

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2017

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

Meeting was called order at 10:08 A. M. Commissioners present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Chief Percy Wilburn
Sheriff Boyd Hicks
Mr. Barney H. Reeves
Dr. James Golden
Mr. Barry Phillips
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Lt. Staci Rhoads
Chief Richard Wingard
Sheriff Doc Holladay

Others present:

Director Jami Cook
Dept. Dir. Fred Weatherspoon
Deputy Dir. Brad King
Sara Farris, Asst. Attorney General
Sue Albritton. CLEST Admin. Assist.
Kurt Banta, Benton Co. SO
Andrew Gregory, Benton Co. SO
Jesse Luffman, Pocahontas PD
David J. Platt, Tuckerman PD
Matt Green, Tuckerman PD
Zvi Katz
Chief William Sims, Pangburn PD
Jeremiah Stephens
Mar' Quii McLemore
Jennifer Craun, AG's Office
Thomas Bailey
Jacqueline Bailey
Mandy Hill, CLEST
Eric Turner, Black River Tech. College

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Tony Saylor, Black River Tech. College

Stanley James, Jefferson Co. SO

Terry Peckham, Jefferson Co. SO

Robert Barrantine, UAMS PD

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Dara Hall, AG's Office, Hearing Officer

Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter

The minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting were approved by a motion made by Commissioner Reeves and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Commissioner Richard Wingard was welcomed as a new member of the commission replacing Capt. Bobby Walraven who resigned from the commission after being elected Sheriff of Little River County.

ITEM I: Item one was to discuss and vote regarding the Board and Commission Expenses. A motion by Commissioner Phillips was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn to approve. Motion passed.

ITEM II: Item two was a request from the Tuckerman Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Matthew Green. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilburn to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion was unanimous.

ITEM III: Item three was a request from the Pangburn Police Department for an extension for Officer Dillion Chandler. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the Rogers Police Department for decertification of former Officer Samantha Davis. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion passed.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of David W. Allen. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification with Commissioner Phillips seconding. Motion Carried.

ITEM VI: Item six was a request from the Centerton Police Department for decertification of Sergeant Christopher Cummins. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed.

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ITEM VII: Item seven was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction for decertification of former Officer Jennifer Jackson. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Phillips seconded. Motion passed with Commissioner Hicks recusing.

ITEM VIII: Item eight's request was from the Arkansas Community Correction for decertification of former Parole Officer Antwain Robinson. Commissioner Reeves seconded a motion made by Commissioner Hicks to go forward with decertification. Motion passed.

ITEM VIX: Item nine was a request for decertification for former Officer David Brantley from the Heber Springs Police Department. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification proceedings and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

ITEM X: Item was pulled and is to be presented at a later time.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Rosemary White. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

ITEM XII: Item twelve was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction for decertification of former Parole Officer Hardy Sheppard. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion passed.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Clark County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Roland Land. Commissioner Phillips moved to go forward with decertification and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Arkansas State Police requesting decertification of former Trooper Patrick Claggett. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Reeves seconded. Motion passed with Commissioner Hicks recusing.

ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Jefferson County requesting decertification of former Deputy Michael Herron. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Buddy Jones. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Hicks and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

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ITEM XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Arkansas State Police to go forward with decertification of former Captain Steven B. Davis. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed with Commissioners Hicks and Rhoads recusing.

ITEM XVIII: Item eighteen was a request for decertification for former Officer Robert Chrestman by the Arkansas State University Police Department. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried.

ITEM XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Benton County Sheriff's Office for a waiver of basic training for Deputy Andrew Gregory. The motion to deny the request came from Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed.

ITEM XX: Item twenty was a discussion whether to continue to go forward with decertification proceedings for James Huff after the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office had withdrawn its request for decertification. A motion by Commissioner Holladay to continue with the decertification was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

ITEM XXI: Item twenty one was a discussion whether to continue to go forward with decertification of Officer Seth Nichols. The Jonesboro Police Department has withdrawn its request for decertification. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to still have a hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, five uncontested decertification hearings were held. In those hearings, **Jonathan White, James V. Martin, Preston Baker, Phillip Pickett and Michael Graff** were decertified after their cases were presented to the Commission. Dara Hall of the Attorney General's Office served as the Hearing Officer and Trish Hendrix was the Court Reporter.

In the Contested Hearings, **Robert Seely** was not present for his hearing. His case was presented in his absence and the Commission voted unanimously for decertification. The Commission did not find cause to decertify **Zvi Katz**. With votes by the Commission, **Thomas Bailey and Jeremiah Stephens** were decertified after their cases were heard.

At the conclusion of the hearings, Director Cook discussed with the Commission the Bills that were to be presented in the legislative session. The Commission approved the legislative package. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P. M.