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# INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION

# June 27, 2017

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The Independent Citizens Commission met on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in room 151 of the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission members present: Chairman- Mr. Ross, Vice Chair - Mr. Chuck Banks, Mr. Mitch Berry & Ms. Barbara Graves. Also present: Ms. Nga Nahfouz, Assistant Attorney General and Ms. Melanie Jenkins with the Auditor of State’s office.

**Chairman Ross called the meeting to order**

**Consideration of minutes from the June 20, 2017 commission meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Graves to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Berry. The motion carried without objection.

**Public Comment**

**John Kelly- American Foundation of Judicial Accountability-** Just wanted to introduce the commission to the AFJA. He did not oppose or agree with the pay raises.

**Commissioner Banks:** Read into record a letter from Keith Ingram-Minority Leader (*letter can be found under public comments 6/23/17)*

**Constitutional Officers Vote:**

The Commission discussed adjusting salaries for the Constitutional Officers. The Lt. Governor has sent the commissioners a letter that he wishes to forgo the 2% raise. (*letter to the commissioners can be found under public comment 6/26/17on the website)* Commissioner Banks made a motion to give all constitutional officers, with the exception of Lt. Governor, a 2% salary increase. Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion passed without objection.

**Justices & Prosecuting Attorneys Vote:**

Commissioner Berry made a motion to give Justices & Prosecuting Attorney’s a 2% raise for all positions. Commissioner Graves seconded. Motion passed without objection.

**Legislature Vote:**

Commissioner Graves made a motion to give Member of General Assembly, Senate Pro Tempore & Speaker of the House a 2% raise. Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion passed without objection.

Chairman Larry Ross called a brief recess so that the resolution could be amended.

Chairman Ross reconvened the meeting.

**Salary Resolution:**

Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Graves seconded. Motion passed without objection.

**Next Meeting:**

Tentatively the next meeting will be in April 2018. The staff will get with the 7 commissioner’s in January 2017 to find a workable date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Handouts, public comments and complete audio of the meeting can be found at* [*http://citizenscommission.ar.gov*](http://citizenscommission.ar.gov)