

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
February 14, 2013

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jane Christenson, Chairman
Commissioner Woody Futrell, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Wallace Fowler, Secretary
Commissioner Frank Guinn
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd
Commissioner Steve Smith

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Stan Witt	Major Henry La Mar
Captain Steve Coppinger	Captain Ron Stayton
Captain Lindsey Williams	Captain Mark Allen
Lieutenant Mike Kennedy	Lieutenant David Lafferty
Lieutenant Brant Tosh	Sergeant Gregg Alexander
Sergeant Scott Woodward	Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore
Sergeant Chad Hipps	Sergeant Ken Whillock
Corporal Lori Whillock	Captain Mike Foster
Sergeant Forrest Marks	Captain Jeff Jester
Lieutenant Steven B. Davis	Sergeant Mike Wallace
Sergeant Daniel L. Nichols	Lieutenant Wesley Smithee
Sergeant Ben Cross	Emma French
Jenna Castleberry	Josh Loy
Captain Shawn Garner	Captain Leonard Hogg
Lieutenant Kyle Drown, Sr.	Sergeant Stuart Woodward
Sergeant Barry Roy	Sergeant Dennis Overton
Gary Glisson	Sergeant Kim Warren
Captain Dale Saffold	Sergeant John Scott Joe
Lieutenant Jason Aaron	Sergeant Elvis Mull

OTHERS PRESENT:

Randy Lann, ASP Foundation	Laura Overton, ASP Foundation
Tammy Hipps	Houston Whillock
Kenny Whillock	Debbie Whillock
Pippi Coppinger	Brent Coppinger
Max Coppinger	Teresa Brandes
Jay Brandes	Tammy Cross
Laura Drown	Kyle Drown, Jr.
Randy York, Retiree	Joe Thielke, ASP Foundation
Jay Winters, ACIC Director	Beverly Joe
Sarah Joe	Angela Mull
Meredith Rebsamen, Attorney General's Office	

OPENING AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Frank Guinn led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on February 04, 2013.

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RECOGNIZED GUESTS:

Commission Chairman Christenson explained that she would recognize some of the special guests in attendance and would like the troopers getting their promotion certificates to introduce their families when they come up to receive their promotion certificate.

Commission Chairman Christenson recognized Laura Overton, Executive Director of the ASP Foundation, Randy Lann and Joe Thielke of the ASP Foundation, Randy York, ASP Retiree, Jay Winters, Director of ACIC and Meredith Rebsamen of the Attorney General's Office.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 Arkansas State Police Commission meeting, Commissioner Futrell seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Futrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 Arkansas State Police Commission Conference Call meeting, Commissioner Fowler seconded and the motion passed.

Introduction of Recruits:

Commission Chairman stated at this time we have Lieutenant Kennedy who will introduce the ASP Recruits. Lieutenant Kennedy advised the twenty-nine recruits will come up one at a time and introduce themselves to the ASP Commissioners giving their name, age and home town.

Commission Chairman Christenson thanked Lt. Kennedy and asked him to pass on to them from the ASP Commission how much they appreciate them for being here and introducing themselves and for all of the hard work they are doing to get through Troop School and the Commission looks forward to seeing them at Troop School graduation.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Captain Steve Coppinger presented the below resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal William L. Glover efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, two months and seven days;

WHEREAS: Corporal William L. Glover retired from this department January 05, 2013;

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 William L. Glover 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 14, 2013, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21,

Serial Number PKS250, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Fowler moved that the foregoing motion be approved, Commissioner Futrell seconded and the motion passed.

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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 William L. Glover 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 14, 2013 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number A352061, that Corporal William L. Glover has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal William L. Glover be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Fowler moved that the foregoing motion be approved, Commissioner Futrell seconded and the motion passed.

Promotion Certificates – Presented by Colonel Stan Witt

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Captain Steve Coppinger, promoting him to Captain in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Jason Aaron, promoting him to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company E at Harrison.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Kyle Drown, promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J at Clarksville.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Ben Cross, promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J at Clarksville.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Elvis Mull, promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A at Little Rock.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Ken Whillock, promoting him to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company D at Fort Smith.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant John Scott Joe, promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H at Fort Smith.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Chad Hipps, promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L at Springdale.

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Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Daniel Nichols, promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L at Springdale.

Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Mike Wallace, promoting him to Sergeant in the Regulatory and Building Operations Division, Maintenance and Inmate Services at Little Rock.

Commission Chairman Christenson congratulated those troopers just recently promoted and receiving their certificates, stating the Commissioners are very proud of their accomplishments and know that they will keep doing their best for the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Futrell stated on behalf of the Commission, thank you to Colonel Witt for moving forward with these promotions. Because we know that these people really work hard for it and I really appreciate and the Commission does appreciate you moving forward and promoting these people and I want to commend you on it very much.

Commissioner Futrell then stated he knows these troopers are going to work extra hard and he can see how hard they have already been working with the beautiful families they all have.

Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. She stated we should be about 58% on our expenditures right now and we are doing fine. We are watching everything pretty closely. Our appropriation bill, our appropriation act, it is not a bill yet, has been introduced in Joint Budget and moved on to Personnel Committee, so we will have to go to Personnel Committee within the next couple of weeks. From there we should go in to Special Language, then back to Joint Budget and then to the floor.

Commission Chairman Christenson asked if there were any surprises from the legislature of them trying to cut anything so far. Ms French stated we have one little issue that we are dealing with at this time.

Administrative Services Division – Lieutenant Mike Kennedy

Lieutenant Kennedy presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Lieutenant Kennedy stated the recruits we just introduced are in week 4 of the 20 week program and they are still scheduled to graduate the first week of June. They are ending what we call phase 1; we have 4 phases of Troop School. They are ending the more military indoctrination style phase of troop school and are moving more to the instructional phase. Next week they will be getting a lot of the core classes, what we call the big 3. Driving, fighting and shooting, the three things we really try to focus on for our reality based training. They are going to start their defensive tactics next week, so thus far they have been in a classroom for 4 weeks straight and starting next week they are going to be on their feet and moving pretty much for the rest of Troop School. Hopefully we have lost everybody that we are going to lose at this point and hopefully we will graduate with 29 the first week of June. We are rocking onto phase 2 and it will be a lot more intense for them on the physical side.

The Human Resource Section has been tremendously busy this past month, not only did they have to process all the paperwork from the recruits that came in, but also all the resignations, we lost a total of 14 out this class all that generates paperwork coming in and going out. In addition to that we had 6 civilian new hires, 3 civilian voluntary resignations, 1 civilian transfers, and 1 civilian retirement. On the commissioned side we had 1 lateral transfer, 3 commissioned resignations, and 1 termination. We currently have 8 total people on military deployments.

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Lieutenant Kennedy stated the health insurance plan continues to be in very good shape. Our claims moved slightly higher last month by \$23,000.00. Overall our fund balance in January, 2013 was \$1.1 million higher than it was in January, 2012. So we continue to track up on our overall fund balance.

Commissioner Shepherd stated, "Lieutenant Kennedy you alluded to Recruit Graduation being the first week in June; do you have a definite date?" Lieutenant Kennedy stated I believe it is June 6, but we will be mailing out invitations to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Christenson asked for any new business and then asked Colonel Witt if he had any new business.

Colonel Witt advised Commission Chairman Christenson he was requesting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no new business to come before the Commission at 10:26 a.m. Commission Chairman Christenson announced the Commission would retire into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The Open Session resumed at 11:17 a.m.

Colonel Witt advised Commission Chairman Christenson that he has two recommendations for promotion to present before the Commission.

Colonel Stan Witt recommended the Commission consider Sergeant Forrest Marks for the vacant Lieutenant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K in Hot Springs. Commissioner Futrell made a motion that Sergeant Forrest Marks be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Shepherd seconded, and the motion passed.

Colonel Stan Witt recommended the Commission consider Corporal Chris Waters for the vacant Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H, Crawford County. Commissioner Guinn made a motion that Corporal Chris Waters be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Fowler seconded, and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Christenson stated the next regular scheduled meeting of the Arkansas State Police Commission will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary