

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report By ADR Staff

Chairman John Longacre convened the January 19, 2016, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission (UMV&PC). Following roll call and approval of the December 2015 meeting minutes, Longacre called on Commission Director John Maile for his report.

Director Maile reported that renewals were substantially completed. During the previous year's renewal cycle, over \$620,000 was received. In this renewal cycle, \$1,200,000 has been received because of the new two-year licensing schedule. Amortizing the receipts to a one-year process shows a reduction of approximately \$37,000. Maile noted that dealers have not complained about the requirement to obtain two-year licenses.

Director Maile proposed changing the office hours of operation to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm effective February 1. Except during renewal season, the office has very little foot traffic. The change will benefit staff who commute to the office. If the change adversely affects dealers, the hours will be returned to 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Maile indicated that he had been contacted by Senator Dahm's office and invited to meet with the Senator. A bill authored by Senator Dahm proposes consolidating the Motor Vehicle Commission and the Used Motor Vehicle & Parts Commission.

Director Maile and Legislative Liaison Curt Roggow discussed odometer fraud and the proposed statute change. A person violating any of the provisions of the Odometer Setting Act with intent to misrepresent the true mileage driven of a motor vehicle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment. In addition, a person violating the provisions of the Odometer Setting Act shall have civil liability for the greater of three times the actual damages or \$1,500. The court may award court costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party in a civil action.

Chief Investigator John Lancaster informed the Commissioners that the investigators had completed 50 dealership inspections and had handled 48 complaints: 18 title issues, 10 contract violations, 7 mechanical issues, 12 miscellaneous, and 1 advertising.

A total of 19 dealers attended the on-site education program in December. 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 the conference room at 2401 NW 23, Oklahoma City. Classes are held on Monday prior to the Commission meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to about noon or 1 p.m. You are asked to make reservations so staff can be prepared to accommodate you. Call the Commission at 405-521-3600 to make your reservations.