

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
June 2, 2022

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	Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Jason Aaron	Major Forrest Marks
Major Lindsey Williams	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Jeff Drew	Major Stacie Rhoads
Lieutenant Alex Krneta	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 Smithee
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.

R E S O L U T I O N

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

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.

R E S O L U T I O N

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 I do not have a lot for you today because we are in the final month of our fiscal year. We are working hard to close out this fiscal year. Everything is looking on track and going as expected, so no concerns there. We did check fuel, but I do not have an updated overall number for you for the total year average, but I do have the monthly average for May at \$3.79 a gallon.

Commissioner Reeves stated I know it is impacting negatively, but how much are gasoline prices affecting the budget? Jenna stated that we planned in the upcoming year, we went from \$2.85 to \$4.50 in our budget, and there are obviously concerns that that's not going to be enough. It was over 1.4 million impact to our operating budget. Commissioner Basore asked if that was the total or the difference. Jenna stated that it was the difference.

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, two promotions, and five voluntary resignations. The commissioned transactions include two terminations and one transfer. Currently we have one military deployment.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, unfortunately, we do not have the numbers for the Health Plan yet. We did not have those put together. If you recall, we were at about 11.4 million last month. As soon as we get the new report, I will be happy to share that with you.

Major Hubbard stated the recruits will finish in a couple of weeks and graduate at the State Capitol on June 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rotunda. We had a nice evening with them last night. The Foundation was gracious enough to buy them hamburgers. Randy Lann and Denny Campbell cooked the hamburgers until it started to pour rain. Unfortunately, we had a little damper on our party due to the rain, but we moved it inside to make the best of it. The recruits were very appreciative of it. They are in good spirits and are looking forward to the graduation.

Commissioner Teague asked how many did we start with. Major Hubbard stated technically, we brought 48 before the Commission, and then 39 came in on day one. We will be graduating a total of 21.

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?

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

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary