

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report By ADR Staff

Chairman John Longacre convened the February 12, 2013, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission (UMV&PC). Following roll call and approval of the January meeting minutes, Longacre called on Commission Director John Maile for the Director's report.

Director Maile advised the UMV&PC Commissioners that he had met with the Non-Appropriated Sub Committee of the House Budget Committee. The Committee is trying to become familiar with the non-appropriated agencies. At the Committee's request, Maile had previously provided answers to 33-35 questions for the Committee. A Senate committee is going through the same process, so he will be appearing before that committee later in this legislative session.

Maile provided the Commissioners with an update on Allen's Auto Sales, the company that had its licenses cancelled for illegally obtaining rebuilt titles for several junk or non-rebuildable vehicles. Commission Field Representative John Lancaster and Director Maile met with the Creek County District Attorney to provide that office with information they had accumulated regarding Allen's Auto Sales to inquire as to the feasibility of filing criminal charges against Mr. Allen. The District Attorney requested documents on several of the cases and advised he would review the information. It was a positive meeting. Lancaster is working with Illinois officials to locate all owners of the Illinois vehicles involved in the scheme and previously identified as not having been inspected prior to the issuance of a rebuilt certificate. Illinois wants to be the first to notify their citizens about those cars. The commission staff is seeking location of the owners of all the vehicles involved in this scheme in order to notify the current owners of the status of those vehicles.

Following discussion, the Commission approved proceeding with legislative action to eliminate the used car salesperson bond and increase the used car dealer bond from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Following a vote affirming receipt and approval of the expenditures report, Chairman Longacre called on Deputy Director Kenneth Whitehead for his report. Whitehead's written report indicated that the commission staff had completed 50 inspections. The staff had handled 21 used car dealer complaints. Four of those were related to title issues, eleven were contract related, four had to do with mechanical issues and two were listed as miscellaneous.

The report indicated that seventeen people had attended the education program. Applicants for a new license and dealers involved in significant rule violations are required to attend the Commission's education program as a part of acquiring or maintaining a state license. These education sessions are being held in a conference room at 2401 NW 23, Oklahoma City. Classes are held on Monday prior to the Commission meeting on the second or third Tuesday of each month. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to about noon or 1 p.m.