

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
February 10, 2022

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Forrest Marks	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Jeff Drew	Major Jason Aaron
Major Lindsey Williams	Sherry Woods
Gary Glisson	Captain Mike Moyer
Jenna Castleberry	Captain Paulette Ward
Lieutenant Bobby Brown	Captain Scott Woodward
Captain Barry Saffold	Sergeant Corey Ray
Corporal Donny Crow	Captain Scott Russell
Captain Mike Hagar	Corporal Chet White
Corporal Nathan Williams	Captain David Moore
Corporal Brandon Trewyn	Captain David Williams
Captain Todd Shaw	Captain John Carter
Captain Stacie Rhoads	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on February 1, 2022.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioners Reeves seconded, and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Forrest Marks presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal William Summerville efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, eleven months, and twenty-four days;

WHEREAS: Corporal William Summerville retired from this department December 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 William Summerville 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, February 10, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA176, 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 Basore seconded, and the motion passed.

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal William Summerville efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, eleven months, and twenty-four days;

WHEREAS: Corporal William Summerville retired from this department December 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 William Summerville 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, February 10, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D508413M, that Corporal William Summerville has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal William Summerville 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 Teague seconded, and the motion passed.

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Benjamin Harrison efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirteen years, eight months, and eighteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Benjamin Harrison retired from this department December 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 Benjamin Harrison 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, February 10, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA429, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Benjamin Harrison efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirteen years, eight months, and eighteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Benjamin Harrison retired from this department December 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 Benjamin Harrison 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, February 10, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D063105M, that Corporal Benjamin Harrison has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Benjamin Harrison 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 Reeves 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 Billy Ealy efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of eighteen years, and four months;

WHEREAS: Corporal Billy Ealy retired from this department December 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 Billy Ealy 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, February 10, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA606, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Benton 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 Billy Ealy efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of eighteen years, and four months;

WHEREAS: Corporal Billy Ealy retired from this department December 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 Billy Ealy 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, February 10, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number RS14154Y, that Corporal Billy Ealy has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Billy Ealy 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.

Captain Paulette Ward presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whillock efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, eight months, and twenty-eight days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whillock retired from this department December 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: Sergeant Kenneth Whillock 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, February 10, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA378, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Basore 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: Sergeant Kenneth Whillock efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, eight months, and twenty-eight days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whillock retired from this department December 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: Sergeant Kenneth Whillock 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, February 10, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC622749, that Sergeant Kenneth Whillock has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Sergeant Kenneth Whillock 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 Reeves seconded, and the motion passed.

**PROMOTION CERTIFICATE:**

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Corey Ray promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Air Support.

**NALOXONE AWARDS:**

Sergeant Jeff Plouch stated on January 8, 2020, Corporal Chet White responded to an injury crash on Interstate 30 in Saline County. When he showed up, he noticed minor damage to the vehicle and the driver was slumped over the wheel with a light pulse. Corporal White administered 2 doses of Narcan into the 24-year-old male and did CPR which likely saved his life.

Colonel Bryant presented a Naloxone Lifesaving Award to Corporal Chet White.

Sergeant Jeff Plouch stated on March 28, 2020, TFC Nathan Williams responded to a reckless driver, when he finally got to the vehicle, the driver and passenger had switched places. The passenger while he was talking to her, her eyes rolled back in the back of her head, and she went unconscious. The driver stated he was trying to get her to the hospital because she overdosed. TFC Nathan Williams administered 2 doses of Narcan which brought her back to life and likely saved her life.

Colonel Bryant presented a Naloxone Lifesaving Award to TFC Nathan Williams.

Captain Todd Shaw stated on October 24, 2021, Corporal Brandon Trewyn received a report of an unresponsive male near his location. Upon arriving, Corporal Trewyn received information that the victim had overdosed on opioid. He quickly retrieved his Naloxone from his unit and administered 2 doses. The subject regained consciousness and was transported for medical treatment and survived. Corporal Trewyn's quick thinking resulted in the saving of a life, and he is well deserving of this recognition.

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated our Fiscal Year 23 budget was reviewed at our budget hearing on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Fiscal Session starts Monday, and we are going through that process gearing up for that. Fuel for January was at \$2.80, we budgeted \$2.85. We are taking a preliminary look at February since we all know that the prices are increasing and our current average is \$2.87, so we are continuing to keep an eye on that.

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 six new hires, and five terminations. The commissioned transactions include thirty-seven new hires, sixteen terminations, one transfer and one promotion. Currently we have five military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, January paid claims were \$970,000.00 which was a decrease of \$107,486.00 from last month. The fund balance is \$109,331.00 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$11,387,817.00. The average discount savings for the month of December was 67%.

A quick update on our Troop School we currently have 22 recruits that are in week three. In your report you should see a list of classes they have already completed and hopefully we will get them graduated on June 16, 2022.

Commissioner Teague asked if 16 was about the average percentage wise that you lose on each school? Major Hubbard stated that is pretty close, I mean we have lost a little more than that in the past and we have maintained more than that, so it is a fair average. Hopefully that is all that we lose, hopefully we are where we need to be to push forward.

Commissioner Hinkle asked Major not considering this existing Troop School, how many positions are we short, ASP wide? Major Hubbard stated I know there is at least 30 positions that I think we had lost, 32 maybe, that we have lost since last June on the commission side, I believe that is pretty close. So, 22 going in the Troop School, certainly we are behind the bar.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked Major Hubbard if this pay raise goes through do you think that is going to make things better? Major Hubbard stated I hope so, absolutely, I think it certainly isn't going to hurt. You know, it is always about the money, we all know that. So, I feel confident that it will certainly encourage some of those recruits that have been looking at different jobs and careers, especially some of the younger generation. It is certainly encouraging to our current troopers as well as any future troopers.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards asked do we have any new business. Colonel Bryant stated Mr. Chairman we have some promotions to consider today? Colonel Bryant stated we have the ASP Sergeant position Troop C, Mississippi County, ASP Sergeant position Troop L, Benton and Washington Counties and the Major position CID Administration.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the promotion of a Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division in Troop L, the lateral transfer of an ASP Sergeant to Troop C and that we table consideration of the promotion to Major in the CID Division Little Rock. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 10:46 a.m. and asked Colonel Bryant if he had any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated the first position is an ASP Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop C, Mississippi County. I am going to use the Director's discretion for a lateral transfer of Sergeant Brandon Bennett from Troop D into the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop C, Mississippi County.

Colonel Bryant stated the next promotion is a Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L, Benton and Washington Counties. My recommendation is Corporal Raymond Triplett. Commissioner Teague made a motion that Corporal Raymond Triplett be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L, Benton and Washington Counties. Commissioner Benton seconded, and the motion passed.

#### NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with the Misael Ramos Appeal Hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of the ASP Commission Meeting.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the date of the June commission meeting has been moved to Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with the Dennis Jason Murphy Appeal Hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of the ASP Commission Meeting.

With no further business, Commissioner Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Benton seconded, and Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary