

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2015

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The meeting of the commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training was called to order at 10:02

A. M. Commission members present:

Chairman Bob Harrison

Chief Percy Wilburn

Capt. Bobby Walraven

Sheriff Boyd Hicks

Sheriff Doc Holladay

Lt. Stacie Rhoads

Mr. Barry Phillips

Mr. Barney Reeves

Absent:

Dr. James Golden

Others present:

Director Jami Cook

Brian Marshall, Deputy Director

Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director

Brad King, OLES

Sara Farris, Asst. Atty. General

Jake Jones, Hearing Officer

Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter

Todd Grooms, Crittenden County SO

Kenny M. Boyd, Jacksonville PD

Leslie Dean Scroggins, Jacksonville PD

Joe Beavdin, Stone County SO

Lance Bonds, Stone County SO

Bill Bryan, AR Ins. Fraud Dept.

Kara Browning, AR Ins. Dept.

Chris Walsh, AR Ins. Dept.

Steve Shults, Black River LETA

Sue Albritton, ALETA

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The minutes of the July meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Walraven.

Item I: Item one was to establish meeting dates for the upcoming year 2016. The suggested dates of January 14th, April 14th, July 14th and October 13th were accepted by a motion from Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Hicks with a unanimous vote from the Commission.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Arkansas Insurance Department in regard to changing the designation of four employees from "Specialized employment" to "full time employment." After a discussion and explanation of the training and continuing education classes, these four have received each year, a motion was made by Commissioner Holladay to allow these four individual to become full-time officers after they have completed a 120 hour course approved by the Office of Law Enforcement Standards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. The vote was unanimous.

Item III: Item three was a request from Sheriff Lance Bonds for an extension for Deputy Justin Meeks. A motion by Commissioner Wilburn to grant the request for the extension, but Deputy Meeks not be allowed to work in a law enforcement position until basic training is completed and must attend the January 2016 class. With a second from Commissioner Rhoads the request was granted.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the Mississippi County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Gary Wayne Buys. A motion by Commissioner Holladay was seconded by Commissioner Phillips to go forward with decertification. Motion passed.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Hot Spring County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Joseph Burchfield. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Walraven and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy James Huff. A motion made by Commissioner Hicks to go forward with decertification was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Motion passed.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the ACC for decertification of former Officer Benjamin Gardner. A motion made by Commissioner Wilburn to go forward with decertification was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Jassen Travis. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion passed.

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Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Forrest City Police Department. Due to the absence of any one from the department, this item was postponed.

After the regular meeting was concluded, six uncontested hearings were held. Robert Henninger, Cecil Rowton, Christopher Hunter, Keith Vanravensway, Steven Chamness and Gerald Boeckman were all decertified by a final vote for each by the Commission. In the scheduled hearings, Bobby Forrest, Lee Johnson and Terry Steward were decertified.

Director Cook's Report: Director Cook gave a report on the progress of new revisions and additional new rules and specifications. A review of each new rule and additions and updates to each existing rule and specification was presented. After this review, a motion to accept these changes was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. The vote was unanimous. In other business, Director Cook reported on the findings of the Legislative Audit Review that there were no findings for the year of 2012 and 2013. She also stated that the findings of the audit for the year 2014 were being presented on that day with our fiscal officer representing CLEST. These results will be presented to the commission at the next commission meeting.