

DRAFT MINUTES
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION

January 28, 2015

The Independent Citizens Commission met Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., U of A Systems Administration Board Room, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission members present: Chair-Mr. Larry Ross, Vice Chair-Mr. Chuck Banks, Mr. Mitch Berry, Ms. Barbara Graves, Mr. Stuart Hill, Ms. Brenda James, and Mr. Stephen Tipton.

Chairman Ross, called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Graves gave handouts one on the Proposed salaries for discussion and then a one handout on the 5 year salary history of Constitutional Officers.

Consideration of Action Sheet for January 27, 2015:

A motion was made by Commissioner Tipton to approve the Action Sheet and seconded by Vice Chairman Banks. The motion carried without objection.

Constitutional Officer Presentation:

Chairman Ross asked if anyone from the constitutional offices were here to address the commission. Mr. Bill Huffman, Chief Deputy and Mrs. Carol Lincoln, General Counsel addressed the commission to give a general idea of the duties and responsibilities of the office. They provided a handout on the history of the office and the responsibilities of the Land Commissioner's office today.

Public Comment period:

Scott Trotter gave two handouts to the commission. He then spoke on his opinions for the recommendations for the Executive Offices and the General Assembly for consideration by the commission.

Senator Keith Ingram came and gave his opinion and recommendations for consideration by the commission.

Judicial Presentation:

Judge Gary Arnold, President of Judicial Counsel presented a handout with information on the Salary and pay raise information for the past 12 years. The commission also received this information via email on Tuesday. JD Gingerich staff for the Judicial Counsel explained the document given to the commission and answered questions from the commissioners.

Commission Discussion

Chairman Ross thanked the presenters today for their information. Chairman Ross then moved that the commission go back to discussions on the General Assembly recommendations and salaries. Some commissioners wanted the Leaders of General Assembly to assure the commission that the recommendations made would all be adopted. Chairman Ross requested the agenda tomorrow be Judicial discussion first and then continued discussion of the General Assembly.

Commissioner Tipton made a motion that an additional proposal for the General Assembly be considered by the commission. The proposal would be to recommend eliminating expenses for members and adding the expenses to the proposed salary for the General Assembly. Commissioner Graves seconded and motion carried with objection in a 4 to 3 vote.

Mr. Robinson informed the commission that he has emailed the initial report that will be published when the commission has reached their decisions. He will bring them a copy of that report tomorrow for everyone. There are no numbers on the report but if the commission had any changes or corrections for the report they could get those to Mr. Robinson and he will make those changes.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 29, 2015 - U of A System Administration Cammack Village
Friday, January 30, 2015- U of A System Administration Cammack Village
Monday, February 2, 2015 - U of A System Administration Cammack Village

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Complete audio of the meeting can be found on <http://citizenscommission.ar.gov>