

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
February 28, 2014

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Woody Futrell, Chairman
Commissioner Wallace Fowler, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Frank Guinn, Secretary
Commissioner John Allison
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd
Commissioner Jane Christenson

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Stan Witt	Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles
Donna Humphries	Elaine Lee
Lieutenant David Sims	Lieutenant Darran Austin
Captain Ron Stayton	Emma French
Jenna Castleberry	Cynthia Foster
Captain Steve Coppinger	Major Shawn Garner
Major J. R. Hankins	Captain Jeff Jester
Sergeant Stuart Woodward	Captain Lindsey Williams
Lieutenant Charles Hubbard	Major Mike Foster
Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads	Lieutenant Scott Woodward
Lieutenant Jason Aaron	Lieutenant David Lafferty
Corporal Jimmie O. Thomas	Caitlin Sparks
Janet Chappelle	Harmony Daniels
Sherry Woods	Debra Hankins
Thomas Norman, CID Intern	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Larry Robinson, Governor's Office	Randy Lann, ASP Foundation
Amanda Gibson, AG's Office	Steve Coleman, Retiree
Butch Heath, ASP Foundation	Charisse Childers, ASP Foundation
David Dunn, ASP Foundation	Benson Cashion, ASP Foundation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Christenson led the pledge of allegiance.

Commission Chairman Futrell welcomed all attendees to the meeting and then turned the introductions of the new recruits over to Colonel Witt. Colonel Witt asked the recruits to come forward and introduce themselves. Each recruit came forward gave their name, age, and hometown. Colonel Witt advised there are now 29 recruits and hopefully all 29 will be graduating.

Colonel Witt asked for the Commission to recognize Major J. R. Hankins who has worked for this department for 35 years and today is his last day to work.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on February 19, 2014.

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MINUTES:

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2014 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major J. R. Hankins presented the below resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Captain Steve Coleman efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years, six months, and two days;

WHEREAS: Captain Steve Coleman retired from this department December 31, 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: Captain Steve Coleman 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 Friday, February 28, 2014, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS044, 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 Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Captain Steve Coleman efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years, six months, and two days;

WHEREAS: Captain Steve Coleman retired from this department December 31, 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: Captain Steve Coleman 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 Friday, February 28, 2014 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D063140M, that Captain Steve Coleman has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Captain Steve Coleman 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 Allison seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Troy Brown efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirteen years, two months, and eight days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Troy Brown retired from this department December 31, 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 Troy Brown 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 Friday, February 28, 2014, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 45, Serial Number PKS466, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Arnold efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-nine years, five months, and twenty-two days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Arnold retired from this department December 31, 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 Dale Arnold 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 Friday, February 28, 2014, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Sig Sauer P229, Serial Number AD18258, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Arnold efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-nine years, five months, and twenty-two days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Arnold retired from this department December 31, 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 Dale Arnold 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 Friday, February 28, 2014 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D605875M, that Corporal Dale Arnold has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Dale Arnold 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 Fowler seconded and the motion passed.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French presented an overview of the written reports which have been distributed to the Commission. She advised we are at about 58% which is where we should be, we're doing fine. We are watching our Appropriation Act in the Session right now, and it is just moving out of joint budget and headed to the House.

Commission Chairman Futrell asked if there were any questions for Ms. French.

Administrative Services – Harmony Daniels

Ms. Daniels presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. She began by reporting the Human Resources/Personnel transactions for the month of January; we had five civilian new hires, two civilian voluntary resignations, two promotions, three extra help hires, and one lateral transfer. The Commission transactions included 38 new hires, nine resignations, four promotions, ten lateral transfers, one disciplinary, one retirement and one termination. Currently we have four military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, due to the transition to QualChoice, the January paid claims are mainly the result of our 2013 run out claims and also December claims paid in January. QualChoice just began processing our 2014 claims the week of February 18th. Those numbers will be reflected on the February report and should give us a better accounting of the paid claims for 2014. The current Fund Balance is at \$10,085,974 which is higher by \$144,813 from last month. She asked for questions.

Commissioner Allison stated we went through a bidding process a while back and we change to a different third party? Colonel Witt explained that we had to bid out our health insurance plan this time, and State Procurement is who handles that bid process and makes the selection due to the dollar amount and state regulations. Commissioner Allison said there was a change to how that was bid and asked when the transition happened and if it was going smoothly. Colonel Witt advised it happened January 1st and he asked Ms. Daniels if she knew of any problems. She explained we seemed to be getting a good response.

Commissioner Allison stated sometimes the bidding process can get in the way, our plan seemed to be going very well and I was concerned about changing. Colonel Witt stated we are keeping a close eye on it. Commissioner Allison stated the Fund has done so well and improved so much with the leadership provided and the guidance we received in the past.

Commission Chairman Futrell stated several years back when the retirees reached a certain age they were recommended to get on Medicare when they reached the age of 65. Ms. Daniels stated that was correct and they are notified when they get close to that age. Commissioner Futrell asked what has been the percentage changed. Ms. Daniels explained if they are 65 or older then they would have Medicare part A and part B.

Commission Chairman Futrell asked Donna Humphries to acknowledge the guests. She advised the following guests were in attendance: Larry Robinson with the Governor's Office, Amanda Gibson with the Attorney General's Office, and from the Foundation we have Mr. David Dunn, Mr. Randy Lann, Mr. Butch Heath, Mr. Benson Cashion, and Ms. Charisse Childers.

Commission Chairman Futrell asked Colonel Witt if he had anything else before going into new business, and Colonel Witt requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Commission Chairman Futrell announced they would take a 10 minute recess before going into Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:35 to discuss personnel matters and returned at 11:08.

Commission Chairman Futrell stated he is very happy to have Commissioner Christenson reappointed to the Commission for another seven years.

Commission Chairman Futrell apologized to Captain Steve Coleman for missing his retirement party.

Commission Chairman Futrell asked Colonel Witt if he had any recommendations for the Commission.

Colonel Witt recommended the Commission consider Sergeant Mark Hollingsworth for the vacant Lieutenant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company E. Commissioner Christenson made the motion that Sergeant Hollingsworth be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Fowler seconded, and the motion passed.

Colonel Witt recommended the Commission consider Corporal Don Johnson for the vacant Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D. Commissioner Burns made the motion that Corporal Johnson be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Allison seconded, and the motion passed.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Futrell announced the June 5, 2014 Commission meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Appeal Hearing for Tom Weindruch after the meeting, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. unless Colonel Witt needs to change the hearing to 10:30 a.m.

With no new business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary