brad King, Deputy Director, Standards
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director, Training
Sara Farris, Atty. General's Office
Amanda Yarbrough, Atty. Standards Office
Director Jami Cook
Jamie Ewing, AG's Office, Hearing Officer
Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter
Mayor Zola Hudson, Altheimer
Wes Tudor, Constable, Horatio
Mayor Borden Neel, Horatio
Mark Winchester
Wesley Tyra, Mayflower Police Department
Mayor Diane Karr, City of Lexa
Jason W. Massey, Logan Co. SO
Sheldon Robison, Hartford
Terry W. Wingard, Jefferson Co. SO

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Brent Turner, Rogers PD

Jeff Crow, Ouachita Baptist University

Robert Newcomb, Attorney

Robert Alcon, Mayflower PD

John Schroeder, Garland Co. SO

Schawntell Arberry

Aysia Jackson

Pamela Arberry

Thomas Nevins

Sonja Cauthen

Atty. Ryan Allen

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

ITEM I: Item One was a request from former Officer Sheldon Robison who was dismissed from the Ft. Smith Law Enforcement Training Academy. The Commission voted to allow Mr. Robison to continue as an Auxiliary Officer until his two year (24 months) is over when he is eligible to be employed in law enforcement in Arkansas again.

ITEM II: Item two was a request from Ouachita Baptist University to establish a law enforcement agency for the University. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion passed.

ITEM III: Item three was a request from the Altheimer Police Department to reestablish a law enforcement agency for the City of Altheimer. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the request and Commissioner Marsh seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the City of Lexa to establish a law enforcement agency for the City of Lexa. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Request granted.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Marion County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Ronald Smith. A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips to go forward with decertification. Motion carried.

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ITEM VI: Item six was a request from The Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Limon C. Williams. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion passed.

ITEM VII: Item seven was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction for decertification of former Officer Mike Rico. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

ITEM VIII: Item eight was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Terry May. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

ITEM IX: Item nine was a request from the Arkansas State Police requesting decertification of former Trooper Anthony Quick. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried with two opposing.

ITEM X: Item ten was a request from the Arkansas Highway Police for decertification of former Officer Walter Moore. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from the Wynne Police Department for decertification of former Officer Rolland Geror. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XII: Item twelve was a request from the Leachville Police Department requesting decertification of former Office Brandon Cole Womack. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Larry Mitchell. Commissioner Marsh moved to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was the request from the Bella Vista Police Department requesting decertification on former Officer Clayton Roberts. Commissioner Wilburn moved to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

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ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Bella Vista Police Department for decertification of former Officer Michael Kugler. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction requesting decertification of former Officer Joshua Bowen. Commissioner Phillips moved to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

ITEM XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Forrest City Police Department for decertification of former Sgt. Ronnie Quinn. Commissioner Hicks moved to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XVII: Item eighteen was a request from the Marion Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Amberly Mullen. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to not go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed with one in opposition.

ITEM XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Nevada County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Jordan Jester. Commissioner Marsh made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XX: Item twenty was a request from the Rogers Police Department for decertification of former Officer Kaitlyn Weber. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion not to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

ITEM XXI: Item twenty one was a request for decertification of Wendi Schuchardt from the West Memphis Police Department. Commissioner Wilburn made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM XXII: Item twenty two was a request from the City of Horatio and Mayor Neel addressing the Commission in regard to starting a Security Patrol for the city. After a discussion and explanation Mayor Neel was asked to come back before the Commission when the documentations and paper work were completed. Commissioner Phillips made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

At the end of the regular meeting decertification hearings were held with Attorney Jami Ewing presiding and Court Reporter Trish Hendrix recording. **Schawntell Arberry** was decertified in a contested hearing with a motion by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. The vote was

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unanimous. In the second contested hearing, **Mark Winchester** was not decertified with a motion from Commissioner Wilburn and a second by Commissioner Phillips. The vote was unanimous. In the uncontested hearings the following individuals were decertified: **Shannon Newman, Samantha Davis, David Brantley, Donald Bullis, Justin Thompson, Benjamin Waldrip, Larry Aldridge, Robert Nearn, Eddie Davis.** A motion to decertify all was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. The vote was unanimous.

Director's Report:

Director Cook reported that the new Rules and Regulations were in the process of being approved by the Legislative Review Committee and would be effective May 1st. Also the Crisis Intervention Training classes were going very well. She stated that the entire state was being covered with the different scheduled sites in accordance with Act 423. We did receive \$28,500 from a NIJ sub award along with the \$50,000 from the Task Force. Director Cook stated that she had met with SAU President on the College to Law Enforcement program. She stated that she had talked with ASU in Jonesboro and UALR in Little Rock and everyone was receptive to the idea. This program would be ready to put into action possibly next year. The ACADIS project is going well. The Standards Staff has done an outstanding job of getting this program going. The online training is going very well with 6,000 completions thus far. Renovations going as scheduled. Graduation for ALETA will be tomorrow, April 13th with the Governor being the keynote speaker and the graduation for NW ALETA will be next Friday in Springdale also with the Governor speaking.