

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
January 12, 2023

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Mike Hagar	Major Mike Moyer
Major Charles Hubbard	Major Jeff Drew
Major Jason Aaron	Captain Mike Kennedy
Ashley Easterly	Veronica A. King
Dan Mack	Kalika Rogers
Captain Wesley Smithee	Jenna Castleberry
Amy Dick	Sherry Woods
John A. Smith	Janet Chappelle
Captain Scott Woodward	Lieutenant Alex Krneta
Lieutenant Bobby Brown	Sergeant Ryan Jacks
Lieutenant Michael Exum	Shelly Cantrell
Sergeant Robert Middleton	Captain Brady Gore
Captain Paulette Ward	Lieutenant Randall Murphy
Caitlin Teague	Bridget White
Sergeant Michael Bain	Lieutenant Aaron Easley
Lieutenant Seth Pinner	Captain Scott Russell
Trooper Austin Kennedy	Captain David Williams
Janai Kennedy	Sergeant David Forthman
Sergeant Corey Ray	Corporal Ryan Wingo
Sergeant Mike Wallace	Captain Todd Shaw
Captain Kyle Drown	Sergeant Brad Spurlin
Corporal Callie Dacus	Sergeant Brenda Smith
Sergeant Chuck Lewis	Captain Ron Casey
Donna Humphries	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jackie Baker, DPS  
Bliss Boever, DPS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on December 29, 2023.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated unless something happens, this will be Commissioner Benton's last meeting. I appreciate his service and he will serve until someone is appointed in his place. He is not able to be re-appointed because of the re-districting, but we appreciate him and your father before you.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated we have a resolution, and I will read it.

RESOLUTION ON NEW COLONEL:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: The Governor of Arkansas, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, has the responsibility to appoint the Director of the Arkansas State Police; and

WHEREAS: The Governor shall confer with the Arkansas State Police Commission on any such appointment; and

WHEREAS: Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders has selected Captain Mike Hagar for appointment to the position of Director of the Arkansas State Police; and

WHEREAS: The members of the Arkansas State Police Commission through thoughtful deliberation do unanimously agree with such appointment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the members of the Arkansas State Police Commission do hereby unanimously endorse and salute Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders' selection of Mike Hagar as Director of the Arkansas State Police.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated we need a motion to approve that resolution.

Commissioner Neff Basore made a motion to approve the foregoing resolution. Commissioners John Allison and Ken Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW COLONEL:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated now we would like to welcome Colonel Hagar.

#### ELECTION OF ASPC OFFICERS FOR 2023:

Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Commissioner Steve Edwards be elected Chairman for 2023. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Commissioner Jeff Teague be elected Vice-Chairman for 2023. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Commissioner John Allison be elected Secretary for 2023. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 regular monthly commission meeting and the December 27, 2022 special conference call meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Captain Paulette Ward presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Sam Bass efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty years, one month, and twenty-nine days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Sam Bass retired from this department November 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 Sam Bass 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, January 12, 2023, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him, his Glock Model 19, Serial Number BMFZ792, 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 resolution 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 Sam Bass efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty years, one month, and twenty-nine days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Sam Bass retired from this department November 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 Sam Bass 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, January 12, 2023 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D588374M, that Corporal Sam Bass has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Sam Bass be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Hinkle made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Benton/Teague seconded the motion, 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 we are halfway through our Fiscal Year, so we take this opportunity to look and do some projections. We did do a little bit of an adjustment on some our certifications this past month. But we are in a good position, and everything is looking good. The Legislative Session has started so we will be watching for our appropriation bill and any other bills that may have fiscal impact. Fuel for the month was \$2.64 a gallon. Commissioner Allison asked so what certifications did you change? Ms. Castleberry stated CHCL was the biggest, Concealed Handgun fees. Commissioner Allison asked and what did you do with that? Ms. Castleberry stated well it was a reduction, they are not coming in as well as we had anticipated but we were able to offset it with some other items, no cuts.

