

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
October 12, 2017

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:01 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner John Allison, Vice-Chairman

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Lindsey Williams	Captain David Lafferty
Donna Humphries	Emma French
Gary Glisson	Bill Sadler
Captain Jeffrey Drew	Robin Gifford
Lieutenant Kevin Richmond	Elizabeth Johnson
Jackie Baker	Phyllis Huitt
Sherry Woods	Captain Mike Kennedy
Sergeant Mike Moyer	Sergeant Mike Dawson
Corporal David Jones	Lieutenant Charles Watson
Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls	Elaine Lee
Mary Claire McLaurin	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel Faulkner, Asst. Attorney General

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Basore led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2017 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

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

R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS: Corporal Charlie M. Edmonson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, one month and one day;

WHEREAS: Corporal Charlie M. Edmonson retired from this department August 31, 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 Charlie M. Edmonson 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 12, 2017, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS174, 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 Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Charlie M. Edmonson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, one month and one day;

WHEREAS: Corporal Charlie M. Edmonson retired from this department August 31, 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 Charlie M. Edmonson 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 12, 2017 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC506274, that Corporal Charlie M. Edmonson has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Charlie M. Edmonson 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 Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

Captain David Lafferty presented the following resolution for consideration by the ASP Commission.

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WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Hust faithfully served the Arkansas State Police and the citizens of Arkansas for a period of eighteen years, eight months and nine days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Hust succumbed to illness on May 02, 2017;

WHEREAS: The loss of Corporal Jeff Hust creates a void in the hearts of law enforcement officers and upstanding citizens everywhere; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Hust's 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.

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 12, 2017, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS154, to his spouse as a token of their esteem.

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

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. She stated we are about ¼ of the way through. The only thing I really have to tell you is that we awarded, we have chosen three contractors for our five buildings. We have two more bids to complete and then we will have all five contractors in place.

Administrative Services – Captain Mike Kennedy

Captain 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 five new hires, two lateral transfers, six voluntary resignations, three retirements, two promotions, one voluntary demotion and one disciplinary. The commissioned transactions included three lateral transfers and four retirements. We currently have ten department members on military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, the September paid claims were \$921,944. Claims were down \$205,000 from last month. The fund balance is \$38,737 lower than it was this time last month. Our average discount savings is tracking at 74%.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Shepherd stated the father of our esteemed Commissioner, Commissioner Edwards passed away earlier this month and I would like to read a letter from the Governor.

To the family of Oral Edwards. Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Oral. He was truly an outstanding and selfless individual that inspired many people. Oral's hard working nature allowed him to become a successful businessman while he stayed true to heart for others. Many people looked to Oral for advice. He started his own grocery stores and he always sought to provide his customers with lower prices on products. His compassion for others shown throughout his life and was particularly evident in his creation of the Christine and Oral Edwards Endowment Fund, which he established to provide cafeteria food vouchers for needy families at the Baptist Health System, where he served as

a Board of Trustees Member, Corporate Board Member, and a member of the hospital's Foundation Board as

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well. Oral's life was so rich because he spent it in service to others. I know he will be remembered, honored and missed. Please accept my deepest sympathy and know that Susan and I are praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Asa Hutchinson.

Commission Chairman Shepherd asked Colonel Bryant, do we have any business from you at this time? Colonel Bryant stated we have some promotions to consider.

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 an employee, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

The open meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m. and Commission Chairman Shepherd asked Colonel Bryant if he had any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated I have three positions today for promotion. The first one is the Lieutenant position in the Regulatory and Building Operations Division. My recommendation to the Commission would be to promote Sergeant Mike Moyer to Lieutenant in the Regulatory and Building Operations Division. Commissioner Benton made a motion that Sergeant Moyer be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the second position is the Sergeant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company D, Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Scott and Sebastian Counties. My recommendation to the Commission would be to promote Corporal Kevin Brown to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company D. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Corporal Brown be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the last one is the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop B, Independence and Jackson Counties. My recommendation to the Commission would be to promote Corporal David Jones to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop B. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Corporal Jones be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Shepherd stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, November 09, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Shepherd asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Christenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary