

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
March 02, 2017

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, March 02, 2017 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Shepherd called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Bob Burns, Secretary
Commissioner Jane Christenson
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton
Commissioner Steve Edwards

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Major Forrest Marks	Captain Mike Kennedy
Captain Mark Hollingsworth	Sherry Woods
Jenna Castleberry	Emma French
Gary Glisson	Captain Jeff Drew
Bill Sadler	Captain Charles Hubbard
Jackie Baker	Elizabeth Johnson
Harmony Daniels	Loretta Williams
Lieutenant Roby Rhoads	Robin Gifford
Lieutenant Dennis Morris	Corporal Tiffany Dycus
Lieutenant Darran Austin	Bridget White
Captain Paulette Ward	Captain Dale Saffold
Captain Brady Gore	Lieutenant David Cooper
Captain Wesley Smithee	Corporal Michael Reed
Captain Jason Aaron	Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls
Lieutenant David Lafferty	Lieutenant Kim Warren
Lieutenant Cora Gentry	Lieutenant Stacy Rhoads
TFC Liz Chapman	Elaine Lee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ret. Stan Witt, ASP Foundation	Joe Thielke, ASP Foundation
Ret. Janet Chappelle, ASP Foundation	Trina Terry
Ben Walters, DFA-Budget	Ret. James Ward
Conrad Hamp	Trent M. Pettis
Roger J. Hudson	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Benton led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on February 22, 2017. A revised (updated time) media notification was sent out March 01, 2017 at 11:43 a.m.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2017 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

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

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Roby Rhoads promoting him to Lieutenant in the Administrative Services Division, Administration.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Dennis Morris promoting him to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company C.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Kimberly Warren promoting her to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company E.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Matthew Williams promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J.

Chairman Shepherd stated on behalf of the Commission let me say congratulations to all of you and continue all of the hard work that you are doing, it is well recognized and appreciated.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French stated the reports are not ready since the meeting was so early in the month. She stated we are doing okay and are starting to go through our processes and looking at how we are going to wrap up this year. We think that the bonds will be issued by the end of March. She explained we should be able to talk about the bonds at the next meeting.

Administrative Services – Captain Mike Kennedy

Captain Mike 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; the civilian transactions include three new hires, four promotions, one lateral transfer, two voluntary resignations, one extra help termination, one termination and two retirements. The commissioned transactions included three voluntary resignations, twenty-seven promotions of which twenty-two are from the 2009 Recruit School making Corporal, four lateral transfers, one retirement, and one disciplinary. We currently have eight department members on military deployment.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, we will send the report out by the end of next week. I will get them to Donna Humphries and have her email it out.

Commissioner Allison asked him if he had any feel for the report. Captain Kennedy stated last month we were at \$6.1 million and I think if we break even this month we will be lucky. We have been dropping about \$100,000 a month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Shepherd asked Colonel Bryant if there was a need to go into Executive Session and Colonel Bryant stated we have a personnel matter to discuss.

Commission Chairman Shepherd asked if there was a motion. Commissioner Basore made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of an employee, Commissioners Christenson/Allison seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 11:46 a.m.

The open meeting resumed at 12:35 p.m. and Commission Chairman Shepherd asked Colonel Bryant if he had any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated we have received a reinstatement request from former trooper Randy Rauls. Randy recently left and went to Game and Fish and decided to come back to the State Police. We have done all of the necessary paperwork and a background. My recommendation to the Commission is to bring him back as an Arkansas State Trooper. Commissioner Christenson made a motion to reinstate Randy Rauls as an Arkansas State Police Trooper, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated we have a promotion up for consideration, a Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K, Montgomery, Pike and Polk Counties. My recommendation to the Commission would be to promote Corporal Kevin Steed to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K, Montgomery, Pike and Polk Counties. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Corporal Steed be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Allison seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Shepherd stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Shepherd asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioners Edwards/Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary