

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

January 23, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2019-02

TO: ALL DIVISION HEADS AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

We are transmitting herewith for your information and records a copy of the Minutes of the Commission Meeting in Little Rock, AR on January 9, 2019.

After making a careful review of these proceedings, please take appropriate action through designated lines of authority to forward the carrying out of any orders applying to your respective divisions and districts.



Scott E. Bennett  
Director

c: Commission

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

January 9, 2019

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, January 9, 2019. Members present were:

Dick Trammel, Chairman  
Thomas B. Schueck, Vice Chairman  
Robert S. Moore, Jr., Member  
Alec Farmer, Member  
Philip Taldo, Member

2019-001                   IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 9:30 a.m., January 9, 2019.

2019-002                   WHEREAS, Dick Trammel has served on the Arkansas Highway Commission since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Trammel's term ends January 2019; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Trammel has been a strong supporter of improvements to the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Trammel was an advocate for a major project that enhanced capacity and improved connectivity of Highway 265 in Washington and Benton Counties between Fayetteville and Rogers; and

WHEREAS, under Commissioner Trammel's leadership, improvements to the Highway 265 Corridor has become a viable north south connection that provides road users with a transportation alternative that increases mobility in the region.

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NOW THEREFORE, considering the distinguished service of Commissioner Trammel to the Arkansas Highway Commission and the importance of the Highway 265 Corridor to the State Highway System, the Highway Commission hereby honors Commissioner Trammel by officially naming the Highway 265 Corridor from Highway 16 in the City of Fayetteville and Highway 94 to the City of Rogers as the Dick Trammel Highway.

2019-003

Dick Trammel  
Commissioner Emeritus

WHEREAS, ten years have passed since January 2009, and with their passing will cause to expire in January 2019, your term as a Member of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. We the undersigned, your friends and fellow Commissioners, those who will miss your comradeship, sound counsel, and words of encouragement, wish for your future the best of everything. We wish to recognize you for your tireless efforts and acclaim your devotion to the service of this Commission. Your personal contributions over the past ten years have promoted progress and economic growth in this Great State through sound planning and the application of business principles in the development, construction, and maintenance of our overall State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, because of the imminent loss of the aforementioned knowledge and service to this Commission, these members, acting in their best interest, do herewith, through this instrument, serve formal notice that you are hereby directed and expected to continue to serve this Commission and the State of Arkansas.

NOW THEREFORE, with high esteem, we do hereby bestow upon you, ad infinitum, the title "*Commissioner Emeritus.*"

2019-004

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on November 15, 2018 and December 11, 2018, in the amount of \$279,235.00 and \$461,542.50, respectively, totaling \$740,777.50, and supply and service contracts, in accordance with authority previously conveyed, all of which have been documented by official minutes which are of record in the files of the Commission and Equipment and Procurement Division.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the action of the Purchasing Committee be ratified and confirmed in all particulars.

2019-005

WHEREAS, the Department is responsible for developing and maintaining Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices on the Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the Intelligent Transportation Society of America is an organization that supports research, development and deployment of ITS technologies; and

WHEREAS, membership in this organization would assist the Department in the achievement of ITS policies and objectives.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to pay the annual membership fee to ITS America in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the year 2019.

2019-006

WHEREAS, the Department's Construction Division is responsible for oversight of over \$1.5 billion in construction projects requiring a complex management system; and

WHEREAS, AASHTOWare software products have proven to be effective in administering construction projects in the past; and

WHEREAS, AASHTOWare has begun phasing out support for the Department's currently used software, SiteManager, and is instead encouraging member agencies to switch to the newer, web-based Project Construction & Materials software; and

WHEREAS, the Department holds a license for both products; and

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WHEREAS, once migration from SiteManager to Project Construction & Materials is complete, the Department's annual license fees can be reduced by over \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, AASHTOWare's contractor, InfoTech, Inc., offers assessment and implementation services to assist with the installation and customization of Project Construction & Materials software to member agencies; and

WHEREAS, once this software is installed and functional, the Department's construction projects can be administered more efficiently and effectively.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into an agreement with InfoTech, Inc. to provide installation and customization services needed to begin implementing AASHTOWare Project Construction & Materials software.

2019-007

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is a member of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO); and

WHEREAS, the SASHTO Annual Meeting is funded with registration fees and private sponsorships; and

WHEREAS, funds in excess of the cost to hold the annual meeting are divided among the member states to be used for scholarship programs; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, ARDOT has partnered with the Arkansas Good Roads Foundation to manage Arkansas' SASHTO Scholarship Program, which has focused on awarding funds to qualifying civil engineering students attending an Arkansas university; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it would be beneficial to expand the focus of Arkansas' SASHTO Scholarship Program to include awarding funds to qualifying family members of ARDOT employees that are students enrolled or planning to enroll in an institute of higher learning including technical colleges and vocational schools.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to develop expanded eligibility requirements for the annual Arkansas SASHTO Scholarship Program to include family members of ARDOT employees.

2019-008

WHEREAS, the Department's equipment fleet assets are vital to the delivery of agency programs, projects, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Department's equipment fleet represents a significant capital investment and requires recurring maintenance, operational expenditures, and timely replacement to achieve the desired level of performance and reliability; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Research Board has collaborated with the Dye Management Group to complete a National Cooperative Highway Research Program project to develop a guide for Optimal Replacement Cycles of Highway Operations Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the guide must be customized to the meet the specific needs of the Department; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the customized guide is regarded as highly beneficial in the management and administration of the Department's equipment fleet assets.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to utilize State Planning and Research funds to enter into an agreement with Dye Management Group to customize and implement the guide to assist in the management and administration of the Department's equipment fleet.

2019-009

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 1R, Job No. 012007, from C.L. George & Sons Limited Partnership, an Arkansas Limited Partnership, by Warranty Deed dated December 15, 2017, and filed of record on January 8, 2018, as Deed 2018-00000845, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Tract No. 1R was acquired as surplus property by the Commission and is exempt from reacquisition by the former owner under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired property known as Tract No. 3, Job No. 012007, from PCS Properties, LLC, an Arkansas Limited Liability Company, by eminent domain in connection with Washington County Circuit Case No. CV 2017-1319 filed of record on June 27, 2017, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Washington County, Arkansas, and the tract is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 29 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point being used as the North Sixteenth Corner of Section 30; thence South 87°33'47" East along the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30 a distance of 776.55 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of Relocated Arkansas State Highway 265 as established by AHTD Job 012007 to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 19°08'24" West along said right of way line a distance of 302.47 feet to a point; thence North 02°27'18" East a distance of 117.87 feet to a point; thence North 87°34'29" West a distance of 46.65 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of Relocated Arkansas State Highway 265 as established by AHTD Job 012007; thence North 28°12'37" West along said right of way line a distance of 580.43 feet to a point; thence North 02°26'50" East a distance of 32.90 feet to a point; thence South 87°57'55" East a distance of 147.13 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of Relocated Arkansas State Highway 265 as established by AHTD Job 012007; thence South 26°18'36" East along said right of way line a distance of 664.69 feet to a point; thence South 16°32'32" East along said right of way line a distance of 369.76 feet to a point on the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30; thence North 87°33'47" West along said South line a distance of 133.35 feet to the point of beginning and containing 3.14 acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 012007.

WHEREAS, control of access has been imposed upon PCS Properties, LLC's property adjoining Tract No. 3. As partial consideration for the entry of a consent judgment in Case No. CV 2017-1319, the Commission has agreed to convey Tract 1R to PCS Properties, LLC. Such transfer is in the best interest of the state, and right of way costs shall be reduced by such transfer, as is permitted pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-302(2).

NOW THEREFORE, upon the entry of the Consent Judgment in Washington County Circuit Case No. CV 2017-1319, the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying the right, title, interest or equity of Tract No. 1R, Job 012007 to PCS Properties, LLC, an Arkansas Limited Liability Company, that the Right of Way Division is directed and authorized to record a copy of this Minute Order and the Quitclaim Deed in the records of Washington County, Arkansas; and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented to reflect the boundaries designated herein. Any Federal-Aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2019-010

WHEREAS, it has been determined that improvements are warranted to enhance safety at the three on-system railroad crossings indicated on the attached list; and

WHEREAS, Federal-aid Rail-Highway Crossing Safety funds are eligible for these improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to proceed with improvements at these crossings as funds become available subject to the following conditions:

- Maintenance of the signals and surfaces shall be performed by the Railroad Company at no cost to the State.
- All required right-of-way shall be furnished at no cost to the State.



2019-011

WHEREAS, IN BENTON COUNTY, local officials have suggested that a highway connection from the proposed Highway 612 (Springdale Northern Bypass) to Highway 549 (Bella Vista Bypass) west of Interstate 49 and in the vicinity of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport could improve regional mobility.

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the existing highway network, upcoming highway improvements and possible new location alternatives in this region should be considered.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to conduct a planning study of the region west of Interstate 49 to identify the need for and feasibility of a western connection between the Springdale Northern Bypass and the Bella Vista Bypass.

2019-012

WHEREAS, IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, Minute Order No. 2018-052 referenced the City's intent to provide funding towards Job 040746 to extend the project to Howard Nickell Road; and

WHEREAS, the City has now confirmed their commitment to this project to be \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, the City has now requested that the Department undertake necessary pavement and bridge preservation on Highway 71B; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to accept ownership of Highway 71B between the Fulbright Expressway on the north and south ends of Fayetteville upon completion of the preservation work.

NOW THEREFORE, upon receipt of a resolution from the City of Fayetteville, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements and to proceed with surveys, plans, and construction of these improvements as funds become available.

FURTHERMORE, upon completion of the preservation improvements to Highway 71B and official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, Highway 71, Section 16B will be removed from the State Highway System, as shown on the attached sketch

2019-013

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects at the January 16, 2019 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
110620	01	WOODRUFF	DITCH AT L.M. 10.96 STR. & APPRS. (S)	17	N
110622	01	CROSS	CHERRY VALLEY – POINSETT CO. LINE (PASSING LANE) (S)	1	Y
110642	01	PHILLIPS	BEAVER BAYOU STR. & APPRS. (S)	85	N
110643	01	PHILLIPS	COFFEE CREEK & DRAINAGE DITCH STRS. & APPRS. (S)	316	N
110646	01	MONROE	CYPRESS CREEK & CANAL STRS. & APPRS. (S)	241	N
110653	01	CRITTENDEN	HWY. 118/W. SERVICE RD./I-40 EB RAMPS SIGNAL & INTERS. IMPVTS. (WEST MEMPHIS) (S)	118	Y
110655	01	CRITTENDEN	ST. FRANCIS CO. LINE – HWY. 77 (S)	70	Y
110656	01	PHILLIPS	HWY. 1 – HWY. 49B (S)	49	Y
020582	02	ARKANSAS	KING BAYOU STR. & APPRS. (S)	343	N
040726	04	FRANKLIN	MADISON CO. LINE – SOUTH (S)	23	Y
050380	05	WHITE	PRAIRIE CO. LINE – NORTH (S)	11	Y
061524	06	SALINE	HOLLY CREEK – HWY. 190 (S)	35	Y
070379	07	CALHOUN	HURRICANE CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	172	N
070441	07	DALLAS	DALARK – EAST OF MANNING (S)	8	Y
CA0801	08	VAN BUREN	HWY. 110 – CLINTON (WIDENING) (S)	65	Y
009784	09	NEWTON	BUFFALO RIVER & MILL CREEK STRS. & APPRS. (S)	7	Y
090402	09	BENTON	LITTLE OSAGE CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	264	Y
CA1003	10	GREENE & LAWRENCE	HWY. 67 – HWY. 141 (WIDENING) (S)	412	Y
012321	02 & 07	VARIOUS	DISTRICTS 2 & 7 APHN RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS (2019) (S)	VAR	Y
C01007	02	ARKANSAS	DEWITT OVERLAY & SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C10004	07	CLARK	ARKADELPHIA OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C21005	02	DESHA	MCGEHEE OVERLAY & REHAB. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C41004	03	LITTLE RIVER	ASHDOWN OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
C46002	03	MILLER	TEXARKANA E. 19TH & GRIM STS. OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C54003	01	PHILLIPS	HELENA – WEST HELENA OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C56005	10	POINSETT	HARRISBURG & MARKED TREE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C57004	04	POLK	GRANNIS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C65010	04	SEBASTIAN	GREENWOOD W. DENVER ST. OVERLAY (SEL. SEC.) (S)	---	-
C67002	05	SHARP	CHEROKEE VILLAGE & HIGHLAND OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C72009	04	WASHINGTON	GREENLAND & JOHNSON OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76045	03 & 07	COLUMBIA & LAFAYETTE	STAMPS & WALDO OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA5446	01	PHILLIPS	PHILLIPS CO. SURFACING NO. 7 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

WHEREAS, a thorough bid review and analysis is undertaken by the Department to ensure that only those projects are awarded which are judged to be in the best interests of the State; and

WHEREAS, the right is retained to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities, or to advertise for new proposals, also as judged to be in the best public interests of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to expedite work on these important projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Amendment 42 of the Arkansas Constitution, Section 6, as well as other laws of this State, the Commission has the authority to delegate certain powers to the Director of Highways and Transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the contractors furnishing the necessary performance and payment bonds and submitting all additional information required for the above mentioned projects, the Director is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and supplemental agreements for any projects deemed to be in the best interests of the State.

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FURTHERMORE, the Director is authorized to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities, and/or to advertise for new proposals whenever deemed to be in the best interests of the State.

2019-014 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects at the February 27, 2019 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
110619	01	PHILLIPS	LITTLE CYPRESS CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	39	N
110660	01	CROSS	HWY. 350 – HWY. 64 (S)	1	Y
020634	02	ARKANSAS	STUTTGART – DEWITT (SEL. SECS.) (S)	130	N
040625	04	SEBASTIAN	HWY. 22 – HWY. 252 STRS. & APPRS. (S)	96	N
040734	04	POLK	MENA – SOUTH (S)	71	Y
050324	05	SHARP	HURRICANE CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	354	N
050364	05	WHITE	HWY. 67B – HWY. 36 (S)	367	Y
061517	06	SALINE	SALT CREEK RD. – I-30 (BENTON) (S)	5	Y
061621	06	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 6 APHN RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS (2019) (S)	VAR	Y
070440	07	OUACHITA	STEPHENS – NORTH (SEL. SECS.) (S)	79	Y
070486	07	COLUMBIA	LNW RAILROAD – COLUMBIA ST. (MAGNOLIA) (S)	371	Y
080506	08	POPE	CROOKED BRANCH STR. & APPRS. (S)	7	Y
100833	10	CRAIGHEAD	DITCH AT L.M. 0.25 STR. & APPRS. (S)	163	Y
100930	10	CRAIGHEAD & GREENE	HWY. 69 – SOUTH (SEL. SECS.) (S)	49	Y
100950	10	CRAIGHEAD	HWY. 158/HWY. 163 INTERS. SAFETY IMPVTS. (S)	158 & 163	Y
012320	01 & 10	VARIOUS	DISTRICTS 1 & 10 APHN RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS (2019) (S)	VAR	Y
C01008	02	ARKANSAS	STUTTGART OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C04013	09	BENTON	CENTERTON & GRAVETTE OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C04014	09	BENTON	GATEWAY & SULPHUR SPRINGS OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
C05008	09	BOONE	VALLEY SPRINGS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C07002	07	CALHOUN	HARRELL OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C08007	09	CARROLL	OAK GROVE OVERLAY & SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C09004	02	CHICOT	LAKE VILLAGE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C12005	05	CLEBURNE	QUITMAN OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C14005	07	COLUMBIA	MCNEIL OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C18009	01	CRITTENDEN	WEST MEMPHIS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C23003	08	FAULKNER	ENOLA & MOUNT VERNON OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C29002	03	HEMPSTEAD	HOPE 6TH ST. RECONSTRUCTION (S)	---	-
C34002	05	JACKSON	BEEDEVILLE OVERLAY & REHAB. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C35002	02	JEFFERSON	PINE BLUFF 13TH AVE. RECONSTRUCTION (S)	---	-
C35006	02	JEFFERSON	REDFIELD OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C39001	01	LEE	MARIANNA OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C43007	06	LONOKE	ALLPORT OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C45004	09	MARION	BULL SHOALS & FLIPPIN OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C52004	07	OUACHITA	EAST CAMDEN & STEPHENS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C60009	06	PULASKI	CAMMACK VILLAGE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C68003	01	ST. FRANCIS	WHEATLEY OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C71003	08	VAN BUREN	FAIRFIELD BAY OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C72003	04	WASHINGTON	FARMINGTON DOUBLE SPRINGS RD. IMPROVEMENTS (S)	---	-
C76044	02	CHICOT, DESHA & DREW	ARKANSAS CITY, DERMOTT & TILLAR OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76053	06 & 07	CLARK & HOT SPRING	CADDO VALLEY & FRIENDSHIP OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
FA0314	09	BAXTER	HWY. 341 SOUTHEAST – STONE CO. LINE (PHASE 2) (S)	---	-
SA2373	08	FAULKNER	FAULKNER CO. WIDENING & OVERLAY NO. 3 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
BR2503	05	FULTON	SPRING RIVER STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-
BR5007	03	NEVADA	WILSON CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-
FA5309	08	PERRY	HWY. 155 – EAST (PHASE 3) (S)	---	-
SA6441	09	SEARCY	HWY. 27 – NORTH (RESEAL) (S)	---	-
BR6508	04	SEBASTIAN	CEDAR CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-
FA6715	05	SHARP	HWY. 58 – CO. RD. 38 (RECONSTRUCTION) (S)	---	-
EF7211	04	WASHINGTON	SPRING CREEK (SPRINGDALE) STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-

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WHEREAS, the Commission desires to expedite work on these important projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Amendment 42 of the Arkansas Constitution, Section 6, as well as other laws of this State, the Commission has the authority to delegate certain powers to the Director of Highways and Transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the contractors furnishing the necessary performance and payment bonds and submitting all additional information required for the above mentioned projects, the Director is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and supplemental agreements for any projects deemed to be in the best interests of the State.

FURTHERMORE, the Director is authorized to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities, and/or to advertise for new proposals whenever deemed to be in the best interests of the State.

Chairman Dick Trammel opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance.

MOTION Vice Chairman Tom Schueck moved, Commissioner Robert Moore seconded and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the previous Commission Meeting of November 14, 2018.

MOTION The Commission approved Minute Order 2015-059 on June 10, 2015 authorizing the Department to advertise a Request for Proposals for Design-Build delivery of Job CA0602 - I-530 to Highway 67 on Interstates 30 and 40. Vice Chairman Tom Schueck moved, Commissioner Robert Moore seconded and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations with Kiewit-Massman Constructors.

MOTION Commissioner Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Philip Taldo seconded and the motion passed to elect Vice Chairman Tom Schueck as the new Chairman of the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

MOTION Commissioner Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Philip Taldo seconded and the motion passed to elect Commissioner Robert Moore as the new Vice Chairman of the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

## OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patrick Patton, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the November 2018 update on state highway revenue. Mr. Patton noted that state highway revenues to the Department from traditional sources are up a total of 1.1% (\$1.9 million) in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 compared to the same period for SFY 2018. Revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax is lower this year compared to last year, resulting in total revenues available being 1.6% (\$2.7 million) above last year. Actual state revenue received is 2.3% (\$4.0 million) above projected (budgeted) revenue for this year.

In closing, Mr. Patton stated that November revenue from the 0.5% General Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program was 2.31% higher, (\$362,508) than projected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A) for the month. Year to date actual revenue is below projections by 1.4% (-\$1,149,159). Since inception, this revenue source is 0.65%, or \$6.1 million, under DF&A's projections.

Director Bennett provided the latest information on the Federal highway and transit funding issues. Director Bennett noted that the passage of the FAST Act, passed in December 2015, provided increased funding over its five-year term. On February 9, 2018 Congress passed a budget for Federal Fiscal Years 2019. However, Congress has not been able to pass a spending bill for Federal Fiscal Year 2019. They were able to pass the second Continuing Resolution for Federal Fiscal Year 2019, which President Trump signed on December 7, 2018. The Continuing Resolution provided funding until December 21, 2018. Congress was not able to pass a spending bill or a Continuing Resolution by December 21, 2018. Therefore, the Federal government is currently in a shutdown. Long-term funding for the Highway Trust Fund continues to be an issue. President Trump has stated that beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2021, funding should be limited to revenue that is deposited into the Highway Trust fund. This would result in a 40% reduction in the Federal-aid Highway Program.

In closing, Director Bennett stated that not only are there questions regarding future Federal-aid funding, but the source(s) of dependable long-term State revenue to provide the match for Federal-aid funds beyond 2018 and the additional State revenue needed to adequately maintain and improve Arkansas' transportation system have not been identified.



Director Bennett gave an update on the status of the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) and Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP). The 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program was approved by Arkansas voters in November 2011. Under this program, the Commission has the authority to issue up to \$575 million in GARVEE bonds for Interstate rehabilitation. Three series of bonds have been issued. The first was sold in September 2012 at a par value of \$197 million (true interest cost of 1.6%) with a premium of \$33 million (total of \$230 million available for construction). The second was sold in October 2013 at a par value of \$172 million (true interest cost of 2.2%) with a premium of \$29 million (total of \$201 million available for construction). The third was sold in November 2014 at a par value of \$206 million (true interest cost of 2.1%) with a premium of \$37 million (total of \$243 million available for construction).

The Connecting Arkansas Program was approved by Arkansas voters in November 2012. Under this program, the Commission has the authority to issue up to \$1.3 billion in revenue bonds for four-lane highway construction. The first series of bonds was sold in September 2013 at a par value of \$469 million (true interest cost of 3.1%) with a premium of \$25 million (total of \$494 million available for construction). No other bond sales under this program are expected.

Director Bennett briefed the Commissioners on the 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the Legislature that will convene Monday, January 14, 2019. The staff discussed the Arkansas State Highway Employee's Retirement System and potential legislative issues.

Director Bennett gave a look back at the previous year - progress, accomplishments, significant events, etc. and an overview of what lies ahead for 2019.

Director Bennett presented a summary of the apparent low bids and bidders from the December 5, 2018, Bid Letting.

Director Bennett presented a list of upcoming meetings and events that the Commissioners and Director will be attending.

Director Bennett congratulated Commissioner Moore for being inducted into the Arkansas Tourism Hall of Fame. A luncheon will be held on Monday, February 25th at the Hot Springs Convention Center as part of the 2019 Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism.

Director Bennett recognized Commissioner Tom Schueck - Man of Steel as being featured in the High Profile section of the AR Democrat Gazette as Chairman of Lexicon, Inc.

Mayor of Jonesboro, Harold Perrin, presented Chairman Dick Trammel with the "Key to the City."

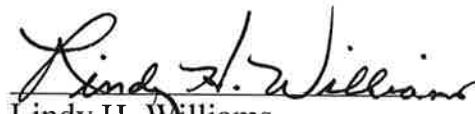
Caleb Stanton, Governor's Office, Legislative and Agency Liaison, was recognized and presented a letter from the Governor congratulating Chairman Dick Trammel for his years of service to the State and the Commission.

Chairman Trammel thanked the Commissioners for the farewell party and for all the friendships he has made at ARDOT. He graciously stepped down as Chairman and then Director Bennett presented him with the Commissioner Emeritus plaque and the collage naming Highway 265 Corridor as the Dick Trammel Highway.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 12:05 p.m., January 9, 2019.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true record of the proceedings taken by the Arkansas Highway Commission at its meeting on January 9, 2019.

  
Lindy H. Williams  
Commission Secretary