The Independent Citizens Commission met Friday, January 30, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., U of A Systems Administration Board Room, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission members present: Chair-Mr. Larry Ross, Vice Chair-Mr. Chuck Banks, Mr. Mitch Berry, Ms. Barbara Graves, Mr. Stuart Hill, Ms. Brenda James, and Mr. Stephen Tipton.

Chairman Ross, called the meeting to order.

Consideration of Action Sheet for January 29, 2015:
A motion was made by Commissioner Tipton to approve the Action Sheet and seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried without objection.

A motion was made to accept the letter from the General Assembly along with an addendum to the letter. Motion was made by commissioner Tipton and seconded by Commissioner Graves. The motion carried without objection.

Commission Discussion
Commission began discussions and recommendations for the proposed adjustments to go into the initial report that will be voted on Monday, February 2, 2015.

Commissioner Tipton made a motion to resend proposal A from the discussion, Proposal A stated that no changes to expenses except for eliminating payments to spouse or other family members either directly or indirectly and eliminating reimbursement of home office expenses, Commissioner Tipton moved to eliminate all expenses except for the Committee and Subcommittee chair. Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with 6 to 1 vote.

Commissioner Graves made a motion that General Assembly salary be raised to $39,400. and 45,000 for Senate Pro Tem and Speaker of the House. Vice Chairman Banks seconded. The motion carried without objection.

Commissioner Tipton made a motion that no change be made to Lt. Governor’s Salary at $42,315. Commission Graves seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Commissioner Hill made a motion that the Governor’s salary be raised to $141,000.00. Commissioner Graves seconded that motion. The motion carried in a 6 to 1 vote.
Commissioner Hill made a motion that the Attorney General’s salary be raised to $130,000.00. Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried in a 4 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Hill made a motion that the Secretary of State salary be raised to $90,000.00. Vice Chairman Banks seconded. Motion carries without objection.

Commissioner Graves made a motion that the Treasurer’s, Auditor of State and Land Commissioner salaries be raised to $85,000.00. Vice Chairman Banks seconded. The motion carried without objection.

Commissioner Banks made a motion that the Chief Justice Supreme Court salary raise to $180,000.00, Associate Justice Supreme Court salary raise to $166,500.00, Chief Justice Appeals Court salary raise to $164,000.00, Appeals Court Judge salary raise to $161,500.00, Circuit Judge salary raise to $160,000.00 and State District Judge salary raise to $140,000.00. Motion carried in a 4 to 3 vote.

Mr. Robinson requested the commission consider a day for the public comments. Commission agreed on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 10am at U of A Systems Administration Board Room, for the public comment meeting and Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 8:30am at U of A Systems Administration Board Room, for the final review.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

   Monday, February 2, 2015 - U of A System Administration Cammack Village

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Complete audio of the meeting can be found on http://citizenscommission.ar.gov