

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
November 10, 2021

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Basore called the meeting to order at 9:00 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	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Jeff Drew	Major David Lafferty
Major Lindsey Williams	Major Jason Aaron
Sherry Woods	Dan Mack
Captain Mike Moyer	Jenna Castleberry
Corporal Jerry Oglesby	Captain Mike Hagar
Captain Scott Woodward	Sergeant Ryan Jacks
Corporal Mark Blackerby	Janet Chappelle
Garry Glisson	Sergeant Alan Johnson
Captain Paulette Ward	Robin Gifford
Katlyn Nelson	Captain David Moore
Captain John D. Carter	Sergeant Robert Middleton
Sergeant Chuck Lewis	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charles Moulton	Prisca Oglesby
Jackie Baker, DPS	Jami Cook, DPS
Kristy Jacks	Cassie Blackerby
J. R. Hankins, DPS	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Basore led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on November 09, 2021.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

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 Purcell Robinson efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of eighteen years, ten months, and nine days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Purcell Robinson retired from this department September 30, 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 Purcell Robinson 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 Wednesday, November 10, 2021, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA609, 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 Teague seconded, and the motion passed.

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WHEREAS: Corporal Purcell Robinson retired from this department September 30, 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 Purcell Robinson 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 Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D588770M, that Corporal Purcell Robinson has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Purcell Robinson be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Teague 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 Ryan Jacks promoting him to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Administration.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATIONS:

Sergeant Alan Johnson presented the overview for the nomination of Corporal Jerry Oglesby for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Johnson stated on April 22, 2021 around 2:05 a.m. Troop A received a call about a wrong-way driver traveling on Interstate 430. Corporal Oglesby responded to the area and observed the vehicle traveling the wrong direction. Corporal Oglesby attempted to get in front of the vehicle with his lights to get the vehicle to stop and failed to do so and Corporal Oglesby realized it was going to pose a significant risk of possible death or serious injury to other motorists. So instead of letting that vehicle pass, Corporal Oglesby took it upon himself in disregard for his own safety and his own health and struck the vehicle disabling the vehicle. It ended up that the driver of the vehicle was intoxicated and was taken to jail and charged accordingly.

Corporal Oglesby's actions that day absolutely likely saved a life but definitely saved somebody from serious physical injury. Corporal Oglesby went way above and beyond his normal call of duty and deserves an Official Commendation for that.

Colonel Bryant presented the Official Commendations to Corporal Jerry Oglesby.

Sergeant Chuck Lewis presented the overview for the nomination of Corporal Mark Blackerby for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Chuck Lewis stated February 20, 2021, Corporal Mark Blackerby was on regular patrol in Lonoke County. We were experiencing snow and ice conditions and extremely cold weather. Troop A Dispatch received information regarding an earlier BOLO that had gone out for a suspect involved with the disappearance of a fourteen-year-old female out of North Carolina. An Amber Alert had been issued; the FBI were tracking the phone that showed to be near Lonoke just off Interstate 40. The suspect vehicle was a red Dodge Durango with a distinct luggage rack on top. Corporal Blackerby responded to the area, as did two Lonoke City Police Officers. Corporal Blackerby was checking the parking lot areas of near the businesses on Interstate 40 when he heard Lonoke PD units check out at the McDonald with a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description. Corporal Blackerby responded to their location, just as he was approaching McDonalds, a Lonoke Officer advised on the radio "shots fired, Officer down". Immediately afterwards, Corporal Blackerby observed a dark colored Dodge Durango pull out of McDonalds at a high rate of speed. Corporal Blackerby turned around and engaged the suspect vehicle in pursuit. Corporal Blackerby advised ASP Dispatch of his traffic as he pursued the vehicle towards the outskirts of town. The highways and roads were still covered with snow and ice as both the suspect vehicle and Corporal Blackerby struggled to maintain control. The suspect vehicle turned down a road leading to a water treatment plant, and Corporal Blackerby knew the area and the road would most likely be closed. Believing that the pursuit would end there, and a possible gunfight was imminent, Corporal Blackerby retrieved his patrol rifle and was now driving with his left hand only and keying his ASP radio microphone with his right leg. As luck would have it, the gate was open, but the road dead ended into the water treatment plant. When the suspect realized this, he drove his vehicle around a large water tank in an effort to further evade Corporal Blackerby. Corporal Blackerby knew that the only way out was for him to go around and come back as it was a circle drive towards him. Corporal Blackerby then heard sounds that were consistent with the vehicle striking a large snow and ice bank behind the water tank. Corporal Blackerby exited his unit, released his K-9 partner, Raptor and approached the water tank and took a position of cover where he could see the suspect vehicle and quickly noticed the driver still behind the wheel and another person running away from the vehicle to his left. Corporal Blackerby now had two unknown subjects to deal with, one to his right, the other running to his left. Corporal Blackerby released Raptor at this point and gave him directions to apprehend the subject that was running, as he attempted to maintain sight of the driver. He gave loud verbal commands to the subject running, and warned them that if they did not stop, they would be bitten by the dog. He then noticed the subject stop, and put their hands in the air, he immediately recalled Raptor back to his location and instructed the unknown subject to walk backwards towards the sound of his voice. He did all of this while maintaining sight of the driver still in the vehicle. Several minutes later, Sergeant Mike Bain arrived at Corporal Blackerby's location. Sergeant Bain and Corporal Blackerby quickly decided upon a plan of action as Corporal Blackerby would secure the subject that ran, and Sergeant Bain would hold on the driver who was still not complying with an verbal commands. Corporal Blackerby would then realize the subject who ran on foot was the fourteen-year-old that had been abducted and the Amber Alert was issued for. Corporal Blackerby was very professional with his treatment of her and reassured her that everything would be ok. All attention then turned to the male suspect in the vehicle as other units arrived on scene. At this point the group formed a plan of action to move up on the suspect vehicle, once this was done, they discovered the male suspect suffered from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The suspect was still alive but would later succumb to his injuries. Corporal Blackerby is an EVOC Instructor and has many hours behind the wheel during emergency situations. He would later say that all of his training and ability were stretched to the max during this situation. Corporal Blackerby began to pursue a suspect that has just shot another police officer, knowing that he would likely have to encounter this dangerous suspect alone. He acted without hesitation, displaying a great deal of courage and skill to reach the final resolution and the fourteen-year-old being returned to her family unharmed as a result.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Corporal Mark Blackerby.

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated I don't have a lot of updates for you today. We are 1/3 of the way through the Fiscal Year, so we are continuing to watch things closely. We did see an increase in our yearly average for fuel, up .3 cents from \$2.72 to \$2.75 for this reporting period and I anticipate that will continue to increase based on what we are seeing at the pump.

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

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, October paid claims were \$1,131,662.00 which was an increase of \$314,851.00 from last month and the fund balance is \$71,146.00 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$11,007,369.22. The average discount savings for the month of September was 67%.

A quick update on our Troop School we are preparing for interviews next week with the Colonel and we have 57 applicants that have been identified and scheduled for those interviews. So hopefully after that we will be able to move forward with getting those individuals before the commission, getting their physical assessment examination as well as their psychological examination and get them into the Troop School which will begin January 23, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a promotion, Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

Commission Chairman Basore called the meeting back to order at 10:20 a.m. and stated no action was taken during executive session.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Basore stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business, Commissioner Teague made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Reeves seconded, and Commission Chairman Basore adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary