

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
September 02, 2021

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, September 02, 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

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison – Vice-Chairman

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Charles Hubbard	Major Forrest Marks
Major Jeff Drew	Major David Lafferty
Major Lindsey Williams	Sherry Woods
Captain Mike Moyer	Jenna Castleberry
Katlyn Nelson	Robin Gifford
Captain Scott Woodward	Captain David Moore
Captain Stacie Rhoads	Captain John Carter
Captain Chris Goodman	Captain Scott Russell
Gary Glisson	Lieutenant Brant Tosh
Captain Paulette Ward	Sergeant Wade Schanzlin
Sergeant Roy Moomey	Captain Mike Hagar
Sergeant Robert Middleton	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bridget Russell	Edith Holiman
Ret. Captain Dwight Tosh	Joan Tosh
J. R. Hankins, DPS	Alyssa Tosh
Carson Tosh	Lori Tosh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Basore led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on August 25, 2021.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Lindsey Williams presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Ramsey efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years, three months, and thirteen days.

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Ramsey retired from this department July 31, 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 Jeff Ramsey 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, September 02, 2021, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA127, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Teague 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 Jeff Ramsey efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years, three months, and thirteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeff Ramsey retired from this department July 31, 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 Jeff Ramsey 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, September 02, 2021 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D578584M, that Corporal Jeff Ramsey has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Jeff Ramsey 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 Teague seconded, and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain Scott Russell promoting him to Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Roy Moomey promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H, Crawford County.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Matthew Wade Schanzlin promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop F, Ashley, Chicot, and Drew Counties.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATIONS:

Colonel Bryant stated at last month's commission meeting we recognized several individuals on the Linda Collins Smith case and Lieutenant Brant Tosh was unable to come last month, I believe he was under the weather if I remember right. Colonel Bryant stated I just want to brag on Lieutenant Brant Tosh and the Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) under him. The Linda Collins Smith case was probably one of the most high-profile cases, I know since I have been here and probably in the history of the Arkansas State Police. The case file volume was unbelievable, it was a great team effort by CID led by Lieutenant Tosh. The defendant pled guilty in the case. They did an outstanding job, good teamwork, so we are presenting Lieutenant Tosh his commendation today. Thank you for all that you do for the Criminal Investigation Division.

Colonel Bryant presented the Official Commendation to Lieutenant Brant Tosh.

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated I do not have a lot of significant changes to report from last month. We are two months into the Fiscal Year, revenue and expenditures should be at 17% and everything is moving along fine. Our average price per gallon for fuel actually went down a little bit this month from \$2.75 a gallon last month to \$2.69 a gallon this month.

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 two new hires, and three terminations. The commissioned transactions include one promotion, eight terminations, and five transfers. Currently we have seven military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, August paid claims were \$1,195,174 which was an increase of \$174,208 from last month and the fund balance is \$18,872 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$10,878,763. The average discount savings for the month of August was around 67%.

A quick update on our Troop School, we are in the exam phase, the written exam phase and we currently have about 114 applicants that have taken part in that process and we are waiting on those results to come back in before we move forward with the background and polygraph investigative phase. Hopefully we will get those results back next week or early the next week or so.

Commissioner Basore stated the balance of the health fund is over \$10 million, is that high, I mean higher than normal. Major Hubbard stated it is a little higher than we have had in the past and we are saying it is stable, of course it is a health plan and all of that could change. Commissioner Basore stated just from my memory, I cannot remember it being over \$10 million before. Major Hubbard stated it is higher than it was last year at this time. Colonel Bryant stated if you remember a couple of years ago, we went to Employee Benefits Division (EBD) and did some cost savings and stuff and \$10 million has been the highest since I have been here. So, we did get down low at one point, but I think that Administrative Services, the plan they put together it paid benefits, so we are glad to see the balance up. Commissioner Reeves asked how are those funds held? Colonel Bryant stated some are in CDs and others are in the account. Commissioner Reeves asked how do we decide where to put the CDs, are they collateralized by the banks or are there a whole lot of different banks involved? Colonel Bryant asked Jenna Castleberry to answer. Jenna stated by state law we are required to bid bank accounts, so where they were held was bid originally when that was set up and yes, I do believe they are collateralized.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Basore asked Colonel Bryant do we have any new business? Colonel Bryant stated yes Mr. Chairman, we have two promotions to consider in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering promotions, Commissioner Teague seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

Commission Chairman Basore called the meeting back to order at 11:03 a.m. and asked Colonel Bryant if he has any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated the first promotion is the ASP Sergeant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Ryan Jacks. Commissioner Benton made a motion that Corporal Ryan Jacks be promoted to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration. Commissioner Teague seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is an ASP Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop C, Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties. I am going to use the Director's discretion for a lateral transfer of Sergeant Tony Austin into the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop C, Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Basore stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Donna Humphries asked Commission Chairman Basore about setting the date and time for the November meeting and the tentative appeal hearing for Misael Ramos. After discussion, Commission Chairman Basore stated the November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. and the appeal hearing will begin upon adjournment or at approximately 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Basore adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary