

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 2022

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Steve Edwards, Chairman
Commissioner Murray Benton, Sr., Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jeffery Teague, Secretary
Commissioner Neff Basore

ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison
Commissioner Jim Hinkle
Commissioner Ken Reeves
Colonel Bill Bryant

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Garner	Major Jason Aaron
Captain Chris Goodman	Sherry Woods
Captain John Carter	Corporal Logan Hall
Lieutenant Alex Krneta	Jenna Castleberry
Captain David Moore	Sergeant Greg Dycus
Caitlin Teague	Lieutenant Craig Teague
Captain Paulette Ward	Sergeant Robert Middleton
Jonathan Nettles	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jami Cook, DPS	Jackie Baker, DPS
Cody Hiland, DPS	Joan Shipley, DPS
Sara Farris, 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 May 10, 2022.

MINUTES:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the minutes were sent out. I did ask Donna to do a couple of changes. There were some words that did not make sense. On page 5 last paragraph there is a slight change on that, but I would entertain a motion to approve.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve, with the changes you mentioned, the minutes of the April 14, 2022 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded, and the motion passed.

NALOXONE AWARDS:

Captain John Carter stated on May 18, 2019 at approximately 3:52 pm. Corporal Logan Hall overheard the West Memphis Police Department responding to an unresponsive male who was located under the Martin Luther King Bridge on Interstate 55. Corporal Hall arrived on scene and found the male subject unresponsive and moaning. Corporal Hall administered one dose of Narcan into the subject's nostril. The subject opened his eyes and slowly became responsive. While in the care of EMS, the subject said he had smoked methamphetamine earlier that day.

Chairman Steve Edwards presented a Naloxone Lifesaving Award to Corporal Logan Hall.

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: Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-four years, and one month;

WHEREAS: Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls retired from this department March 31, 2022;

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: Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls 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, May 12, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA452, 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 Benton seconded, and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-four years, and one month;

WHEREAS: Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls retired from this department March 31, 2022;

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: Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls 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, May 12, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC535711, that Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls 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.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Brandon Cook efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fifteen years, one month, and twenty-one days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Brandon Cook retired from this department March 31, 2022;

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 Brandon Cook 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, May 12, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA070, 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 Teague seconded, and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Brandon Cook efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fifteen years, one month, and twenty-one days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Brandon Cook retired from this department March 31, 2022;

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 Brandon Cook 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, May 12, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number CC17966F, that Corporal Brandon Cook has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Brandon Cook 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.

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated your reports reflect that we have two months left in the fiscal year and everything is on track. We are just continuing to watch fuel. Our year-to-date average is \$2.97 a gallon, but our average for the month of May is \$3.61 a gallon. Ms. Castleberry stated I think we are going to be okay for the rest of the year, but we are watching that. Ms. Castleberry stated we did complete our annual operation plan for FY23 and that was submitted yesterday. Ms. Castleberry stated we are in preparation for our biennial request that will be coming up soon. We will start putting together packets and things for that.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked what did you say the May fuel cost was? Ms. Castleberry stated \$3.61 a gallon. Commission Chairman Edwards asked how do you gather that information? How do you know what that number is, because everybody has got a different credit card and buying all over? Ms. Castleberry stated our accounting system has a module in it that tracks our Fleet Maintenance. It was developed specifically for that purpose.

Administrative Services – Lieutenant Craig Teague

Lieutenant Teague 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, two promotions, four voluntary resignations, and two transfers. The commissioned transactions include three retirements, three promotions, and one transfer. Currently we have two military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, April paid claims were \$992,671.00 which was a decrease of \$394,882.00 from last month. The fund balance is \$216,988.00 higher than last month for

a total fund balance of \$11,477,763.00. The average discount savings for the month of February was 63.7%.

Lieutenant Teague stated for your Troop School update, the recruits are finishing up week 16 with VERS and traffic stops. They are set to graduate on June 16 at the Capitol at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked so we have 21 left. Lieutenant Teague stated yes sir. Commission Chairman Edwards stated you scared me there when you were talking about that change being \$216,988.00, I thought you were talking about that was the balance.

Commissioner Basore stated so the graduation is going to be at the Capitol this time? Lieutenant Teague stated yes sir that is correct.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards asked do we have any new business. Commission Chairman Edwards stated I think we have a couple of promotions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider promotions. Commissioner Benton seconded. Commission Chairman Edwards stated we need to specifically mention those promotions, I think. Commissioner Basore stated I don't believe you have to mention particular names. Commission Chairman Edwards stated no I mean, Troop B Sergeant and Driving Track Sergeant. Commissioner Basore stated I don't think so, I just think. Commission Chairman Edwards stated okay, we have a motion; do I have a second? Commissioner Teague seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 10:28 a.m. Commission Chairman Edwards explained we had some issues with our communications this time and several commissioners did not get the promotion package, and some still don't have it. We are going to delay these two promotions that were supposed to be today until the next meeting. So, everybody is informed and knows what we are voting on.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Dennis Jason Murphy Appeal Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if there was any other business?

Commissioner Basore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Benton seconded, and Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary