

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
April 11, 2019

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Bob Burns, Chairman
Commissioner Jane Christenson, Vice-Chairperson
Commissioner Neff Basore, Secretary
Commissioner John Allison
Commissioner Steve Edwards

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Bill Benton
Commissioner Jeffery Teague

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Mike Foster	Major Lindsey Williams
Emma French	Jenna Castleberry
Sergeant Chris Waters	Sergeant Russ Rhodes
Captain Randall Dias	Gary Glisson
Lieutenant Mike Moyer	Captain David Moore
Captain John Carter	Captain Mike Hagar
Bridget White	Lieutenant Dennis Overton
Bill Sadler	Jonathan Nettles
Mary Claire McLaurin	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Burrus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Allison led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on March 06, 2019.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATION:

Sergeant Chris Waters gave an overview of the nomination of Trooper Josh Elmore for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Waters explained that Trooper Josh Elmore is assigned to Crawford County in the Highway Patrol Division and is a K-9 handler. Over the course of 2018, Trooper Elmore seized over 875 lbs. of marijuana, 23 lbs. of methamphetamine, 1 oz. cocaine, 2 stolen guns, 2 stolen vehicles, and \$114,208 in drug proceeds. These seizures resulted in 39 individual arrests and contributed to a total of 116 felony criminal arrests Trooper Elmore initiated in 2018. As a K-9 handler, Trooper Elmore is responsible for the training, maintenance, and general upkeep of his dog. Trooper Elmore makes himself and his K-9 partner Beau available to area law enforcement officers for drug detection, searches, and

article recovery. The success Trooper Elmore and Beau have achieved, as a team, during 2018 is quite impressive.

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Trooper Elmore recorded 61 real world K-9 deployments in 2018. Trooper Elmore also deployed his K-9 on an escaped fugitive who had fled on foot into a wooded area. Trooper Elmore's K-9 partner Beau tracked the suspect, found him hiding under some brush and held the suspect in place until other officers arrived and arrested the suspect. Trooper Elmore was nominated for and received a very prestigious award in 2018 from the El Paso Information Center, where he was competing with criminal interdiction officers across the nation. The award was for the largest methamphetamine seizure nationwide in 2017. Trooper Elmore is worthy to receive the Official Commendation Award for his incredible work during 2018.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Trooper Josh Elmore.

Commission Chairman Burns congratulated Trooper Elmore on receiving the award.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. Ms. French stated we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year. A couple of things have happened, we did get approval to pay certificate pay, and it will be a little over \$460,000 that will be paid out at the end of this month. We did get a revenue stream during the session to replace the money that we are going to lose from the reduction in Concealed Handgun fees, so that was really good news for us. The session is over.

Commissioner Allison asked so what was the revenue replacement? Ms. French stated concealed handguns revenue was decreased, your license for concealed handguns went from \$100 to \$50 so we were losing \$1.5 million. Commissioner Allison asked where we replaced it. Ms. French stated with the driver's record fee, it was \$7.00 and went to \$8.50, so, that should generate enough money to cover our losses from concealed handguns.

Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Hubbard 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 ten new hires, three voluntary resignations, two promotions, one retirement, and two lateral transfers. The commissioned transactions include two lateral transfers, four voluntary resignations, one disciplinary, twenty-one promotions to Trooper First Class and two voluntary demotions. We currently have four military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, March paid claims were \$912,936 an increase of \$109,128 from last month and the fund balance is \$59,417 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$5,668,930.45. The average discount savings for the month was 78%.

Currently we are in week seven of Troop School and we have 37 recruits that remain.

Commissioner Basore asked how they are doing. Major Hubbard stated they are doing well, really well. Commissioner Basore asked what rotation are they in. Major Hubbard stated they had firearms last week, and everyone qualified and shot really well and there were some recruits in the group that have never fired a weapon before. So our Firearms Instructors took them under their wing so to speak and spent extra time to make sure that everyone qualified and they excelled exceptionally. A lot of compliments from our instructors on this group. Major Hubbard stated these are well qualified individuals in this group.

Commissioner Christenson asked for the date of graduation. Major Hubbard stated it will be July 18, 2019.

Commissioner Basore asked if we know where it is going to be. Major Hubbard stated we have an idea but nothing is finalized.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Burns stated the next item on the agenda is to schedule an Appeal Hearing on Trooper David Harrell. Colonel Bryant do you have any suggested dates that we might look at. Colonel Bryant stated my recommendation would be the June Commission Meeting, have our regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. and then we will hear the appeal at 10:00 a.m. Commission Chairman Burns stated they would set the Appeal Hearing for Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Burns asked Colonel Bryant if there was any need for an Executive Session this morning. Colonel Bryant stated we have some personnel matters to discuss in Executive Session if that is possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Burns asked for 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 employees, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m.

Commission Chairman Burns called the meeting back to order at 10:33 a.m. and stated we have one item to report.

Colonel Bryant stated he was announcing a lateral transfer today, we have an opening in Troop A, Saline County. I am using the Director's discretion to do a lateral transfer of Sergeant Jeff Plouch from Pulaski County to Saline County in Troop A, Highway Patrol.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Burns stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, May 09, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Burns asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Christenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Burns adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary