

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
February 12, 2015

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Frank Guinn, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Secretary  
Commissioner John Allison  
Commissioner Bob Burns  
Commissioner Jane Christenson  
Commissioner Neff Basore  
Commissioner Bill Benton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Colonel Bill Bryant        | Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles |
| Donna Humphries            | Captain Lindsey Williams  |
| J.R. Hankins               | Captain Ron Stayton       |
| Major Henry LaMar          | Captain Jeff Drew         |
| Lieutenant David Sims      | Captain Steve Coppinger   |
| Sergeant Stuart Woodward   | Emma French               |
| Sherry Woods               | Lieutenant David Lafferty |
| Lieutenant Scott Woodward  | Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads  |
| Captain Bryan Davis        | Captain Lance King        |
| Captain Wesley Smithee     | Major Mike Foster         |
| Lieutenant Charles Hubbard | Lieutenant Brady Gore     |
| Major Shawn Garner         | Captain Forrest Marks     |
| Sergeant Paulette Ward     | Lieutenant Darran Austin  |
| Captain Jim Howington      | Jenna Castleberry         |
| Lieutenant Jason Aaron     | Corporal Jeff Whitlock    |
| Sergeant Mike Dawson       | Sergeant Michael Bain     |
| Lieutenant Dennis Overton  | Bridget White             |
| Debra Hollis               | Lieutenant Brant Tosh     |
| Caitlin Sparks             | Lieutenant Charles Watson |
| Sergeant Alex Krneta       | Sheila Standley           |
| Lieutenant Jeff Long       | Lieutenant Rick Neill     |
| Mary Claire McLaurin       | Jackie Baker              |
| Harmony Daniels            | Captain Mike Hagar        |
| Lieutenant John Carter     | Lieutenant David Moore    |
| Lieutenant John Overman    | Lieutenant Kyle Drown     |
| Captain Dale Saffold       |                           |

OTHERS PRESENT:

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Meredith Rebsamen – AG’s Office | Doug Smith – Governor’s Office |
| Joe Thielke – ASPF              | Steven Lamu                    |
| Randy Lann – ASPF               | Dr. Marvin Leibovich           |
| Dr. Kathryn Neill               | Terry Bain                     |
| Jerry Bain                      | Lori Bain                      |
| Jeff Weaver                     | James L. Ward - Retiree        |
| Morstine Willoughby – Retiree   | Dorothy Plumb – Retiree        |
| Kathy Sparks - Retiree          |                                |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Burns led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on February 03, 2015.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 07, 2015 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Henry LaMar presented the below resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Barry E. Roy efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, two months, and twenty-six days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Barry E. Roy retired from this department December 31, 2014;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Barry E. Roy has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS337, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Barry E. Roy efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, two months, and twenty-six days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Barry E. Roy retired from this department December 31, 2014;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Barry E. Roy has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 12, 2015 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC541674, that Sergeant Barry E. Roy has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Sergeant Barry E. Roy be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

Major Shawn Garner presented the below resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Blake Wilson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-six years, one month, and three days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Blake Wilson retired from this department December 31, 2014;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Blake Wilson has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS434, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Blake Wilson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-six years, one month, and three days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Blake Wilson retired from this department December 31, 2014;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Blake Wilson has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

## MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

February 12, 2015 – Page 4

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 12, 2015 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D591187M, that Corporal Blake Wilson has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Blake Wilson be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

### PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Rick Neill promoting him to Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Executive Protection.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Jeff Sheeler promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Paulette Ward promoting her to Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Office of Professional Standards.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Dennis Overton promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Interdiction and Criminal Patrol Coordinator.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Jeff Long promoting him to Sergeant in the Director's Office, Executive Protection.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Mike Bain promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Mike Dawson promoting him to Sergeant in the Regulatory and Building Operations Division, Fire Marshal and Arson - Explosives.

### DIVISION REPORTS:

#### Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated we are at 58%, right about where we should be and we are keeping an eye on everything. In the Legislative Session our Appropriation Act is in Special Language right now and it will be in there for another week or so before we see movement on it. The auditors have arrived and will be auditing 2014. We completed a land purchase in Russellville.

#### Administrative Services – Lieutenant Mike Kennedy

Lieutenant Kennedy presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. He began by reporting the Human Resources/Personnel transactions for the month of January; we had six civilian new hires, four civilian voluntary resignations, one transfer, two retirements, and one new hire extra help personnel. The Commission transactions included one new hire that was Colonel Bryant, two voluntary resignations, three promotions, seven lateral transfers, and one retirement. At this time we currently have five military deployments.

## MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

February 12, 2015 – Page 5

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, January was a better month than we had in December. January paid claims were \$914,461 that is lower than December which was \$1.8 million. We received \$409,000 back in stop loss reimbursements which help offset some of those costs from December; however, we did have to pay our first transitional reinsurance fee required by the Affordable Health Care Act in the amount of \$185,220. All that being said, our fund balance is still higher this month by \$93,367. We had a pretty good month overall. Our big ticket claims continue to be the problem for our health plan; we had 14 claims in the month of January over \$10,000.

As you know, we are going through the hiring process right now for the 2015A troop school, we currently have 33 applicants that have completed the physical assessment test and written test and are getting ready for polygraphs. We have another 184 applications on file that have yet to be tested.

Commissioner Christenson asked how many were we going to be able to have for troop school. Lieutenant Kennedy stated he has been told 30 and if we have any attrition between now and then we will try to back fill those also, but 30 is the number we are shooting for.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR 2015:

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn stated on the Health Insurance Committee, Commissioner Allison, Commissioner Burns, and Commissioner Shepherd would serve and he asked for a motion appointing those three to the Health Insurance Committee.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Allison, Commissioner Shepherd, and Commissioner Burns to the Health Insurance Committee. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn stated on the Arkansas State Police Foundation, all commissioners would serve on the Foundation and a meeting will be held after the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Basore made a motion that all Commissioners serve on the Arkansas State Police Foundation. Commissioner Christenson/Commissioner Burns seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. and returned at 11:13 a.m.

Colonel Bryant recommended the reinstatement of Derek Byrd to the Arkansas State Police. Commissioner Allison made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Derek Byrd, Commissioner Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Shepherd stated a couple of weeks ago, everyone probably read about the student who was presumed missing and it did not come out well, she was found under a bridge where her car had crashed not far from her home. So many personnel from ASP assisted in the search, did a tremendous job and I just wanted to thank them for the services they provided. Trying to bring a good resolution to an area tragedy and he wanted to say thank you very much.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be held Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
February 12, 2015 – Page 6

The Josh Berry Appeal Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 immediately following the adjournment of the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Christenson. The motion passed and Commission Vice Chairman Guinn announced the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

---

Commission Chairman

---

Commission Secretary