

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
December 08, 2022

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, December 08, 2022 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Steve Edwards, Chairman  
Commissioner Murray Benton, Sr., Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Jim Hinkle  
Commissioner Ken Reeves  
Commissioner Neff Basore  
Commissioner John Allison

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Jeffery Teague, Secretary

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Jeff Drew	Major Jason Aaron
Major Stacie Rhoads	Major Mike Moyer
Captain David Williams	Captain Chris Goodman
Sherry Woods	Captain Paulette Ward
Captain John Carter	Captain Mike Hagar
Lieutenant Alex Krneta	TFC Shawn Ellis
Corporal Trey Keller	Mike Patterson
Sergeant Lorie Ring	Trooper Isaac Lawson
Jenna Castleberry	Captain Scott Woodward
Gary Glisson	Janet Chappelle
Sergeant Roy Moomey	Sergeant Phillip Roark
Lieutenant Bobby Brown	Sergeant Marcus Daniels
Veronica King	Corporal Corwin Battle
Captain Mike Kennedy	Lieutenant Dustin Morgan
Sergeant David Forthman	Sergeant Greg Dycus
Corporal Kevin Growns	Bill Sadler
Jonathan Nettles	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Yates	Jackie Baker, DPS
Bliss Boever, DPS	Sara Farris, Atty General's Ofc.
Phyllis Huit, DPS- HR	Phillip Warriner, DPS- HR
Hugh Finkelstein, DPS- Legal	Joan Shipley, DPS -Legal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Charles Hubbard presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-seven years, and seventeen days;

WHEREAS: Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles retired from this department October 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: Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles 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 8, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 19, Serial Number BMFZ840, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Allison 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: Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-seven years, and seventeen days;

WHEREAS: Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles retired from this department October 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: Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles 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 8, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC535466, that Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Allison 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 Don Browning efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years, one month, and thirteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Don Browning retired from this department October 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 Don Browning 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 8, 2022, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA264, 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 Don Browning efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years, one month, and thirteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Don Browning retired from this department October 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 Don Browning 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 8, 2022 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D588848M, that Corporal Don Browning has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Don Browning 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. Commissioners Hinkle/Benton seconded, and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Dustin Morgan promoting him to Lieutenant in the Regulatory & Building Operations Division, Administration.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant David Forthman promoting him to Sergeant in the Regulatory and Building Operations Division, PI and Security.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATIONS:

Sergeant Lorie Ring gave an overview of the nomination of Trooper Isaac Lawson for an Official Commendation. Sergeant Lorie Ring stated on February 11, 2022 Trooper Isaac Lawson was on his way home, he was off duty with his family when he drove upon a pretty serious DWI crash. Trooper Lawson immediately got out and started tending to those that were injured but he noticed the driver of the other vehicle was nowhere around. Trooper Lawson's attention was drawn to a nearby field where this particular driver was trying to leave the scene. Trooper Lawson was able to pursue him, place him under arrest and hold him in a position of disadvantage until his backup arrived which was several minutes. Trooper Lawson's actions that day allowed this driver to pay for what he had done. Trooper Isaac Lawson clearly takes his oath to the badge and the citizens of the State of Arkansas seriously. Thank you for allowing me to be here today to recognize this young Trooper, Isaac Lawson.

Colonel Bryant presented the Official Commendation to Trooper Isaac Lawson.

Sergeant Roy Moomey gave an overview of the nominations of TFC Shawn Ellis and Former TFC Kevin Yates for Official Commendations. Sergeant Moomey stated on January 9, 2022 at approximately 11:04 p.m. Trooper James Ray, TFC Kevin Yates and TFC Shawn Ellis, were on patrol along Interstate 40 when Troop H radio broadcast a non-custodial parental kidnapping which occurred in Tennessee. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigations had notified the Arkansas State Police that they were actively pinging the female suspect's cell

phone and found the location to be along Interstate 40 in Franklin County. The victim was a nine-year old male juvenile, was believed to be in the vehicle. Trooper James Ray located the vehicle driving westbound on Interstate 40 at the 26-mile marker. Trooper Ray knew they were heading into Crawford County where TFC Yates and TFC Ellis were waiting. The three troopers devised a plan to stop the vehicle in the safest way possible due to a juvenile being inside. Trooper Ray continued to follow the suspect without initiating any action until the awaiting troopers were able to assist. As they neared the 16-mile marker in Crawford County, the suspect met the awaiting troopers who had set up a rolling roadblock in an attempt to slow the vehicle safely. The suspect attempted to flee, struck TFC Yates three times in the back, TFC Yates's vehicle was slightly damaged, but he was able to maintain control and they continued. The vehicle was forced off the roadway into a grassy area. The three troopers were lined up on the shoulder keeping the suspect from trying to get back onto the road. The suspect vehicle became disabled, and the three troopers converged on it. They were able to detain the suspect and safely grab the juvenile.

