

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2017

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
Sheriff Doc Holladay
Lt. Staci Rhoads
Mr. Barry Phillips
Dr. James Golden
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Mr. Barney Reeves

Others present:

Brad King, Deputy Director, Standards
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director, Training
Sara Farris, Atty. General's Office
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assist.
Chief Gary Kelly, Marion PD
Jared Gully, Benton County
Chad Brown, AR Community Correction
Jerry Bradshaw, AR Community Correction
Teresa Sidwell, Benton County Environmental Div.

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

ITEM I: Item one was a request from the Marion Police Department for an extension for Officer Tara Sims. Request was granted with a motion by Commissioner Holladay and a second by Commissioner Phillips to grant the extension and to require the completion of the full basic academy.

ITEM II: Item two was resolved before the meeting and was not presented.

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ITEM II: Item three was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction that the decertification proceedings against Hardy Sheppard be dropped. With a motion by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads the request was denied and the Commission will go forward with decertification.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the Alexander Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Oscar De Leon. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion Passed.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Jonathan Dodson. With a motion made by Commissioner Wilburn and a second by Commissioner Hicks, the Commission voted to go forward with decertification with Commissioner Wingard recusing.

ITEM VI: Item six was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department for decertification of former Officer Jarrod Taylor. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Hicks and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM VII: Item seven was a request from the Mountainburg Police Department for decertification of former Officer Johnny Barnes. Commissioner Marsh made a motion to forward and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM VIII: Item eight was a request from the Dumas Police Department for decertification of former Officer Bobby Kennedy. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

ITEM IX: Item nine was a request from the Drew County Sheriff's Office to go forward with decertification of former Deputy Robert Sanderlin. Commissioner Rhoads moved to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

ITEM X: Item ten was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Jeffery D. Cross. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay and motion passed with Commissioner Rhoads recusing.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Officer Jeremy Pruett. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion Carried with Commissioner Rhoads recusing.

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ITEM XII: Item twelve was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Officer Howard Meadows. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion Passed.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Marked Tree Police Department for decertification of former Officer Corey Rains. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward and Commissioner Holladay seconded. Motion passed with one opposing.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Joseph Mills. A motion made to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Clark County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Miles Karr. Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Vote was unanimous.

ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Benton County Environmental Services for a waiver of time required to take a refresher course for Jared Gully. Mr. Gully had attended a refresher course prior to the meeting and the request was granted with a motion by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Reeves.

ITEM XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Crossett Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Brandon Watt. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

ITEM XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the Crossett Police Department for decertification of Michael Rowe. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Marsh and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Hot Spring County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Brian Jones. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

ITEM XX: Item twenty was a request from the Harrison Police Department for decertification of former Officer Jonathan Babb. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

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ITEM XXI: Item twenty one was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office to no longer go forward with decertification of former Deputy Wesley Barnett. Commissioner Reeves made the motion that the decertification proceedings be ceased and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

ITEM XXII: Item twenty two was an addendum to the agenda from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Michael Byrd. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion Carried.

ITEM XXIII: Item twenty three was an addendum to the agenda from Pulaski County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Daphne McCoy. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

ITEM XXIV: Item twenty four was an addendum to the agenda from the Springdale Police Department for decertification of Probationary Officer Cody Brown. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed with one opposing.

After a short lunch break, the Commission was called back to order and Deputy Director Brad King gave a report of the on the Legislative session. A discussion regarding the pending decertifications cases resulted in a special called meeting date. That date was set for August 31, 2017.