

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
November 30, 2017

The Arkansas State Police Commission met for a special Conference Call meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the Arkansas State Police Administrative Headquarters, 1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner Lewis Shepherd, Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Bob Burns, Secretary
Commissioner Jane Christenson
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton
Commissioner Steve Edwards

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel William J. Bryant
Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel Faulkner, Asst. Attorney General

Commission Chairman Shepherd called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on November 30, 2017 at 8:45 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Shepherd asked Colonel Bryant to go ahead with the business that he has for today. Colonel Bryant stated there is just one item on the agenda that we need to cover, a reinstatement of a former trooper, Dean Pitchford. Dean graduated from Troop School in the Class 2015A; he was assigned to Troop C, in Post number 2, which would be Clay, Greene and Randolph County. He resigned in September 2016 to accept a position with the Department of Veteran Affairs, he left in good standing and on October 19, 2017, I received a memorandum from him requesting reinstatement to the Arkansas State Police as a Trooper. We completed his background and everything was good, everybody that supervised him said that he did an outstanding job, his performance evaluations were above average. What I would recommend to the Commission is that we would reinstate him and give him a conditional letter of employment. He has passed the PT test, the background, but once we give him the letter he still has to clear medical and psychological and if he does, clears all of that we will assign him to Troop A here in Little Rock. We have some shortages in Little Rock and he would be assigned to Troop A.

Commission Chairman Shepherd stated in order to discuss this if we could get a motion on the floor to re-employ. Commissioner Allison moved to approve the Colonel's recommendation to reinstate Dean Pitchford to Troop A and Commissioner Basore seconded. Commission Chairman Shepherd said it has been moved and seconded to reinstate Dean Pitchford to the ranks of the Arkansas State Police. We have a motion and a second on the floor, is there any discussion. Are there any questions?

Commission Chairman Shepherd asked for the role to be called for votes and the commissioners voted as follows:

Commissioner Steve Edwards – Yes
Commissioner Bill Benton – Yes
Commissioner John Allison – Yes
Commissioner Neff Basore – Yes

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Commissioner Bob Burns – Yes
Commissioner Jane Christenson – Yes
Chairman Lewis Shepherd – Yes

Chairman Shepherd stated the I's have it, Colonel good luck in going forward with adding another Trooper to our depleting ranks.

Commission Chairman Shepherd asked is there any other business that should come before the Commission. Commission Chairman Shepherd stated if there is none, I would entertain a motion for adjournment. Commissioners Burns/Christenson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary