

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
December 14, 2023

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Steve Edwards, Chairman
Commissioner Jeffery Teague, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Jim Hinkle
Commissioner Ken Reeves
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Mike Akin

MEMBER ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison, Secretary

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Mike Hagar	Lt. Colonel Jason Aaron
Lt. Colonel Mike Kennedy	Major Mike Moyer
Major Ron Casey	Major Stacie Rhoads
Kalika Rogers	Susan Tedford
Karen Perry	Lieutenant Randall Murphy
Captain Philip Hydron	Lieutenant Ben Hoyt
Dan Mack	Corporal Michael Bowman
Sergeant Ryan Jacks	Captain Paulette Ward
Sherry Woods	Bridget White
Captain Rick Neill	Captain David Williams
Captain Scott Joe	Caitlin Teague
Phillip Warriner	Cindy Murphy
Lacey Kanipe	Nick Genty
Sergeant Zach Owens	Captain Craig Teague
Captain Todd Shaw	Sergeant Jason Martin
Donna Humphries	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hugh Finkelstein, DPS
Mary Hainigan, Media

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on December 04, 2023.

MINUTES:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated everyone was sent out the minutes of the November 9, 2023, regular monthly meeting and asked if anyone has any revisions or changes.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023, regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Teague seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Edwards stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor, any opposed and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Ron Casey presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Jorge Oseguera efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, and twenty-nine days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Jorge Oseguera retired from this department October 31, 2023;

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 Jorge Oseguera 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, December 14, 2023, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA326, 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 resolutions presented to the Commission. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Jorge Oseguera efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, and twenty-nine days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Jorge Oseguera retired from this department October 31, 2023;

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 Jorge Oseguera 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, December 14, 2023 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D588356M, that Sergeant Jorge Oseguera has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Sergeant Jorge Oseguera be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Thomas Hubbard efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, two months, and eight days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Thomas Hubbard retired from this department October 31, 2023;

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 Thomas Hubbard 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, December 14, 2023, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17,

Serial Number BMSA456, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Thomas Hubbard efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of fourteen years, two months, and eight days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Thomas Hubbard retired from this department October 31, 2023;

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 Thomas Hubbard 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, December 14, 2023 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D5883407, that Corporal Thomas Hubbard has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Thomas Hubbard be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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

Major Stacie Rhoads presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Louis Imler efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-five years, seven months, and thirty days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Louis Imler retired from this department October 31, 2023;

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 Louis Imler 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, December 14, 2023, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 19, Serial Number BMFZ761, 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 resolutions presented to the Commission. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Louis Imler efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-five years, seven months, and thirty days;

- WHEREAS: Corporal Louis Imler retired from this department October 31, 2023;
- 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 Louis Imler 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, December 14, 2023 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC529309, that Corporal Louis Imler has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Louis Imler be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the above weapon resolutions presented to the Commission. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated next, we have our division reports, first is Fiscal by Karen Perry.

Fiscal Section – Karen Perry

Karen Perry gave an overview of the monthly report. Ms. Perry stated good morning, Colonel, and Commissioners, you have the report in front of you and we are operating at about 32%. We received appropriation approval from the November Peer meeting of \$1.467 million which included an operations increase and \$1 million for vehicle maintenance and equipment needs. Our Methods of Finance for the new barracks and the security system update with ARPA funding were approved. We are working with command staff on collection and compilation of data for our upcoming annual budget preparation.

Administrative Services – Major Roby Rhoads

Major Roby Rhoads presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. He began by reporting the Human Resources/Personnel transactions for the month, on the uniformed noncommissioned side we had one new hire, and two terminations both voluntary. The commissioned transactions included two new hires which were reinstatements, twenty-two promotions which were twenty Corporals, one Lieutenant and one Sergeant, one transfer, and three terminations which were one voluntary, one retirement, and one probationary employee. We currently have five military deployments.

Major Roby Rhoads stated the 2023-B Troop School Graduation ceremony will be held in the Professional Education Center (PEC) at Camp Robinson on Thursday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. Currently, we have 52 recruits in the 2023B Troop School Class.

Major Rhoads stated we have 36 applicants in the process for 2024A Troop School.

Major Roby Rhoads stated for the ASP Health Plan the paid claims were \$1,367,666.00 which is an increase of \$22,572.00 from last month and the fund balance is \$158,605.00 lower than last month, for a total fund balance of \$11,786,051.00. Our savings discount for October was 66%.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated next, Crimes Against Children, Kalika Rogers.

Kalika Rogers stated the CACD Hotline received 5,314 calls in November, with a total of 2,185 of those being accepted, and 446 of those went to the CACD investigation's unit. The CACD investigations unit closed 425 cases, with 132 of those being true, so that gives us a substantiation rate of 31%. We had 4 child deaths reported, one of those was investigated, and three were assessed.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated next is Major Stacie Rhoads, Criminal Investigations.

Major Stacie Rhoads stated for the month of November CID opened 106 cases and 30 tasks. Among these cases 3 were death investigations, one was a homicide, one was a suicide, and one was an officer involved shooting. Also, CID was requested to investigate another officer involved shooting in Washington County, which was not fatal.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated next is Highway Patrol Division, Major Ron Casey.

Major Ron Casey stated in the Highway Patrol Division for the month of November, Troopers put in jail 1,214 criminals on criminal arrests, 5,445 citations were issued for hazardous arrests, 213 of those were DWIs, and three were underage DUIs. Troopers in November issued a total of 10,706 traffic citations. We had 50 pursuits in the month of November and investigated 1,611 crashes with 39 of those involving fatalities. We had 13 aircraft missions for the month of November. The total mileage that troopers drove in the month of November was 741,084 miles. Troopers recovered 14 stolen vehicles at an amount of \$295,001.00 and seven stolen properties recovered. DL/CDL tests given by our civilian staff was 15,752. The drug seizures for November, there was 223,831 grams of marijuana, 1,023 grams of methamphetamine, 113.10 grams of cocaine, 215.5 pills, all other drugs combined was 985 grams of other drugs. We recovered \$28,620.00 in U.S. Currency.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated next is Regulatory and Building Operations Division, Major Mike Moyer.

Major Moyer stated during the month of November the Identification Bureau processed 20,294 civil background checks and 8,311 criminal background checks. The Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Section processed 244 dealer applications and 1 complaint investigation was conducted. The PI Security section processed 331 applications, our ASP Bomb Squad handled 4 separate explosive calls, and Fire Investigators conducted 7 origin and cause investigations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards asked Colonel, do we have any personnel matters we need to attend to?

Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that we go to executive session to consider personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves stated I make a motion we retire into Executive Session to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 11:09 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked Colonel, do you have any personnel issues for us?

Colonel Hagar stated for the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D, my recommendation is TFC Spencer Morris. Commissioner Akin made a motion that TFC Spencer Morris be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Edwards stated we have a motion and second, all in favor, any opposed and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated for the Sergeant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, SIU, I recommend Corporal Matthew Foster. Commissioner Reeves made a motion that Corporal Matthew Foster be promoted to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, SIU. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Edwards stated we have a motion and second, all in favor, any opposed and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated for the Lieutenant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, SIU, I recommend Sergeant Robert Middleton. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Sergeant Robert Middleton be promoted to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, SIU. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Edwards stated we have a motion and second, all in favor, any opposed and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated if there is no further business, I will entertain a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Basore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. With no more business to come before the commission, Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary