**MINUTES**

**INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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The Independent Citizens Commission met on Friday, September 30, 2022 at 10:00a.m. in room 130 of the State Capitol Building in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Due to Chairman Banks resignation Auditor Andrea Lea began the meeting with the election of a new chairman. Commission members present were Mrs. Annabelle Imber Tuck, Mr. Tommy May, Ms. Jan Zimmerman and Mr. Jonathan Rogers. Also in attendance was Mr. Doug House with the Attorney Generals office.

Vote for a new chairman

A motion was made by Jonathan Rogers and seconded by Jan Zimmerman to nominate Mrs. Annabelle Imber Tuck as chairman. The motion passed without objection.

Chair Annabelle Tuck took over meeting stating that an appointment would need to be made to replace Mr. Banks on the Commission.

Chair Annabelle Tuck also declared a quorum and asked for a motion to elect a vice chair. Motion was made by Jan Zimmerman and seconded by Jonathan Rogers to elect Tommy May as Vice chair. The motion passed without objection.

Chair Annabelle Tuck asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes from the meeting November 17, 2021. Motion was made by Jan Zimmerman and seconded by Tommy May to approve draft minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Presentations with requests for raises were made by:

Judge Keaton, President of the Judicial Council, Kay Palmer representing the Arkansas District Judges Council, Teresa Howell, President of Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association and Matt Durrett.

Chair Annabelle Tuck requested that the AOC provide National Center for State Courts Judicial Salary information for the next meeting. She also requested Mr. John Shelnutt of DFA to provide budget information.

Chair Annabelle Tuck requested a meeting date and location be set for an October meeting.

Chair Annabelle Tuck suggested a motion to follow the recommendations on per diem and mileage reimbursement for 2023 recommended by the GSA. A motion was made by Jan Zimmerman and seconded by Tommy May. The motion passed without objection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Tommy May wanted to record the Commission’s appreciation for retired Chairman Charles Banks and the outstanding leadership he provided since the creation of the Independent Citizens Commission. On behalf of all Commissioners, Auditor of State’s office and the State of Arkansas, we thank him for his service and wish him all the best.

Adjourned