

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
August 17, 2018

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Bob Burns, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton
Commissioner Steve Edwards
Commissioner Jeffery Teague

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner John Allison, Chairman
Commissioner Jane Christenson, Secretary

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner	Major Mike Foster
Major Lindsey Williams	Major Jeff Drew
Major Mark Hollingsworth	Major Charles Hubbard
Captain Randall Dias	Captain Scott Woodward
Lieutenant Alex Krneta	Corporal Matt Outlaw
Trooper Justin Starnes	Trooper Wade Schanzlin
Corporal Chad Maness	Corporal Donnie Crow
Captain David Cooper	Jenna Castleberry
Emma French	Robin Gifford
Lieutenant Mike Moyer	Jackie Baker
Phyllis Huitt	Lieutenant Dennis Overton
Sherry Woods	Sergeant Tiffany Dycus
Captain Paulette Ward	Lieutenant David Moore
Captain Todd Shaw	Captain Dale Saffold
Captain Jason Aaron	Trooper Corey Earls
Daniel Baker	Bill Sadler
Jonathan Nettles	Mary Claire McLaurin
Captain Roby Rhoads	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Summer Crow
Karen Wallace, Asst. Attorney General

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Basore led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on August 15, 2018.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2018 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Mark Hollingsworth presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Stone efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-one years, seven months, and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Stone retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 Jeff Stone 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 Friday, August 17, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS124, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Stone efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-one years, seven months, and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Stone retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 Jeff Stone 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 Friday, August 17, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D591180M, that Corporal Jeff Stone has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Jeff Stone 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.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Roland Ponthieux, Jr. efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-four years, ten months, and seventeen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Roland Ponthieux, Jr. retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 Roland Ponthieux, Jr. 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 Friday, August 17, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 30S, Serial

Number XDN918, 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 Benton seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Roland Ponthieux, Jr. efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-four years, ten months, and seventeen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Roland Ponthieux, Jr. retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 Roland Ponthieux, Jr. 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 Friday, August 17, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC535702, that Corporal Roland Ponthieux, Jr. has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Roland Ponthieux, Jr. be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal James B. Pritchard efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-two years, ten months, and eleven days;

WHEREAS: Corporal James B. Pritchard retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 James B. Pritchard 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 Friday, August 17, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS253, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal James B. Pritchard efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-two years, ten months, and eleven days;

WHEREAS: Corporal James B. Pritchard retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 James B. Pritchard 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 Friday, August 17, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D597155, that Corporal James B. Pritchard has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal James B. Pritchard be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal David Small efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, and ten months;

WHEREAS: Corporal David Small retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 David Small 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 Friday, August 17, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 30S, Serial Number XDN893, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal David Small efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen and ten months;

WHEREAS: Corporal David Small retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 David Small 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 Friday, August 17, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D591214M, that Corporal David Small has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal David Small be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

Major Lindsey Williams presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Blaylock efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-seven years, two months, and three days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Blaylock retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 Dale Blaylock 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 Friday, August 17, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS205, 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 Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Blaylock efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-seven, two months, and three days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Dale Blaylock retired from this department June 30, 2018;

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 Dale Blaylock 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 Friday, August 17, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D614520M, that Corporal Dale Blaylock has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Dale Blaylock be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

NALOXONE AWARDS:

Captain Dale Saffold presented the overview for the Naloxone Awards to be presented to Corporal Chad Maness and Trooper Corey Earls.

Captain Saffold stated he is here because of Naloxone use by two troopers from Troop J. On May 12 that night Corporal Chad Maness responded to a convenience store in Atkins,

Arkansas to assist their police department with a call of an unresponsive subject. He arrived and found a subject that was barely breathing and bleeding from the mouth. Corporal Maness administered two doses of Naloxone to the person, the person woke up, became combative, ultimately was restrained and transported by ambulance and lived. I would like to recognize Corporal Chad Maness for the use of the Naloxone in saving this person's life.

Colonel Bryant presented a plaque from the Office of the State Drug Director to Corporal Chad Maness.

On April 30, 2018 Trooper Corey Earls was dispatched to a crash on Interstate 40 near Morrilton. It was just before midnight and when he arrived he observed a female subject who had been involved in the crash and appeared to be intoxicated on narcotics. Trooper Earls questioned her and learned that she had actually consumed 11 oxycodone pills. Trooper Earls thought outside the box, he knew that time was of the essence, he loaded this subject up along with her minor child in his vehicle and headed to the hospital. On the way to the hospital, she lost consciousness, Trooper Earls pulled over, administered naloxone and then continued on to the hospital. The doctor at the hospital told us that he felt like the administering of the naloxone certainly played a role in saving this ladies life. So, he thought outside the box, administered the naloxone which is believed to have saved the ladies life and for that I would like to recognize Trooper Corey Earls.

Colonel Bryant presented a plaque from the Office of the State Drug Director to Trooper Corey Earls.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATIONS:

Lieutenant Dennis Overton gave an overview of the nomination of Daniel Baker for an Official Commendation.

Lieutenant Overton stated he coordinates interdiction efforts for the Arkansas State Police and often times during vehicle searches troopers working interdiction encounter various types of concealments for loads of narcotics as well as currency proceeds from narcotics trafficking organizations. Many times it is almost impossible to determine the correct way to open these types of concealments or compartments or what we call traps that we find in these vehicles. There are two types of traps, manual and electronic. The electronic traps are expensive to build and drug trafficking organizations are building these in elaborate and usually difficult, sometimes even impossible ways for us to figure out the correct sequence of events to open them. You would have to turn the defrost button, roll down the back window and then pop the trunk release to activate that trap. Last year while I was in the Auto Shop I was discussing a situation that we were encountering on the roadside, with our Fleet Manager Daniel Baker about an issue we were having with the current wiring harness we were using in interdiction. That current wiring harness that we were using at that time, would constantly blow fuses, it would spark, and it was kind of unsafe the way we were having to use it. Daniel said let me think about that for a day or two and I went on about my business really thinking that was the last I would hear of it. A few days later, Daniel called me to the auto shop to show me what he had built. When I arrived in the auto shop, he had a Milwaukee drill box with drill bits and he opened it up and it was empty with the exception of a bunch wires, different relays and resetting fuses that were much safer to use. On the outside of the box were two switches to manually operate these compartments, a wire that goes to the compartment and a wire that goes to power source. Lieutenant Overton showed a couple of videos on how this works and explained the video shows how the switches operate to move the compartment in and out. Many times as a department we take for granted the job our civilians do in helping us complete our daily mission, it is for that reason I would like for you to join me in thanking Fleet Manager Daniel Baker for going above and beyond what is required or expected of him on his day to day job here with the Arkansas State Police Auto Shop and his receiving an Official Commendation for service to this department.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Daniel Baker.

Lieutenant Alex Krneta gave an overview of the nomination of Trooper Matthew Schanzlin for an Official Commendation.

Lieutenant Krneta explained on August 17, 2017 Trooper Schanzlin who was off duty was contacted by a deputy with the Ouachita County Sheriff's Office regarding a vehicle crash. The deputy suspected that the driver who was involved in the traffic crash was under the influence of an unknown substance. The deputy requested Trooper Schanzlin, who is a drug recognition expert, to meet him at the sheriff's office to perform a drug influence evaluation on the driver. When Trooper Schanzlin arrived at the sheriff's office, he found the driver seated in a wheel chair in an unresponsive state. Trooper Schanzlin reported that the driver's skin was cold and clammy to the touch, her breathing was slow and shallow. The driver's pupils were constricted and her eyes had little reaction to direct light. The driver's muscle tone was flaccid and there were no apparent signs of a medical condition. Realizing that the driver was exhibiting signs of an opioid overdose, Trooper Schanzlin directed the jail staff to immediately contact an ambulance. Trooper Schanzlin then administered a dose of Narcan to the driver, soon after the driver opened her eyes, elevated her head and attempted to speak before once again becoming unresponsive. While in route to the local hospital, the paramedics gave the driver another dose of Narcan. After receiving treatment at the hospital, the driver made a full recovery and was released the following day. Trooper Schanzlin received the Narcan and training on how to use it only two days prior to the incident occurring. His willingness to assist another law enforcement agency on his day off and his performance in this matter demonstrates his commitment to public safety and performing beyond the requirements of the normal work assignment.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Trooper Matthew Schanzlin.

Commission Vice-Chairman Burns thanked everyone and then introduced Jonathan Nettles who was taking the photos today, he asked him to stand and stated we appreciate your service to us.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. We have gone one month in the new fiscal year and we are doing just fine. Our budget is a little tighter than it has been in the past, but we are going to watch it and get through.

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, four voluntary resignations, one lateral transfer, and one disciplinary. The commissioned transactions included eleven lateral transfers, five voluntary resignations, one disciplinary, one retirement, and on the promotions, we had forty-three troopers promoted to Trooper First Class, we had two lieutenants and two sergeants promoted. We currently have five current military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, July paid claims were \$1,448,350 an increase of \$674,264 from last month, the fund balance is \$349,041 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$5,716,582.00. The average discount savings for the month of July was 79%.

We started our recruiting campaign for the 2019 Troop School and we intend to start that troop school on February 24, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Vice-Chairman Burns asked Colonel Bryant if there was a need to go into Executive Session and Colonel Bryant stated we have personnel matters to discuss. Commission Vice-Chairman Burns 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 employees,

Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:21 a.m.

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Commission Vice-Chairman Burns called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m. and stated we have been in executive session discussing personnel matters.

Commission Vice-Chairman Burns stated he would turn it over to Colonel Bryant for any recommendations. Colonel Bryant stated the first position is a Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K and I will use the Director's discretion for a lateral transfer of Sergeant Kevin Steed within Troop K, Garland County.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is Sergeant in the Director's Office, Executive Protection. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Jeremy Roberts for the position of Sergeant in the Director's Office, Executive Protection. Commissioner Edwards made a motion that Corporal Jeremy Roberts be promoted Sergeant, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop E Desha and Lincoln Counties. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Jeff Preston for the position of Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop E Desha and Lincoln Counties. Commissioner Teague made a motion that Corporal Preston be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the last position is Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop F Ashley, Chicot, and Drew Counties. My recommendation to the commission would be Corporal David Outlaw for the position of Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop F Ashley, Chicot, and Drew Counties. Commissioner Benton made a motion that Corporal Outlaw be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Vice-Chairman Burns stated at this time the September Commission Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. Commission Vice-Chairman requested that Donna Humphries poll all the commissioners to see who would be available if the meeting was moved to Thursday, September 26.

With no more business, Commission Vice-Chairman Burns asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed. Commission Vice-Chairman Burns adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary