The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

ON CONFERENCE CALL:
- Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:
- Colonel Bill Bryant
- Major Jason Aaron
- Major Lindsey Williams
- Major Jeff Drew
- Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Garner
- Major Forrest Marks
- Major Charles Hubbard
- Major Stacie Rhoads
- Lieutenant Alex Krneta
- Major Lindsey Williams
- Lieutenant Michael Exum
- Corporal Trey Keller
- Corporal Ritchie Whitley
- Jenna Castleberry
- Denise Castleberry
- Captain Mike Moyer
- Gary Glisson
- Lieutenant Matt Miller
- Lieutenant Aaron Easley
- Sherry Woods
- Captain Chris Goodman
- Captain Todd Shaw
- Captain Wesley Smitee
- Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:
- Sara Farris, Attorney General’s Office
- Robert Newcomb
- Jason Murphy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on May 31, 2022.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 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.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal Arthur Raff efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, one month, and twenty-eight days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Arthur Raff retired from this department April 30, 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 Arthur Raff 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, June 02, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA292, 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.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal Arthur Raff efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, one month, and twenty-eight days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Arthur Raff retired from this department April 30, 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 Arthur Raff 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, June 02, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D606043M, that Corporal Arthur Raff has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Arthur Raff be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioners Teague/Hinkle made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded, and the motion passed.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal John W. Qualls efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, and seventeen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal John W. Qualls retired from this department April 30, 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 John W. 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, June 02, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA027, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Benton seconded, and the motion passed.
WHEREAS: Corporal John W. Qualls efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, and seventeen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal John W. Qualls retired from this department April 30, 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 John W. 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, June 02, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D620438M, that Corporal John W. Qualls has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal John W. 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 Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed.

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

WHEREAS: Corporal Mary Minor efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, six months, and twenty days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Mary Minor retired from this department April 30, 2022;

WHEREAS: Her 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 Mary Minor has made formal request that her service weapon be retired with her and remain in her 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, June 02, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards her, her Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA207, 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.

WHEREAS: Corporal Mary Minor efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-seven years, six months, and twenty days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Mary Minor retired from this department April 30, 2022;

WHEREAS: Her 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 Mary Minor has made formal request that her shotgun be retired with her and remain in her 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, June 02, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number RS59868Y, that Corporal Mary Minor has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Mary Minor be permitted to purchase the shotgun for her 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 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 Reeves made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider promotions. Commissioner Hinkle 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 10:30 a.m. Commission Chairman Edwards asked Colonel Bryant

Colonel Bryant stated thank you Mr. Chairman, the first one will be the ASP Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop B Lawrence & Sharp Counties. My recommendation to the commission would be Corporal Phillip Roark. Commissioner Teague made a motion that Corporal Phillip Roark be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop B. Commissioner Allison seconded, and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is an ASP Sergeant position in the Administrative Services Division, Training/Track. My recommendation to the commission would be Corporal Shawn Mason. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Corporal Shawn Mason be promoted to Sergeant in the Administrative Services Division, Training. Commissioner Benton seconded, and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if there was any other business?

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