Commissioner Teague asked how much did we budget for fuel? Ms. Castleberry stated \$4.50 a gallon.

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 one new hire, one termination, and one demotion. The commissioned transactions include one promotion, and six terminations. Currently we have three military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, December paid claims were \$1,274,329.00 which was an increase of \$153,859.00 from last month and the fund balance is \$245,688.00 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$11,919,381.00. The average discount savings for the month of November was 66%.

An update on the Troop School we are moving forward with our application process. As you might recall we started out with about 435 applications and currently have 54 that are still in the queue. I know we brought 56 before the Commission, two of those withdrew the last couple of weeks, they had taken on another employment opportunity. So, we are still moving forward with that, everybody is currently scheduled for their medical examinations and their psychological exams. We are on track and continuing to move forward.

Commissioner Hinkle asked are you going to go back and replace those 2 or is it too late in the process to do that. Major Hubbard stated technically we are only going to have 50 in the school, so those others were alternates and we will continue to move everybody through the process so that hopefully we can have that number of 50 to start on day one. Commissioner Hinkle stated thank you.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if that is restricted by beds, or what is the maximum number. Major Hubbard stated that is one reason, of course the other reason is the funding.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated at our last meeting Joan Shipley was working on, I will let her explain. Joan Shipley stated we did send the description to Pulaski Title, and they were kind enough to have one of their guys go through it and actually draw the plat from the description that was given. I will tell you they didn't charge us at all for doing that, so we thank Pulaski Title for being that kind. They did find a couple or three minor changes to be made, the quit claim deed that was included in your packet includes those changes. Those were the only changes that were made except to change the name and date on the signature page. And at your pleasure giving Secretary of the Department of Public Safety the authority to sign this, we can get this quit claim deed back to them.

#### RESOLUTION

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-8-305 (a)(4), the Arkansas State Police Commission, having been informed and advised of a potential sale by Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment of Tract 2 of property located in Pulaski County at 3615 Roosevelt Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, hereby acknowledges and approves the signing of a Quit Claim Deed conveying any interest that may still exist in Tract 2 of this parcel.

The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed and such other documents as are necessary to effectuate such clear title of Tract 2.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the above resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Teague/Allison seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### STIPEND AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Commission Chairman Edwards asked for a motion to approve the stipend of \$60.00 per meeting. Commissioners Benton/Allison made the motion to approve the stipend payment. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked for a motion to approve the mileage expense of \$.52 a mile reimbursement approval. Commissioner Reeves made the motion to approve the mileage reimbursement.

Commissioner Hinkle asked how does that compare with Federal mileage, is it right in line with what IRS and Federal employees get, are we above or below? Ms. Castleberry stated Federal, and State are both \$.52 a mile. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR 2022:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated he has not talked to anyone about being appointed for the Health Insurance Committee, so I will table that until a later date. So, I can discuss with the Commissioners on who would be interested in serving on the committee.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if we have any other business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Basore stated I believe we have some promotions to discuss.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the promotions or lateral transfer for ASP Lieutenant Colonel 2 different

positions and 1 for ASP Major Highway Patrol Division. Commissioner Benton seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 11:31 a.m. and asked Colonel Hagar if he had any recommendations.

Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, for the Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Director for Field Operations, I would recommend Major Jason Aaron. Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Major Jason Aaron be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Director's Office, Field Operations. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated for the Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Director for Administrative Operations, I would recommend Captain Mike Kennedy. Commissioner Allison made a motion that Captain Mike Kennedy be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Director's Office, Administrative Operations. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated for the Highway Patrol Division Major's position, I would recommend Captain Ron Casey. Commissioner Teague made a motion that Captain Ron Casey be promoted to Major in the Highway Patrol Division, Administration. Commissioner Allison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 09, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the appeal hearings for Zachary Guest and Misael Ramos to be held upon adjournment or at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if there was any more business to come before the Commissioners? Commissioner Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary