The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Friday, April 15, 2016 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Frank Guinn, Chairman
Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Secretary
Commissioner Jane Christenson
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:
Colonel Bill Bryant
Lieutenant Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Major Henry LaMar
Captain David Sims
Major Lindsey Williams
Captain Mike Kennedy
Lieutenant Todd Shaw
Harmony Daniels
Jackie Baker
Lieutenant David Lafferty
Robin Gifford
Bridget White
J. R. Hankins
Captain John Carter
Lieutenant Scott Woodward
Lieutenant Paulette Ward
Emma French
Lieutenant Brady Gore
Lieutenant Jason Aaron
Mary Claire McLaurin
Bill Sadler
Captain Mike Hagar
Sergeant Kim Warren
Donna Humphries
Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Ron Stayton
Major Mike Foster
Major Forrest Marks
Lieutenant David Cooper
Captain Bryan Davis
Sherry Woods
Elizabeth Johnson
Captain Steve Coppinger
Corporal Ryan Jacks
Sergeant Stuart Coppinger
Debra Hankins
Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads
Captain Dale Saffold
Lieutenant Ben Cross
Sergeant Scott Pillow
Sergeant Mike Moyer
Elaine Lee
Greg Downs
Mary Jo Saling
Lieutenant Rick Neill
Lieutenant Kyle Drown

OTHERS PRESENT:
Retired Major Stan Witt - ASPF
Annette Carter
Heath Carter - ARNG
Michelle Algood, Mitchell Williams
Ro Arrington – ADFA
Retiree Janet Chappelle – ASPF
Marvin Childress – ASPF
Andrea Marks
Retired Colonel Doug Harp
Amy Carter
Paul Carter
Butch Heath – ASPF
Nathaniel Harrison, Jr.
Retiree Sheila Stanley
Retired Corporal Blake Wilson
Olan W. Reeves – Asst. Atty. General

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Christenson led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on April 04, 2016.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.
PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Major Forrest Marks promoting him to Major in the Highway Patrol Division.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Captain John Carter promoting him to Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop C.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Ben Cross promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Henry LaMar presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal Ocie Ratliff efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, six months, and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Ocie Ratliff retired from this department February 29, 2016;

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 Ocie Ratliff 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 Friday, April 15, 2016, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS138, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Burn seconded and the motion passed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Corporal Ocie Ratliff efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, six months, and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Ocie Ratliff retired from this department February 29, 2016;

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 Ocie Ratliff 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 Friday, April 15, 2016 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the
Remington shotgun, serial number PC536081, that Corporal Ocie Rateliff has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Ocie Rateliff be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS: Corporal Mark Meadows retired from this department February 29, 2016;

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 Mark Meadows 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 Friday, April 15, 2016, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS351, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Christenson/Basore made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

**RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS: Corporal Mark Meadows retired from this department February 29, 2016;

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 Mark Meadows 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 Friday, April 15, 2016 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC541762, that Corporal Mark Meadows has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Mark Meadows 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. Commissioners Basore seconded and the motion passed.
DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated we are a couple of months away from the end of the fiscal year and we are watching revenue and expenditures. Everything is right on track and we will continue monitoring it closely.

Administrative Services – Captain Mike Kennedy

Captain Mike Kennedy 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 civilian transactions include two new hires, two promotions, one lateral transfer, four voluntary resignations and one extra help hire. The commissioned transactions included three lateral transfers, one voluntary resignation, and one retirement. We currently have three department members on military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, March paid claims were $1.1 million that’s a decrease of $232,062 from last month. The fund balance is $11,940 higher than it was this time last month for a total fund balance of $6,581,231. Our average discount savings for the month of March was 69%. We will continue to monitor the fund balance, claims and plan utilization on a monthly basis.

Captain Kennedy stated there is a list of 39 applicants and 15 alternates for the 2016 Troop School. Colonel Bryant has the list to present to the Commission for approval of the applicants and alternates for the 2016 Troop School which is scheduled to begin on May 8.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Michelle Algood from Mitchell Williams and Mr. Ro Arrington from Arkansas Development Finance Authority presented the below resolution for consideration by the ASP Commission.

Ms. Algood explained that the below resolution is for the ASP Commission to approve the Arkansas Development Finance Authority lending $1,500,000 to the Arkansas State Police to pay preliminary expenses for design and land acquisition for the improvement and construction of troop headquarters projects.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERIM LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Department of Arkansas State Police (the “Department”) intends to make improvements to and construct various troop headquarters facilities located throughout the State (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (the “Authority”) is authorized and empowered under the provisions of Act 1062 of the Acts of Arkansas of 1985, codified at Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 15-5-101 et seq., as amended (the “Act”), to issue revenue bonds to finance the acquisition of capital improvements for State agencies; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 1057 of the Acts of Arkansas of 1997 (“Act 1057”) further authorized the Authority to issue its revenue bonds to finance the acquisition and construction by the Department of its headquarter facilities; and
WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Driver’s License Revenue Bonds (the “Bonds”) to provide funds for completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is willing to lend up to $1,500,000 to the Department (the “Interim Loan”) to pay for preliminary expenses related to the design of the Project and the acquisition of land; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the Department anticipate that the Interim Loan will be repaid with proceeds of the Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Department hereby authorizes and approves the Interim Loan.

Section 2. The Director of the Department (the “Director”), Chief Financial Officer and other officers of the Department are hereby authorized to approve the documents related to the Interim Loan, including a Loan Agreement between the Department and the Authority.

Section 3. The Director and the Chairman and the Secretary of the Arkansas State Police Commission are hereby authorized to carry out or cause to be carried out all appropriate actions, to execute such certificates or documents to evidence the authority authorized herein, and to take such other actions as they, in consultation with the Authority, shall consider necessary or advisable in connection with this Resolution and the Interim Loan.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in effect upon its adoption and approval.

Commissioner Neff Basore made a motion to approve the above resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Guinn announced the Commission would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Allison seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. and the open meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

Commission Chairman Guinn asked if Colonel Bryant had any recommendations. Colonel Bryant stated we have an applicant eligibility list, alternate applicant list and some promotions to consider today.

Colonel Bryant stated we have 39 applicants and 15 alternates on the eligibility list for Recruit School and he recommending the ASP Commission approve the below list of applicant and alternates.

Applicant List for Recruit School:
Gerrell Bailey
Johnathan Bass
Alexander Bray
Nathan Clayton
Brandon Dotson
Ty Fuller
Tristan Head
Christiana Johnson
Caleb Landreth
Jarrod Lyerly
                                      Joshua Barnes
                                      Sara Borel
                                      Kenya Campbell
                                      John Colliver
                                      Tommy Fitzgerald
                                      Ryan Gault
                                      Darryle Hinton
                                      David Lafferty
                                      Andrew Lay
                                      Bradley Marion
Alternate List for Recruit School:

Landon Loe
Lukas Tankersley

Michael Ellis
Heath Gurley

Dylan Parsons
Mario Sims

Christopher Johnson
Soloman Phifer

Joshua Broughton
Allen Haney

Derek Yonkers
Justin Williams

Jason Long

Colonel Bryant the first promotion is going to be the Sergeant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company E, Harrison and my recommendation to the Commission is Corporal Larry Carter. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Corporal Carter be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant recommended Corporal Chris Goodman for the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J, Pope County. Commissioner Allison made a motion that Corporal Goodman be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant recommended Lieutenant Ron Casey for the Captain position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Lieutenant Casey be promoted to Captain, Commissioner Shepherd seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The Patrick Claggett Appeal Hearing was rescheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Guinn asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Guinn adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.