

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
June 08, 2017

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, June 08, 2017 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Shepherd called the meeting to order at 09:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner John Allison, Vice-Chairman

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner	Major Mike Foster
Major Forrest Marks	Major Lindsey Williams
Sherry Woods	Jenna Castleberry
Emma French	Gary Glisson
Bill Sadler	Jackie Baker
Harmony Daniels	Lieutenant Roby Rhoads
Captain Mark Hollingsworth	Bridget White
Captain Dale Saffold	Captain Jeffrey Drew
Captain Jason Aaron	Corporal Brenda Stephenson
Robin Gifford	Captain Charles Hubbard
Sergeant Mike Moyer	Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls
Lieutenant Barry Saffold	Elizabeth Johnson
Elaine Lee	Greg Downs
Mary Claire McLaurin	Sergeant Jeff Whitlock

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Christenson led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on June 05, 2017.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Mike Foster presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Adrian Ray efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of eighteen years, eight months and seven days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Adrian Ray retired from this department April 30, 2017;

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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 Adrian Ray 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 Thursday, June 08, 2017, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS073, 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 Benton seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Adrian Ray efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of eighteen years, eight months and seven days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Adrian Ray retired from this department April 30, 2017;

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 Adrian Ray 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 Thursday, June 08, 2017 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC610362, that Corporal Adrian Ray has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Adrian Ray be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

OFFICIAL COMMENDATIONS:

Captain Dale Saffold gave an overview of the nomination of Corporal Brenda Stephenson for an Official Commendation.

Corporal Brenda Stephenson in 2013 was on shift and visiting with a fellow officer and trying to decide what they could do for a Russellville Police Officers son that was 4 years-old and had inoperable brain cancer. They talked about it and finally decided to come up with something called the River Valley Superhero 5K race. The first race was held in 2013 and the last one was held the last Saturday in May, 2017. They have completed 5 years of the race and they have helped 8 different families with financial assistance. This year they are expecting to give over \$10,000 to a family and that will bring the total amount that they have awarded since they started this race to over \$50,000 to help out families in need with children who are suffering from an illness. The Russellville Police Officers son lost his battle with the cancer and he died in 2013, but the impact that this race made on that family, reaching out to a fellow officer, and that they continue to make by reaching out to other

families in the River Valley is worthy of Corporal Stephenson's recognition for an official commendation. I also would tell you that we were scheduled to be here last month and that was the day Deputy Mainhart was shot and killed. Corporal Stephenson also serves on the crisis negotiation team. She was called to the scene and I can tell you from firsthand knowledge that she was very instrumental in the negotiations that resulted in the hostage being freed and the suspect giving up without anyone else being hurt.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented an Official Commendation Award to Corporal Brenda Stephenson.

Colonel Bryant stated he wanted to brag on the ASP Crisis Negotiation Team, they were up in Missouri and competed against 9 other crisis negotiations teams and finished second. Our team does a great job and I just want to acknowledge and thank them.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. She stated we are at 92% and almost finished with this year. We are going through our normal steps to close out the year. We did pay certificate pay that was around \$500,000. We are paying merit pay on the last payroll of this year and that is about \$1.3 million. We sent out bids for our new bank account and our new bank is going to be Simmons that will handle the bank account for driver's license revenue for the next few years.

Administrative Services – Lieutenant Roby Rhoads

Lieutenant Roby Rhoads 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 eight new hires, three extra help hires, one lateral transfer, five voluntary resignations, one termination, and two retirements. The commissioned transactions included one voluntary resignation, one reinstatement, and one employee death. We currently have nine department members on military deployment.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, the May paid claims were \$1,481,000, an increase of \$521,000 from last month. The fund balance is \$10,344 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$5,977,802. The average discount saving for the month of May was 72%.

Lieutenant Rhodes stated we are continuing with our Advanced Roadside Impairment Detection Enforcement training and should have that completed by next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Shepherd asked Colonel Bryant if he had any new business and Colonel Bryant stated no, but we do need to go into executive session to discuss some personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:14 a.m.

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The open meeting resumed at 9:48 a.m. and Commission Chairman Shepherd stated personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken.

NEXT MEETING:

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

With no more business, Commission Chairman Shepherd asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioners Christenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 09:51 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary