

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PEACE OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND
WEDNESDAY
April 4, 2012
10:30 A.M.

Present:

Roger Garrison, Chairman
Homer Bryson
Kaye Carter
Drew Lane
Gary Jones

Robert W. Carter, Secretary/Treasurer
William Johnston, Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Roger Garrison. The Board welcomed new Board member Gary Jones and thanked Butch Hutcheson for his service to the Board of Commissioners for Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Mr. Robert Carter delivered an invocation. The following items were considered by the Board:

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon reviewing the minutes for the March 7, 2012 Board meeting, Homer Bryson made motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Drew Lane. Motion carried.

II. RETIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL (See attached listing)

Robert Carter presented the following list of 24 retirements for Board approval. A motion was made by Homer Bryson and seconded by Drew Lane to approve these requests for retirement. Motion carried.

III. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT

1. Sabo, Bari Lenoir, age 50 with 25 years and 5 months of service credit. Medical information on file. Dr. Hitson has reviewed and approved the member's request for disability retirement. She has filed for option #4/1 for \$620.42 per month effective March 1, 2012.

Drew Lane made a motion to accept the disability retirement and the motion was seconded by Kaye Carter. Motion carried.

V. LEGAL MATTERS

Secretary/Treasurer Robert W. Carter provided an update on the status of the bills pending in the State Legislature. House Bill 987 and House Bill 928 passed both houses and waiting the Governor's signature. Upon the Governor's signature, these bills will become law and effective July, 2012. Representative Lynne Reilly (R-John's Creek) sponsored these bills. HB 987 requires the member to notify the Fund of any changes in their status. HB 928 expands the use of a hearing officer in other matters beside disability retirement hearings. The Board would like to send out notification to members about the changes in the laws affecting the Fund. Tabled for next Board meeting.

William Johnston, attorney for the Board, presented the letter drafted to Gail Buckner in reference to her retirement benefits. Homer Bryson made a motion to accept the letter and send to Ms. Buckner. Drew Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Secretary/Treasurer Carter reviewed the membership report with the Board.

Homer Bryson brought to the Fund's attention that State agencies are looking to make other staff positions POST certified positions. The Department of Juvenile Justice is making an effort to get the Department of Juvenile Justice probation officers POST certified. The question has been raised if these probation officers would be eligible for membership in the Fund. The Department of Juvenile Justice keeps its own training records and does not report the training to the POST council.

Secretary/Treasurer Carter brought to the Board's attention the information concerning member Ralph Caldwell and the City of Ephesus. The matter was referred to William Johnston for review.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund office located in Griffin, Georgia on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Carter
Secretary/Treasurer