The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Allison called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner John Allison, Chairman
Commissioner Jane Christenson, Secretary
Commissioner Steve Edwards
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Jeffery Teague

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Commissioner Bob Burns, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Bill Benton

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:
Colonel Bill Bryant
Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuclles
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Mike Foster
Major Forrest Marks
Major Mark Hollingsworth
Major Lindsay Williams
Major Charles Hubbard
Sherry Woods
Jenna Castleberry
Emma French
Major Jeff Drew
Phyllis Huitt
Jackie Baker
Elizabeth Johnson
Robin Gifford
Captain Randall Dias
Sergeant Tiffany Dycus
Mary Claire McLaurin
Captain Wesley Smithee
Captain Brady Gore
Captain Scott Woodward
Captain Paulette Ward
Elaine Lee
Lieutenant Mike Moyer
Captain Todd Shaw
Caitlin Teague
Bill Sadler
Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock
Sergeant Jimmie Thomas
Captain David Cooper
Sergeant Kyle Peek
Corporal Greg Dycus
Lieutenant Dennis Morris
Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads
Sergeant Scott Russell
Gary Gissson
Captain Barry Saffold
Captain Dale Saffold
Lieutenant Michael Exum
Sergeant Bobby Clemence
Corporal Rod Cooper
Jimmy Dean Plataka
Bridget White
Captain Jason Aaron
Corporal Jorge Oseguera
Lieutenant Dennis Overton
Lieutenant Roby Rhoads

OTHERS PRESENT:
Candice Whitlock
Karol Zoeller
Tina Thomas
April Cooper
Olan Reeves, Governor’s Office
Sara Farris, Attorney General’s Office
Denni Peek
Morgan Peek
Sue Elliott
Retiree Jim Elliott
Chloie Saffold Dale
Michelle Anthony
Charisse Childers, ASP Foundation
Joe Thielke, ASP Foundation
Benson Cashion, ASP Foundation
Emily Lamm, ASP Foundation
Damon Young, ASP Foundation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Commissioner Christenson led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:
The media was notified of this meeting on May 02, 2018.

MINUTES:
Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain Barry Saffold promoting him to Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Tactical and Air Support.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain William Randall Dias promoting him to Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop E.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain David Cooper promoting him to Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock promoting him to Lieutenant in the Director’s Office, Fleet Operations.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Jimmie O. Thomas promoting her to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company C North.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Tiffany Dycus promoting her to Sergeant in the Director’s Office, Office of Professional Standards.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Kyle Peek promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop G.

Commission Chairman Allison congratulated everyone and stated with the hard work you put in to get your promotion we are proud of you all.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated we are at 83% and we have about 7 weeks left in this Fiscal Year and we are going to finish out this year just fine. We’re working on loading our budget for next year, it is due Monday.

Commission Chairman Allison asked was there anything for the year that you saw that was interesting that you did not think was going to happen that did happen? Anything got your attention during the year or anything that you are thinking differently going into next year. Ms. French stated she is thinking about the price of gas differently next year. Commissioner Basore asked how did that work out this year I know you had a budget for a certain dollar per gallon, are we under that or over that amount. Ms. French stated we are under that just a little bit. I think we are going to make a little adjustment on our fuel budget for this coming up year, we were at $2.50 per gallon and I think we are going to go up to $2.75 just to be a little bit safer.

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 six new hires and two voluntary resignations. The commissioned transactions included four lateral transfers, one retirement, one voluntary resignation and three promotions. We currently have five military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, April paid claims were $821,447.00 an increase of $66,309 from last month, the fund balance is $581,449 higher than last month for a total fund balance of $5,866,961.00. The average discount savings for the month of April was 80%.

In troop school, we continue with 38 recruits. They are in Week 11 and are finishing up the second week of EVOC and First Training. Commission Chairman Allison asked if we are going to see the recruits sometime. Colonel Bryant stated probably next month.
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Allison asked Colonel Bryant if there was a need to go into Executive Session and Colonel Bryant stated we have personnel matters to discuss. Commissioner Basore made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of employees. Commissioners Christenson/Edwards seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

Commission Chairman Allison called the meeting back to order at 11:04 a.m. and stated we have been in executive session discussing personnel matters.

Commission Chairman Allison stated he would turn it over to Colonel Bryant for any recommendations. Colonel Bryant stated the first position is Captain in the Administrative Services Division. My recommendation to the Commission would be Lieutenant Roby Rhoads for the position of Captain in the Administrative Services Division. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Lieutenant Rhoads be promoted to Captain, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is ASP Lieutenant in Company B in Pine Bluff. My recommendation to the Commission would be Sergeant Scott Russell for the position of Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company B. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Sergeant Russell be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Teague seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is ASP Lieutenant in Troop E in Pine Bluff. My recommendation to the Commission would be Sergeant Aleksandar Krneta for the position of Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop E. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Sergeant Krneta be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the last position is ASP Sergeant in Recruiting in Little Rock. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Craig Teague for the position of Sergeant in the Administrative Services Division, Recruiting. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Corporal Teague be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

Commission Chairman Allison congratulated each of the newly promoted.

Commission Chairman Allison explained to the Commissioners there was some additional information in front of them on the drug plans by month and how it has progressed over months and years. You can take that with you to read at some point.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Allison stated the June Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Allison asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioners Basore/Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Allison adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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Commission Chairman
Commission Secretary