Colonel Bryant presented Official Commendations to TFC Shawn Ellis and Former TFC Kevin Yates.

#### Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated it has been a relatively quiet month, so I do not have a lot of updates for you. We did get notification that we received a grant award through the Public Safety Equipment Grant Funding of a little over \$99,000.00 for a new body camera pilot project. So, we are excited to start that project and start that procurement process. Our fuel average year to date for all fuel types is \$3.54. The average for the month for just regular fuel is \$3.03.

#### Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Charles 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 three new hires, and one termination. The commissioned transactions include eighteen promotions, seventeen of those are to the rank of Corporal, two terminations, and one transfer. Currently we have three military deployments.

Major Hubbard stated the ASP Health Plan update is the November paid claims were \$1,120,470.00 which was an increase of \$212,387.00 from last month. The fund balance is \$121,579.00 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$12,165,069.00. The average discount savings for the month of October was about 68%.

Major Hubbard stated on our troop school we are continuing the hiring process for our 2023 Troop School. Next week we start the interview process and we currently have about 72 applicants that will go through that interview process next week. We will start that school in February.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated a couple of things that are not on the agenda. We would like to recognize a couple of folks. First is Gary Glisson who has been with CACD and he is retiring. I would like to recognize you, we appreciate you.

Also, our voice of the State Police, Mr. Bill Sadler, after a long career is retiring and we thank you. That is a big role to fill, the voice of the state police and we thank you.

We also have one more person who has told us that he is leaving December 31 and that is Colonel Bryant. We have a plaque from the ASP Commission that states, presented to Colonel William J. Bryant for eight years of dedicated service to the citizens of Arkansas as Director of the Arkansas State Police 2015 – 2022 and has the name of all the commissioners. We thank you; we appreciate your service.

Colonel Bryant stated I just want to say a couple of quick words, I have had the opportunity to address the in-service classes all the troopers around the state and told them I couldn't have been more proud to lead the devoted men and women. But I didn't get the chance to thank the other employees like CACD, the investigators and the hotline, they do a tremendous job with our youth around the state. We also have our DL and CDL Examiners, Telecom and

staff and our administrative staff, you know our troopers can't do the job without you. It has been a great honor; I look forward to sitting back in my retirement years and watch how the state police does. I have talked with Mike Hagar, our new incoming Director, and pledged to him that I will do everything I can to help with the transition. Him and I share the same love for the state police. Mike, I look forward to meeting with you, making this transition smooth, and just hope nothing but the best for you. Thank you very much.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked Commissioner John Allison to give a report on the Arkansas State Police Retirement Fund. Commissioner Allison stated this is my second term on the retirement fund, Arkansas State Police Retirement Fund. Last time I went on, the investors for us had lost about \$200 million of your money. Commission Allison stated I hadn't been back on in awhile and with this crisis in the market, I have been very concerned about what might happen, so I just attended my first meeting again. Commission Allison stated we are in much better shape than I ever anticipated, the revenue has been good. The moves that the Colonel has made for additional revenue over the years is supporting our state police retirement fund. Those that are retired or are going to be soon, your checks are going to clear, so, I just want to update you.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated thank you sir, I know you are a busy guy, and we appreciate you for taking the time to serve, you will be an important influence on that group.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if there are any personnel matters to discuss. Colonel Bryant stated yes, Mr. Chairman we have one promotion to consider, a Lieutenant in the Office of Professional Standards.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the promotion to Lieutenant in the Office of Professional Standards. Commissioners Hinkle/Allison seconded. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 11:20 a.m. Commission Chairman Edwards asked Colonel Bryant do you have a recommendation for us?

Colonel Bryant stated yes sir, for the position of Lieutenant in the Office of Professional Standards, my recommendation is Sergeant Marcus Daniels. Commissioner Hinkle made a motion to approve Sergeant Marcus Daniels to be promoted to Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Office of Professional Standards. Commissioner Basore seconded, and the motion passed.

#### NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if there was any other business?

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Allison seconded, and Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary