

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
June 27, 2019

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Bill Benton

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Mike Foster	Major Lindsey Williams
Major Mark Hollingsworth	Major Jeff Drew
Gary Glisson	Captain David Moore
Captain John Carter	Captain Ron Casey
Lieutenant Mike Moyer	Captain Mike Hagar
Captain Scott Woodward	Captain Todd Shaw
Sergeant Tiffany Dycus	Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads
Elizabeth Johnson	Jackie Baker
Sherry Woods	Captain Paulette Ward
Captain David Cooper	Lieutenant Darran Austin
Captain Brady Gore	Emma French
Jenna Castleberry	Hannah Malone
Greg Downs	Bill Sadler
Jonathan Nettles	Robin Gifford
Mary Claire McLaurin	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Christenson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Christenson led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on June 17, 2019.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 regular monthly commission meeting and the June 11, 2019 special conference call commission meeting. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

Chairman Burns stated I think we have some special guests this morning, Colonel Bryant are they ready to enter. Colonel Bryant stated Major Hubbard is going to do a brief introductory concerning our recruit class and they will be brought into the room.

Major Hubbard stated he wanted to take a quick opportunity to compliment the recruits and also to compliment the staff. You know we entered into Week 18 this week of our 21 week Troop School, we have 36 recruits that are remaining and I can’t say enough good things about this group. They have really been working extremely hard and accomplished a lot and moved forward in a very positive manner. Our staff have worked extremely hard. I had no idea when I came into this division how much work goes into the troop schools, so I really want to compliment the staff on their dedication to making sure that all of our recruits are on

in their training. They have started week 18 and have been working on things like active shooter, taser, they have had pepper spray this week, as well as radar certification and they are going to continue with their training. Most of the exercises at this point are practical so they are doing some hands on things to get a feel for what it is going to be like in the field. They have had advanced firearms training and they have some defensive tactics training coming up along with report writing. They will be issued their equipment in the very near future. It will be a reality check for them once they get to see what their cars look like and I know that is a real positive day for them when they are issued their vehicles. We are going to have the ASP Recruits come in and introduce themselves to the ASP Commission and they are going to tell you where they will be stationed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Garner presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Captain Steven Coppinger efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, nine months, and twenty-nine days;

WHEREAS: Captain Steven Coppinger retired from this department April 30, 2019;

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: Captain Steven Coppinger 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 27, 2019, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS189, 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 Allison seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Captain Steven Coppinger efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, nine months, and twenty-nine days;

WHEREAS: Captain Steven Coppinger retired from this department April 30, 2019;

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: Captain Steven Coppinger 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 27, 2019 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D605854M, that Captain Steven Coppinger has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Captain Steven Coppinger be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Donald Johnson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-two years, seven months, and twenty-one days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Donald Johnson retired from this department April 30, 2019;

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: Sergeant Donald Johnson 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 27, 2019, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS043, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Donald Johnson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-two years, seven months, and twenty-one days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Donald Johnson retired from this department April 30, 2019;

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: Sergeant Donald Johnson 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 27, 2019 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC622724, that Sergeant Donald Johnson has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Sergeant Donald Johnson be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Allison made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Basore/Teague seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal William Trevathan efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-three years, seven months, and six days;

WHEREAS: Corporal William Trevathan retired from this department April 30, 2019;

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;

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WHEREAS: Corporal William Trevathan 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 27, 2019, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS313, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal William Trevathan efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-three years, seven months, and six days;

WHEREAS: Corporal William Trevathan retired from this department April 30, 2019;

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 William Trevathan 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 27, 2019 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC515390, that Corporal William Trevathan has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal William Trevathan be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. Ms. French stated we had our exit conference with the auditors this week and we did not have any audit findings, so we are very excited about that. Tomorrow is the end of the state year, so we are very busy paying bills and getting things wrapped up and getting where we need to be so that we end in a good position.

Commissioner Allison asked if she saved us any money and if we have any money left. Ms. French stated we do have some money left and we do have plans for it.

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 five new hires, one new hire extra help, one promotion, one transfer, two retirements, one termination and six voluntary resignations. The commissioned transactions include three lateral transfers, two voluntary resignations, and two disciplinaries. We currently have five military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, May paid claims were \$990,993 a decrease of \$60,759 from last month and the fund balance is \$880,805 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$7,141,182. The average discount savings for the month was 79%.

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The ASP Health Plan Oversight Committee met earlier this morning and heard a presentation by Colonel Bryant, no action was taken during that meeting. However, a follow-up meeting was scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Again, I just wanted to remind you the Troop School Graduation will be held on Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Maumelle High School Auditorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Burns asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. 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 Burns called the meeting back to order at 10:59 a.m. and stated let me take a moment and share some schedule changes with everyone. Commission Chairman Burns stated the rescheduling of the Trooper David Harrell appeal hearing will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. preceded by an ASP Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Burns stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Burns stated Colonel Bryant I believe you have changes and promotions to announce.

Colonel Bryant stated we have a voluntary demotion request from Sergeant Chris Waters in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H. He is requesting to return to the rank of Corporal and be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, Company D. My recommendation to the Commission would be to approve the voluntary demotion. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Sergeant Chris Waters be demoted to Corporal and laterally transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, Company D. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motioned passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next order of business would be the ASP Captain position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J Clarksville. My recommendation to the Commission would be Lieutenant Kyle Drown for the position of Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Lieutenant Kyle Drown be promoted to Captain, Commissioners Christenson/Allison seconded and the motion passed.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Burns asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Basore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioners Edwards/Christenson seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Burns adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary