

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
October 08, 2015

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, October 08, 2015 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Frank Guinn, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Secretary  
Commissioner Jane Christenson  
Commissioner John Allison  
Commissioner Bob Burns  
Commissioner Neff Basore  
Commissioner Bill Benton

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Donna Humphries
Lieutenant Colonel Tim K’Nuckles	Major Lindsey Williams
Major Shawn Garner	Major Stan Witt
Major Henry LaMar	Major Ron Stayton
Captain David Sims	Sergeant Stuart Woodward
Emma French	Jenna Castleberry
Lieutenant David Lafferty	Captain Charles Hubbard
Lieutenant Brady Gore	Lieutenant Scott Woodward
Janet Chappelle	Captain Forrest Marks
Harmony Daniels	Sherry Woods
Sergeant Ben Cross	Sergeant Ronnie Qualls
Corporal Chris Goodman	Corporal Vic Coleman
Lieutenant Dennis Overton	Gary Glisson
Corporal Corwin Battle	Captain Jeff Drew
Lieutenant Paulette Ward	Corporal Jeff Whitlock
Robin Gifford	Lieutenant Barry Saffold
Captain Dale Saffold	Sergeant Mike Moyer
Caitlin Sparks	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Krenn, DFA – Budget	John Holmes
Nga Mahfouz – AG Office	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Allison led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on September 30, 2015.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 09, 2015 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 Conference Call Commission Meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Stan Witt presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Alvernon Rogers efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-eight years, one month, and one day;

WHEREAS: Corporal Alvernon Rogers retired from this department August 31, 2015;

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 Alvernon Rogers 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, October 08, 2015, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS324, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

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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 Alvernon Rogers 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, October 08, 2015, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number W439000M, that Corporal Alvernon Rogers has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Alvernon Rogers 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 Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated we are at about 25%, so we are one fourth of the way through this Fiscal Year and we are just right on track, things are going fine.

We have the bond professionals, ADFA, we have heard from them and they have received all of the bond professional submissions and they are reviewing them and will be getting with us in the next week or two to let us know our next step in moving forward with our bond issue.

Administrative Services – Lieutenant Mike Kennedy

Lieutenant Mike Kennedy 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, six promotions, three voluntary resignations, and two extra helps. The commissioned transactions included one voluntary resignation, four lateral transfers, one retirement and one termination. We currently have four members on military deployments.

The 2015A Troop School ended last week with 29 graduates who will report on October 19 to begin their twelve week FTO program.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, September paid claims were \$1.4 million an increase of \$560,000 over last month. The fund balance is \$564,344 lower than this time last month. We will continue to monitor the health plan.

Commissioner Allison asked if the fund balance is \$564,344 less than it was last month, where are we for year to date. Lieutenant Kennedy explained that we have had an ebb and flow the last few months, like last month our health claims were a little over \$800,000 and this month they are \$1.4 million. I think that has more to do with how the bills are getting claimed than an actual rise in claims. We had a fund balance increase last month and it spiked down this month. Lieutenant Kennedy stated he would get the exact information to Commissioner Allison on the total for year to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lieutenant Dennis Overton gave an overview of the recent awards received by Corporal Chris Goodman and Corporal Vic Coleman.

Lieutenant Overton stated in September of this year the Arkansas State Police Interstate Criminal Patrol Team attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. This training conference was attended by over 650 officers and department administrators from across the United States and Canada. Every year at this conference the top interdiction officers in the United States are selected and recognized by their peers as well as a select group of foreign interdiction officers of the year. I am proud to announce and recognize before this Commission that on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 Arkansas State Police Corporal Chris Goodman, who is assigned to Troop J, Pope County was awarded the highest honor given to criminal interdiction officers in the United States, the Bob Thomasson National Interdiction Officer of the Year Award. This award was given to Corporal Goodman after careful consideration of multiple nominees from several other states. Corporal Goodman was selected as National Interdiction Officer of the Year based on his dedication to the interdiction of the criminal element that travels along United States interstates and highways especially those that are unfortunate enough to choose to travel along Interstate 40 in Arkansas. Corporal Goodman was also selected based on his willingness to constantly share information and train others in the field of criminal interdiction.

Troop H, Corporal Vic Coleman was also recognized nationally at this conference by the DEA El Paso Intelligence Center and the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program with an award for extraordinary achievement in criminal interdiction and for his career of dedication in the field of criminal interdiction. Corporal Goodman and Corporal Coleman are both previous Arkansas State Police Troopers of the Year recipients and are well known throughout Arkansas as well as nationally among their peers in the field of Criminal Interdiction. They are both assigned to the Arkansas State Police Interstate Criminal Patrol Team and teach criminal interdiction at various locations around the state to other officers of different agencies for the University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute.

Please join me in recognizing these two individuals for their extraordinary efforts in criminal interdiction and for representing the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas State Police in the manner in which they do.

Commissioner Guinn stated he would turn the meeting over to the Colonel. Colonel Bryant explained that Corporal Vic Coleman is a very proud guy and we forgot to mention that yesterday was the Attorney General's Awards held in Little Rock and Vic won an award for District One and honored by the Attorney General for his interdiction work.

Colonel Bryant stated he wanted to honor Major Stan Witt, Lieutenant Mike Kennedy and all of the training staff. Last week was my first Troop School Graduation and I had several people come up to me and say it was probably one of the best graduations they have attended and I want to thank each of you for everything you did in putting that together.

Several months ago we honored one of our family members, Dr. Marvin Leibovich, he had cancer and we awarded him with a certificate at a Commission Meeting. He passed away Monday and Wednesday was the service for him, I would like for each of you to remember his family in your prayers and for us to have a moment of silence.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn announced the Commission would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Allison seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. and the open meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn announced that Commissioner Christenson had something to read.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion that the Commission approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law and final administrative order in case number A14-008 before the Arkansas State Police Commission, Commissioner Allison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commission Vice Chairman Guinn announced the Commission needed to vote on adding three new members to the ASP Foundation. Commission Allison made a motion to add Theresa Kimberling, Steve Strange, and Dennis Ferra as new members of the ASP Foundation, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Commission Vice Chairman

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Commission Secretary