The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Futrell called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Woody Futrell, Chairman
Commissioner Wallace Fowler, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Frank Guinn, Secretary
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Jane Christenson

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:
Colonel Stan Witt
Sergeant David Cooper
Captain Lindsey Williams
Captain Jeff Drew
Emma French
Sergeant Stuart Woodward
Sergeant Ray Gentry
Lieutenant David Sims
Lieutenant Mark Hollingsworth
Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads
Harmony Daniels
Lieutenant Charles Hubbard
Janet Chappelle
Captain Steve Coppinger
Bridget White
Donna Humphries
Corporal Jeff Whitlock
Captain Ron Stayton
Sergeant Bobby Brown
Jenna Castleberry
Lieutenant Scott Woodward
Sherry Woods
Caitlin Sparks
Captain Jim Howington
Lieutenant Brant Tosh
Captain Wesley Smithee
Captain Mike Hagar
Captain Forrest Marks
Sergeant Paulette Ward
Lieutenant Darren Austin

OTHERS PRESENT:
Julie Chavis, AG’s Office
David Powell
John Conner, Jr.
Michael Krenn, DFA Budget
Dr. Marvin Leibovich
Ricky Shound

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Burns led the pledge of allegiance.

Commission Chairman Futrell welcomed all the guests and ASP personnel.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on November 3, 2014

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Christenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commission Chairman Futrell said he would like to comment on the beautiful picture behind us.
PROMOTION CERTIFICATE:
Colonel Stan Witt presented a promotion certificate to Captain Mike Hagar promoting him to Captain in the Executive Protection Section.

DIVISION REPORTS:
Fiscal Report – Emma French
Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated we are about a third of the way through the year and everything is going fine. We had our budget hearing in front of the Joint Budget Committee. We have also been to the Personnel Sub-Committee and we have been to special language, so we are finished now until the session starts in January. We will be ready to go and watch our budget. The only other thing I have to tell you is that the 1% raise the Governor has approved will affect us by about $500,000 or $525,000.

Commission Chairman Futrell asked if any of the Commissioners had questions to ask of Ms. French, but there were none.

Administrative Services – Harmony Daniels
Ms. 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 of October; we had four civilian new hires, five civilian voluntary resignations, four retirements, two promotions and one lateral transfer. The Commission transactions include two resignations, one promotion, two lateral transfers, one retirement, and two disciplinary suspensions. At this time we currently have five military deployments.

Regarding 2014-B Troop School, one week remains of the Troop School. We have 24 recruits that are scheduled to graduate on November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Capitol.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, a snapshot of the savings report for claims incurred through the month of October indicates discount savings at 67%. Due to the plan experiencing several high dollar claims, our medical and our prescription drug claims continue to be high. October claims were over $961,000. Our year to date claims paid by QualChoice are at $9.4 million. Our total Fund Balance through October is $9,087,306.

Commission Chairman Futrell asked Ms. Humphries to recognize the guests in attendance, and she recognized Julie Chavis with the Attorney General’s Office, Michael Krenn with DFA Budget, Dr. Marvin Leibovich, and Mr. David Powell. She advised there are several other people who have come in who are here for the Appeal Hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:
No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS
Colonel Witt advised they would need to go into Executive Session. Commission Chairman Futrell advised they will go into Executive Session to talk about personnel matters.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m. and returned at 10:33 a.m.
Commission Chairman Futrell asked Colonel Witt if there were any recommendations.
Colonel Witt recommended the Commission consider Sergeant Rick Neill for the vacant Lieutenant position in the Director’s Office, Executive Protection Section. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Sergeant Rick Neill be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Fowler seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Witt recommended the Commission consider Sergeant Jeff Sheeler for the vacant Lieutenant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A. Commissioner Guinn made a motion that Sergeant Jeff Sheeler be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be held Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd. The motion passed and Commission Chairman Futrell announced the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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 Commission Chairman

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 Commission Secretary