

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
June 6, 2013

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Stan Witt	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Major Henry La Mar	Major Les Braunns
Lieutenant Mike Kennedy	Captain Lindsey Williams
Emma French	Karen Perry
Jenna Castleberry	Sergeant Scott Woodward
Captain Steve Coppinger	Gary Glisson
Sergeant Charles G. Watson	Sergeant Stuart Woodward
Corporal Jeff Whitlock	Sergeant Paulette Ward
Debbie Roark	Captain Mark Allen
Lieutenant Joel Mullins	Major J. R. Hankins
Captain Jim Howington	Sergeant Barry Roy

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Krenn, DFA	Marvin Childers, ASP Foundation
Randy Lann, ASP Foundation	Meredith Rebsamen, Attorney General’s Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Futrell led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on May 31, 2013.

Commission Chairman Christenson introduced guests, Michael Krenn with DF&A, Meredith Rebsamen, Attorney General’s Office, and Marvin Childers and Randy Lann, Arkansas State Police Foundation.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 Arkansas State Police Commission Meeting, Commissioner Futrell seconded it and the motion passed.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French reviewed the reports which had been distributed to the Commission. She stated we should now be at 92% and are doing okay. We are closing out the end of the year, trying to get all our invoices in and trying to get everything paid.

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We are not doing any more purchasing at this point, we are just trying to get everything in and get it paid. She stated they have submitted their FY 14 budget and Michael Krenn and his group are putting it into the system right now. We are going to pay certificate pay which will be on this next pay period. We are going to pay merit pay. The state as a whole is doing that. The auditors are here to start the audit for FY 12. Commission Chairman Christenson asked if they would be here for a month, and Ms. French advised they will probably be here till November. Ms. French asked the Commissioners if they would like to go over the FY14 budget. She said if they do want to, they can set some time to do that. Commission Chairman Christenson said the Commission would discuss it and see if there is a time they would be able to go over the budget with Ms. French.

Administrative Services – Lieutenant Mike Kennedy

Lieutenant Kennedy presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. He reported under Human Resources/Personnel transactions; we had three civilian new hires, three civilian voluntary resignations, one civilian retirement, two civilian promotions and three extra help persons hired. On the Commissioned side we had three commissioned retirements including two which were medical retirements. We currently have seven department members on military leave, active duty performance, at this time. We have added a report to your packet this month that has a breakdown of who those members are and their expected date of returns.

Lieutenant Kennedy then reported on the Health Plan and stated we have not received our reports from UMR this month. We usually do not receive them until the 10th or the 11th of the month. With this early Commission Meeting we do not have a finalized report for you on that. On tracking the claims, they appear to be a little higher this month. Our overall fund balance is \$632,000 higher this month this year than it was this month last year. Our fund balance is still up although our claims are high.

Lieutenant Kennedy reported the Recruit School graduates tonight at 6:00 o'clock. I hope you all received your invitation and will be able to attend tonight.

Lieutenant Kennedy advised this will be his last Commission Meeting until October. He advised he will be leaving to go to Quantico to the FBI National Academy. Sergeant Mike Hagar will be giving the Administrative Services report for the next three months.

Commission Chairman Christenson asked if any of the majors have anything to report.

Commissioner Futrell said he had been traveling on Thursday listening to all the weather on the scanner, and he wanted to comment for all the commanders and personnel how well they coordinated things with the tornado and disaster in the Hot Springs and Y City areas. He said he had heard sergeants telling troopers to get to the house. He said they were cutting trees and getting utility people and local emergency crews out. He commended the personnel on how professional everybody was. He said that just makes you proud to be associated with this organization.

Colonel Witt said he appreciated the comments and stated he had also listened during the bad weather and was impressed and pleased to hear that troopers who were supposed to go off duty at 5:00 o'clock stayed as long as they were needed to help out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Christenson stated this is a short meeting today because there will be an appeal hearing coming up at 10:00. She said she wanted to remind everybody that next month they will be meeting July 11th again at 9:00 and will be having the Mitch Grant Appeal Hearing at 10:00. She advised they would meet August 8th at 9:00 and will be having the James McCoskey Appeal Hearing at 10:00.

Commission Chairman Christenson reminded everyone of the Troop School Graduation to be held at 6:00.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. July 11, 2013 and have an Appeal Hearing for Mitch Grant at 10:00 a.m.

With no new business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Futrell moved the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Commissioner Burns and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary