

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
April 08, 2021

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, April 08, 2021 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Neff Basore, Chairman
Commissioner Steve Edwards - Secretary
Commissioner Jeffery Teague
Commissioner Jim Hinkle
Commissioner Murray Benton, Sr.
Commissioner Ken Reeves

MEMBER ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison – Vice-Chairman

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Jason Aaron	Major Jeff Drew
Major David Lafferty	Captain Paulette Ward
Sherry Woods	Robin Gifford
Jenna Castleberry	Gary Glisson
Tess Bradford	Sergeant Robert Middleton
Donna Humphries	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jackie Baker, DPS	J. R. Hankins, DPS
Sara Farris, Attorney General's Office	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Basore led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on April 05, 2021.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major David Lafferty presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Major Mark Hollingsworth efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-five years, three months, and twenty-four days.

WHEREAS: Major Mark Hollingsworth retired from this department February 28, 2021;

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: Major Mark Hollingsworth 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, April 08, 2021, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA593, 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 Edwards/Benton seconded, and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Major Mark Hollingsworth efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-five years, three months, and twenty-four days;

WHEREAS: Major Mark Hollingsworth retired from this department February 28, 2021;

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: Major Mark Hollingsworth 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, April 08, 2021 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC541318, that Major Mark Hollingsworth has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Major Mark Hollingsworth be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

Major Jason Aaron presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Mason Glasgow efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of nine years, eleven months, and fourteen days.

WHEREAS: Corporal Mason Glasgow retired from this department February 28, 2021;

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 Mason Glasgow 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, April 08, 2021, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA208, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Mason Glasgow efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of nine years, eleven months, and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Mason Glasgow retired from this department February 28, 2021;

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 Mason Glasgow 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, April 08, 2021 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D692639M, that Corporal Mason Glasgow has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Mason Glasgow be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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 Tony Bowman efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty years, seven months, and nineteen days.

WHEREAS: Corporal Tony Bowman retired from this department February 28, 2021;

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 Tony Bowman 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, April 08, 2021, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA028, 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 Reeves seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Tony Bowman efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty years, seven months, and nineteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Tony Bowman retired from this department February 28, 2021;

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 Tony Bowman 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, April 08, 2021 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D591212M, that Corporal Tony Bowman has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Tony Bowman be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Robert Middleton promoting him to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Ms. Castleberry gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the fiscal year which means our revenues and expenditures should be at 75% and we are right on track, there are no concerns. We are continuing to watch fuel prices as they go up, but so far, we are just watching, monitoring. Legislative Audit has returned, and they are working on the FY20 audit.

Commission Chairman Basore asked if the fuel prices have reached what we budgeted yet? Ms. Castleberry stated our average is \$1.91 right now and we budgeted \$2.50, but a lot of that is off set by the good prices earlier in the year. So, our average has increased by about 6% since December. Commission Chairman Basore asked if anybody knows if we are having any trouble getting fuel.

Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Hubbard 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 uniformed noncommissioned transactions include one new hire and three terminations. The commissioned transactions include two terminations, four promotions, and five transfers. Currently we have five military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, March paid claims were \$1,014,362 which is an increase of \$65,553 from last month and the fund balance is \$70,112 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$6,514,741.62. The average discount savings for the month of February was around 65.6%.

Just a quick update on some activity in Administrative Services, the bi-annual promotional testing process for the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant has started this morning and that will run through the rest of this week and up through next Thursday. We have 119 candidates testing for the rank of Sergeant and 37 candidates that are testing for the rank of Lieutenant. That is 156 of the commissioned officers taking part in this process over the next week.

Just a quick update on our Troop School 2021A, the recruits are off this week and will be off next week as well burning comp time. A lot of that was due to the promotional process that is taking place, giving a little extra time for those folks participating to study and prepare for the process as well as take part in the process. The recruits will return to the academy on April 16 for two weeks and they will graduate the evening of April 29 at the Benton Event Center at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Chairman Basore asked how many do we have, everyone still enrolled. Major Hubbard stated we still have 31 recruits.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Basore asked Colonel Bryant do we have personnel matters to attend to? Colonel Bryant stated yes Mr. Chairman, we have two promotions to consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of employees, Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

Commission Chairman Basore called the meeting back to order at 11:09 a.m. and asked Colonel Bryant if he has any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated on the ASP Captain position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration, I am going to use the Director's discretion and laterally transfer Captain Paulette Ward into the Captain position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration.

The other position is an ASP Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H, Crawford County. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Roy Moomey. Commissioner Edwards made a motion that Corporal Roy Moomey be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H, Crawford County. Commissioner Teague seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Basore stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commissioner Hinkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Edwards seconded, and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Basore adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary