

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
December 10, 2020

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Commissioner Jane Christenson, Chairperson
Commissioner Neff Basore, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Steve Edwards
Commissioner Jeffery Teague

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner Bill Benton, Secretary
Commissioner John Allison
Commissioner Jim Hinkle

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Charles Hubbard	Major Forrest Marks
Major Jason Aaron	Captain Stacie Rhoads
Lieutenant Brad Lann	Sergeant Ryne Shelton
Lieutenant Scott Russell	Captain Roby Rhoads
Captain Wesley Smithee	Sherry Woods
Emma French	Jenna Castleberry
Mary Claire McLaurin	Katlyn Nelson
Jonathan Nettles	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Shelton	Jackie Baker
J. R. Hankins	

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on December 06, 2020.

MINUTES:

Commission Chairperson Christenson stated you should have received the minutes in the mail and there are two separate ones, one is the regular monthly meeting of November 12, 2020 and the other one is the special conference call meeting on November 30, 2020 has everyone had a chance to look at those. Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 regular monthly commission meeting and the November 30, 2020 special conference call meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed to approve both sets of minutes.

WEAPONS RESOLUTIONS:

Captain Stacie Rhoads presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Kevin Webb efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, six months and five days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Kevin Webb retired from this department October 31, 2020;

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 Kevin Webb 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, December 10, 2020, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA175, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Kevin Webb efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, six months and five days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Kevin Webb retired from this department October 31, 2020;

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 Kevin Webb 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, December 10, 2020 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D692610M, that Corporal Kevin Webb has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Kevin Webb be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain Stacie Rhoads promoting her to Captain in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Ryne Shelton promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop G.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French stated we are at 42%, we are doing okay. We are watching our monies and we are doing fine. The only other thing to tell you is we did go to the Audit Committee last week and I think by law I am required to announce in this meeting that we did have one audit finding and it was for loss of equipment, where commissioned personnel have had things stolen out of their cars. We had three of those instances that Colonel Bryant had to testify and talk about that before the Audit Committee.

Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Hubbard presented an oral summary of the written report. He began by reporting the Personnel transactions for the month. The uniformed noncommissioned transactions include one new hire, two promotions, and one termination. The commissioned transactions include

twenty-six promotions which twenty-five of those are Trooper First Class, and two terminations. We currently have four military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, November paid claims were \$963,899 a decrease of \$68,000 from last month. The fund balance is \$852,278 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$8,381,818. The discount savings for October was 73%.

A quick update on our 2021A Troop School, we started with 171 original applications, we worked through those applications through the screening process and we had 40 recruits that were selected and 10 alternates that were approved by this Commission. Those 50 applicants were notified and if they will accept their conditional hire they will move forward with the medical and psychological evaluation which have already began. The Troop School is scheduled to begin January 10 and will graduate on April 30.

Commission Chairperson Christenson stated at this time, Commissioner Benton would like to address the Commission.

Commissioner Benton stated due to family health issues, I must end my term on the Arkansas State Police Commission on January 14, 2021. The six years as commissioner have been one of the most rewarding times in my life. It has been an honor to serve the dedicated men and women of the Arkansas State Police. I want to express my sincere thank you to my fellow commissioners, to Chairwoman Jane Christenson for her father's twenty-three years and her fourteen years, thirty-six years. A special thank you to Governor Asa Hutchinson and to the best Colonel in the United States, Colonel Bill Bryant. In closing, you are not done with Benton's yet. Thank you!

Commission Chairperson Christenson stated thank you commissioner and we look forward to having your son take your seat on this commission and you will have a family tradition like my dad and I did. So, appreciate all of the words that you shared.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairperson Christenson asked Colonel Bryant do you have any new business.

Colonel Bryant, yes ma'am, we do have a personnel matter to discuss so if we could go into Executive Session.

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 employees, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. Commission Chairperson Christenson called the meeting back to order at 10:59 a.m. and stated Colonel Bryant you have some recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated we have one promotion to consider today before the commission. It is an ASP Sergeant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A, Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski and Saline Counties. Colonel Bryant stated my recommendation to the Commission is Corporal Robert Middleton. Commissioner Benton made a motion that Corporal Robert Middleton be promoted to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A. Commissioner Teague seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next order of business madam Chairman is the reinstatement of Kristopher McCrea who has reapplied to come back and be employed by the Arkansas State Police, what is the will of the ASP Commission? Commissioner Edwards made a motion to reinstate Kristopher McCrea. Commissioner Teague seconded and the motion passed.

Commission Chairperson Christenson stated congratulations to our new promotion today.

NEXT MEETING:

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Commission Chairperson Christenson stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commissioner Basore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairperson Christenson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Commission Chairperson

Commission Secretary