

MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

**Business Meeting
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 212
Little Rock, Arkansas**

January 17th, 2007

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Sandy Stroope. Staff present were Legal Counsel Arnie Jochums, Executive Director Greg Kirkpatrick, License Supervisor Vicki Wright, Investigators Danny Holmes and Otis Hogan, Fiscal & Communications Manager Dana Brown, License Agent Susie Wallace and Secretary Angela Stoffer. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner's Albright, Wallace and Cogswell. Larry Crain, Jr. with Crain Automotive was also present. The minutes from the December 6, 2006, meeting were approved as written.

The Director's report was reviewed and accepted.

Director Kirkpatrick informed the Commission that renewals are about 65% complete and should be complete by the end of this month. The Director also reminded the Commission that the required Statement of Financial Interest is due by January 31.

In legal briefs, Mr. Jochums informed the Commission on the current status of 1) Gulf Stream's lawsuit that has been filed against the members of staff and the Commissioners. A notice to dismiss has been submitted to the judge in this case and we are awaiting the motion, and 2) Concerning the Jones Nissan Isuzu vs. Isuzu Motor Corporation all motions have been filed with Judge Moody.

Director Kirkpatrick updated the Commission on McKay Hyundai. The dealership has been closed by Hyundai Motor Corporation due to the dealership's inability to stay current on his floor plan. Several complaints have been received by the Commission and are being shared with the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office as well as the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. The Prosecutor's office will review the Commission Investigation folders to assess if criminal charges are to be filed. Director Kirkpatrick explained that the Commission had received information that the McKay Chrysler location in Brinkley is to be closed. Mr. McKay is trying to sell all of his locations. The Commission will continue to monitor the Brinkley locations for compliance and update the Commission on the investigation. Commissioners discussed the possibility of increasing the bond amount to cover such issues and deemed that \$50,000 seemed insufficient. The Commission was directed to research the bond increase.

Director Kirkpatrick and Arnie Jochums advised the Commission of the Ad Hoc Committee findings and recommendations. The recommendations were approved as requested.

Director Kirkpatrick informed the Commission of the possible legislative bills that might be presented, 1) Motorcycle Event Bill, 2) Documentary Fee Bill, 3) Commission Budget for fiscal year 2007-2009.

The Commission moved forward on the agenda to H#06-011 AMVC vs. Crain Chevrolet. Crain Chevrolet was found guilty on all charges and fined on combined charges \$10,000. The Commission approved this finding five to one with Commissioner Ferguson voting against.

Director Kirkpatrick informed the Commission of the Workforce Education Technical Training Program that the Commission would be sponsoring in the upcoming year.

The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Stroope.

These Minutes are subject to approval by
The Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission

F.S. Stroope, Chairman
Scott Wallace, Vice Chairman
Joy Blankenship, Secretary