The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Guinn called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Frank Guinn, Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Secretary
Commissioner Jane Christenson
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton

MEMBER ABSENT:
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Vice-Chairman

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:
Colonel Bill Bryant
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Ron Stayton
Major Lindsey Williams
Captain Jeff Drew
Harmony Daniels
Sherry Woods
Captain John Carter
Elaine Lee
Bill Sadler
Captain Alex Finger
Sergeant Matt Miller
Donna Humphries
Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Major Mike Foster
Major Forrest Marks
Captain Mark Hollingsworth
Jackie Baker
Robin Gifford
Gary Glisson
Mary Claire McLaurin
Captain David Sims
Captain Charles Hubbard
Bridget White

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ret. Major Stan Witt, ASP Foundation
Joe Thielke, ASP Foundation
Johnnie Roebuck, ASP Foundation
Olan Reeves, Asst. Attorney General
Ret. Janet Chappelle, ASP Foundation
Butch Heath, ASP Foundation
Will Brewer

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

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:
The media was notified of this meeting on July 08, 2016.

MINUTES:
Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 09, 2016 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2016 Special Conference Call Commission Meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:
Major Mike Foster presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal Robert L. Meyer efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-eight years, and fifteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Robert L. Meyer retired from this department May 31, 2016;

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 Robert L. Meyer 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, July 14, 2016, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS093, 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.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal Robert L. Meyer efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-eight years, and fifteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Robert L. Meyer retired from this department May 31, 2016;

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 Robert L. Meyer 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, July 14, 2016 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC535685, that Corporal Robert L. Meyer has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Robert L. Meyer be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain Mark Hollingsworth promoting him to Captain in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Administrative Services – Harmony Daniels
Harmony Daniels presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. She began by reporting the Human Resources/Personnel transactions for the month; the civilian transactions include seven new hires, four promotions, one lateral transfer, three voluntary resignations, one extra help new hire, two extra help resignations, and one retirement. The commissioned transactions included six retirements. For the month of June we had five department members on military deployments and currently we have two.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, June paid claims were $846,957 which is a decrease of $128,000 from last month. The fund balance is $814,000 higher from last month, for a total fund balance of $7,016,481 dollars. The average discount savings for the month of June was 73%. We had our 6 month health plan review yesterday with the Hatcher Agency and QualChoice. We received some fairly good news, we are seeing that our high dollar claims are finally trending down, we are also seeing a significant decrease in the cost per member as compared to 2015. With the changes to the prescription drug program that were implemented January 1, 2016, we have saved $316,000 in 6 months which is a 60% decrease in our drug spending from 2015. Our next health plan review is scheduled for September, 2016. I also have a couple of contract updates to tell you about, the health plan consult contract was up for renewal in June, so we had to complete a competitive bid process on that and it was awarded to Regions Insurance. We expect for that contract to be in place on September 1, it is currently under Legislative Review. We are also going to bid for our Pharmacy Benefit Manager Contract which we need to have in place by January 1, 2017. So our services will continue with our current vendor through December 31, 2016. And lastly I would like to invite the Commissioners to meet the 2016A Recruit Class, anyone who is interested in doing that can see Sergeant Rhoads in the back after the meeting and he will take you over there.

Commissioner Allison asked where do the funds stack up, from January 1 to today, how are we stacking up? Ms. Daniels stated the fund balance is down by $202,000 for the year. Commissioner Allison stated we are doing better than we were right. Ms. Daniels stated yes we are doing better, with those high dollar claims coming down that has been a positive for the plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to come before the ASP Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Guinn announced the Commission would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. 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, Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m.

The open meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m. and Commission Chairman Guinn announced they had a recommendation for the ASP Foundation. Commissioner Guinn asked for a motion to approve Will Brewer as new member on the Arkansas State Police Foundation. Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve Will Brewer as a new member of the ASP Foundation Board, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Guinn stated the appeal hearing originally set for August 11 was postponed to a later date.
With no more business, Commission Chairman Guinn asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioner Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Guinn adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary