

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

May 2, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2018-07

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 April 24, 2018.

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

April 24, 2018

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 24, 2018. Members present were:

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

2018-025 IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 9:30 a.m., April 24, 2018.

2018-026 WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on March 13, 14 and 30, 2018, and April 11, 2018, in the amount of \$4,627,161.00, \$639,744.00, \$723,870.00 and \$1,567,389.16, respectively, totaling \$7,558,164.16, 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.

2018-027 WHEREAS, the 91st General Assembly of the State of Arkansas enacted Act 705 during the 2017 Regular Session, which established the distribution of highway revenue interest income from the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund to create the Future Transportation Research Fund and the Transportation-Related Research Grant Program (TRRGP); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the TRRGP is to support the study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions to provide resilient and sustainable logistics, processes, materials, and methods to ensure cost-effectiveness and the furtherance of education and economic development concerning all forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation is responsible for administration of the TRRGP; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Highway Commission passed Minute Order 2017-111, which promulgated rules for administering this program as required by Act 705; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Arkansas Code § 10-3-309 the promulgated rules are under consideration for approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to advertise for TRRGP applications once the promulgated rules are in effect.

2018-028

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (“Commission”) acquired in fee property known as the Helena Tourist Information Center, Tract No. 1, Job No. 11846, in Phillips County, Arkansas and as more particularly described as follows:

11846 Tract 1

Part of Private Survey No. 496, Township 2 South, Range 5 East, Phillips County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the existing southwesterly right of way line of the Old Little Rock Road and the northeasterly right of way line of the Helena Loop Route; thence South 19° 12’ West along said northeasterly right of way line of Helena Loop Route a distance of 78.8 feet to a point; thence North 70° 48’ West along said existing right of way line a distance of 438.3 feet to a point; thence North 67° 50’ 17” West along said existing right of way line a distance of 415.7 feet to a point; thence North 59° 22’ 44” West along said existing right of way line a distance of 385.0 feet to a

point; thence North 33° 01' East a distance of 129.3 feet to a point; thence South 56° 33' East a distance of 309.0 feet to a point; thence North 33° 01' East a distance of 127.1 feet to a point on the existing southwesterly right of way line of the Old Little Rock Road; thence South 57° 17' East along said existing right of way line a distance of 216.1 feet to a point; thence South 58° 43' East along said existing right of way line a distance of 674.9 feet to the point of beginning and containing 4.36 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired in fee property known as the Henderson Ferry Superintendent Residence, Job No. 5305, in Baxter County, Arkansas and as more particularly described as follows:

JOB 5305
Surplus Release Tract A

Part of the Fractional Northwest Quarter of the Fractional Northeast Quarter, Fractional Section 26, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, left bank of the North Fork of the White River, being also part of Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1, All in Baxter County, Arkansas, more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the East sixteenth corner between Sections 23 and 26, said Township and Range, go South 00° 39' 23" East 282.87 feet to the westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62/412, based on Court Order 5305 dated October 10, 1947; then go along said right of way line South 28° 25' 38" West 735.26 feet; then leaving said right of way line, go North 84° 12' 00" West 108.34 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker, POINT OF BEGINNING of Tract being described; then continue North 84° 12' 00" West 538.56 feet along the southerly boundary of the Smith's residence property and the southerly boundary line of the Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1 as shown by the plat, recorded April 16, 1941 in plat file, slide 138, to an existing Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 5"X5" concrete right of way marker, as depicted on the survey plat recorded April 6, 1977 as instrument RS-E-247; then go along the Westerly line of the parcel shown on said survey plat, North 06° 22' 51" East 105.27 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker on the west line of Lot 5 of said Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1; then leaving said lot line, go North 17° 07' 15" East 248.63 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation

Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker on the north line of said Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1; then go along said north line South 83° 55' 43" East 521.24 feet to an existing Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 5"X5" concrete right of way marker, as depicted on the survey plat recorded April 6, 1977 as instrument RS-E-247; then go South 73° 16' 16" East 85.35 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker; then go along the north line of said Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1 South 63° 49' 46" East 19.74 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker; then leaving said north line, go South 28° 25' 38" West 350.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 4.71 acres and being subject to a 40 foot right of way for Bayou Bluff Point Drive (County Road 1030) along the northerly right of way line of the above described property. All set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey markers are stamped: "ARKANSAS HWY & TRANS DEPT PS 883 BDY", and as shown on a plat (pages 1-3) prepared by Consolidated Land Services and filed as Doc# 201101180006 at the Ark. Agri. Dept., Land Survey Division.

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JOB 5305
Surplus Release Tract B

Part of the Fractional Northwest Quarter of the Fractional Northeast Quarter, Fractional Section 26, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, left bank of the North Fork of the White River, Baxter County, Arkansas, more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the East sixteenth corner between Sections 23 and 26, said Township and Range, go South 00° 39' 23" East 282.87 feet to the westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62/412, based on Court Order 5305 dated October 10, 1947; then go along said right of way line South 28° 25' 38" West 422.50 feet to a point; then leaving said right of way line, go North 63° 49' 46" West 20.02 feet to a point on the westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62/412 as established by minute order 2003-008, POINT OF BEGINNING of Tract being described; then go along said right of way line, defined by minute order 2003-008, South 28° 25' 38" West 320.31 feet; then leaving said right of way line, go along the southerly line of the parcel depicted on the survey plat recorded April 6, 1977 as

instrument RS-E-247, North 84° 12' 00" West 86.67 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker; then go North 28° 25' 38" East 350.50 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker on the north line of the Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1 as shown by the plat, recorded April 16, 1941 in plat file, slide 138; then go along said north line South 63° 49' 46" East 80.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.62 acres. All set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey markers are stamped: "ARKANSAS HWY & TRANS DEPT PS 883 BDY", and as shown on a plat (pages 1-3) prepared by Consolidated Land Services and filed as Doc# 201101180006 at the Ark. Agri. Dept., Land Survey Division. DH 1/19/11

JOB 5305
Surplus Release Tract C

Part of Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1, Baxter County, Arkansas, more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the East sixteenth corner between Sections 23 and 26, Township 20 North, Range 12 West. Baxter County, Arkansas. go South 00° 39' 23" East 282.87 feet to the Westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62/412, based on Court Order 5305 dated October 10, 1947; then go along said right of way line South 28° 25' 38" West 735.26 feet; then leaving said right of way line, go North 84° 12' 00" West 646.90 feet along the Southerly boundary of the Smith's residence property and the Southerly boundary line of the Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1 as shown by the plat, recorded April 16, 1941 in plat file, slide 138, to an existing Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 5"X5" concrete right of way marker as depicted on the survey plat recorded April 6, 1977 as instrument RS-E-247; then go along the Westerly line of the parcel shown on said survey plat, North 06° 22' 51" East 105.27 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker on the West line of Lot 5 of said Bayou Bluff Point Subdivision No. 1, POINT OF BEGINNING of Tract being described; then continue North 06° 22' 51" East 63.86 feet to a 1/2" diameter pipe depicted on said survey instrument RS-E-247; then go North 20° 47' 04" East 186.26 feet to a set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey marker on the North line of said Bayou Bluff Point

Subdivision No. 1; then go South 17° 07' 15" West 248.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.03 acre or 1,479 square feet. All set Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department 2 inch diameter aluminum survey markers are stamped: "ARKANSAS HWY & TRANS DEPT PS 883 BDY", and as shown on a plat (pages 1-3) prepared by Consolidated Land Services and filed as Doc# 201101180006 at the Ark. Agri. Dept., Land Survey Division.

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WHEREAS, the Commission acquired in fee property known as the Old Baxter County Area Headquarters, Tract No. 97, Job No. 9769, in Baxter County, Arkansas and as more particularly described as follows:

**Old Baxter County Area Headquarters
BK 59 PG 627**

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Lying East of the County Road and North of Highway No. 62, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, run then due East 472.30 feet along the North boundary of Section 3 to the point of beginning; run thence due East 155.2 feet to a point; thence run South 24° 25' East 427.5 feet to a point; thence South 65° 42' West 384.4 feet to a point; thence North 13° 03' West 167.6 feet to a point; thence North 2° 11' East 156.9 feet to a point; thence North 12° 25' East 233.3 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.27 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired by County Court Order property known as the Old Jackson County Area Headquarters, Tract No. 47, Job Nos. 5140 and 5487, in Jackson County, Arkansas and as more particularly described as follows:

**SUPPLEMENTAL REVISED
JOB 5140
TUCKERMAN – NEWPORT ROAD
JACKSON COUNTY
CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION**

From designated Construction Centerline Station 345+13.5 to Station

356+50.5 of the originally executed Court Order for Job 5140, dated January 27, 1934 and being recorded in County Court Records of Jackson County, AR at Court Record "X", of said records shall hereby be revised, for reduced right of way, as follows:

The width of the right of way conveyed to the left and right of the herein above-described centerline shall be as follows:

** A parcel of land adjacent to and on the right of, the above described centerline bounded as follows:

On the East by the said centerline between Stations 345+13.5 (Easterly right of way line of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company) and Station 356+50.5; on the South by the present right of way line of Hurley road; on the Northwest by the Easterly right of way line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company; and on the West by a point of intersection perpendicular to construction centerline approximate Station 346+27.23 offset 118 feet right to the Easterly right of way line of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, thence continue to construction approximate Station 354+55.5 offset 56.0 feet right, thence continue from station 354+55.5 offset 60 feet right to the intersection of the present right of way of Hurley road approximate station 356+06.21 offset 60 feet right.

NOTE: In all other respects the original Court Order shall remain as is.
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WHEREAS, the Commission acquired in fee property known as the Old Garland County Area Headquarters, Job No. 6503, in Garland County, Arkansas and as more particularly described as follows:

**Old Garland County Area Headquarters
BK 512 PG 600**

A part of the Southeast Quarter, Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 2 South, Range 19 West, Garland County, Arkansas. More particular described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 1100.00 feet, to the South side of the New Highway 70 Right of Way; thence South 88° 39' West 14.00 feet along said

Highway Right of Way to place of beginning; thence South 88° 39' West 210.22 feet along said highway right of way; thence South 415.10 feet; thence East 210.00 feet; thence North 420.00 feet parallel with the East line of said property to the place of beginning. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.

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WHEREAS, the District Engineers for the above-described capital assets are situated have determined that these assets are not now needed, nor in the foreseeable future will be needed, for highway purposes and recommends that these areas be declared surplus property; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission hereby, declares these properties to be surplus and authorizes the property manager to dispose of the surplus properties described above.

2018-029

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission ("Commission") acquired property known as Tract No. 11, Job No. 5257, from A. A. Byram and Maranda M. Byram, as tenants in common, by Warranty Deed dated May 2, 1957, and filed of record on February 12, 1958, in Book 46, Page 350, in the Circuit Clerk's office for IZARD County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired property known as the Lincoln Tourist Information Center, Job No. 4792, from Frances Dee Logan and Robert Earl Logan, her husband, by Warranty Deed dated April 20, 1981, and filed of record on May 15, 1981, in Book 1038, Page 366, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired property known as Tract No. 1, Job No. 4589, from Jim Henderson Wolfe and Ginger Henderson Moore, as tenants in common, and joined by Maude Henderson, life estate holder, by Warranty Deed dated August 29, 1967, and filed of record on November 17, 1967, in Book 284, Page 111, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Crawford County, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, the Commission acquired property known as Tract No. 12, Job No. 3653, from Arkansas Power & Light Company, an Arkansas corporation, by Warranty Deed dated July 8, 1969, and filed of record on July 16, 1969, in Book G-17, Page 696, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Lafayette County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the District Engineers for the above-described properties have determined that these properties are not now needed, nor in the foreseeable future will be needed, for highway purposes and recommends that these areas previously used as roadside parks be declared surplus property and sold in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322 as more particularly described below:

Izard County Highway 56 Section 1 Log Mile 6.0
Washington County Highway 59 Section 4 Log Mile .05
Crawford County Highway 71 Section 15 Log Mile 19.60
Lafayette County Highway 82 Section 2 Log Mile 14.3

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission hereby authorizes the property manager to dispose of the surplus properties described above.

2018-030

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2009, the Arkansas State Highway Commission ("Commission") entered Minute Order 2009-038; and

WHEREAS, said Minute Order authorized the sale of certain surplus property known as the former Carroll County Area Maintenance Headquarters – Berryville in Carroll County, Arkansas to Frank Campbell for the amount of \$158,600.00; and

WHEREAS, though demand has been made for the purchase price from Mr. Campbell, and extensions granted, no payment has been forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, Minute Order 2009-038 authorizing the sale was conditioned upon receipt of payment of \$158,600.00, and no payment, despite demand therefore, has been received; and

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WHEREAS, neither Minute Order 2009-038 nor the deed conveying title to the property have been delivered or recorded.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission hereby rescinds in part its prior Minute Order 2009-038 authorizing the sale, orders that the executed deed be voided and destroyed, and that the Property Manager continue to hold this property as surplus.

2018-031

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (“Commission”) acquired right of way for Job No. 1164, more commonly known as Bradford – Newport Road, U.S. Highway 67 in White County, Arkansas, by White County Court Order dated December 10, 1936, and being recorded in the County Court Records of White County, Arkansas at Book Q inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired the same right of way for Job No. 1164 under Job No. 5440, more commonly known as Bald Knob – Northeast Reconstruction Road, U.S. Highway 67 in White County, Arkansas, by White County Court Order dated June 11, 1957, and being recorded in the County Court Records of White County, Arkansas at Book I, Page 27 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Commission Minute Order No. 84-164 reduced the original rights of way acquired under Job Nos. 1164 and 5440; and

WHEREAS, the District Engineer for District 5 has determined that forty-two (42) feet of the existing rights of way under Job Nos. 1164 and 5440 are not now needed, nor in the foreseeable future will be needed, for highway purposes and recommends that these areas of the rights of way be declared surplus property and revised by this Minute Order as more particularly described below:

SUPPLEMENTAL REVISED
JOB 1164
BRADFORD – NEWPORT ROAD
HWY. 67
WHITE COUNTY

CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION

From designated Survey Centerline Station 547+99.9 to Station 559+00.0 of the originally executed Court Order for Job 1164, dated December 10, 1936 and being recorded in County Court Records of White County, AR at Book Q inclusive, of said records shall hereby be revised, for reduced right of way, as follows:

The width of the right of way conveyed to the left and right of the herein above-described centerline shall be as follows:

FROM STATION	TO STATION	LIN. FT.	WIDTH LEFT	WIDTH RIGHT	TOTAL WIDTH
547+99.9	559+00.0	1100.1	60'	60'	120'

NOTE: In all other respects the original Court Order shall remain as is.
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SUPPLEMENTAL REVISED
JOB 5440
BALD KNOB – NORTHEAST RECONSTRUCTION ROAD
HWY. 67
WHITE COUNTY

CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION

From designated Survey Centerline Station 589+88.1 to Station 601+00.0 of the originally executed Court Order for Job 5440, dated June 11, 1957 and being recorded in County Court Records of White County, AR at Book I, Page 27 inclusive, of said records shall hereby be revised, for reduced right of way, as follows:

The width of the right of way conveyed to the left and right of the herein above-described centerline shall be as follows:

FROM STATION	TO STATION	LIN. FT.	WIDTH LEFT	WIDTH RIGHT	TOTAL WIDTH
589+88.1	601+00.0	1111.9	Var. 60'- 58'	Var. 60'-62'	120'

NOTE: In all other respects the original Court Order shall remain as is.
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NOW THEREFORE, the above-described rights of way are hereby released to White County; that the Right of Way Division is authorized and directed to record a copy of this Minute Order in the records of White County; and, that the rights of way shall, if necessary, be remonumented to reflect the new boundaries after the release of the above-designated areas. Any Federal-Aid Funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid Funds or otherwise credited as provided by Federal law.

2018-032

WHEREAS, IN BENTON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, the need exists to improve the intersection of Highway 264, Bellview Street and Spring Creek Road to improve traffic mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell has expressed interest in partnering with the Department to construct these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell has agreed to contribute the estimated funds needed to supplement available Federal funds needed for design, construction, and inspection of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, upon receipt of the City's resolution allowing the Mayor to enter into a partnering agreement, the Director is authorized to execute the partnering agreement and to proceed with project development as funds become available.

2018-033

WHEREAS, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, the City of West Memphis has expressed interest in partnering with the Department to improve Highway 191, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Memphis has agreed to accept ownership and responsibility for Highway 191, Section 1, upon completion of the proposed improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with the City of West Memphis and to proceed with surveys, plans, and construction for this improvement, upon receipt of a resolution from the City and as funds become available.

FURTHERMORE, upon completion of these improvements and official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- The portion of Highway 191, Section 1 between U.S. Highway 70 and Highway 77 is hereby removed from the State Highway System.

WHEREAS, IN FAULKNER COUNTY, the need exists to alleviate Highway 89 railroad track crossing delays and to improve east-west travel in Mayflower by constructing an overpass of the Union Pacific Railroad and realigning Highway 89; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mayflower and Metroplan have expressed interest in partnering with the Department to construct these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Department will provide the funds necessary to construct the railroad overpass and reconfigure the Highway 89 interchange with Interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mayflower and Metroplan will provide all additional funds necessary to relocate Highway 89 from its existing location to the approach of the railroad overpass; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mayflower will accept ownership of the bypassed portion of Highway 89.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with local agencies and to proceed with surveys, plans, and construction for this improvement, upon receipt of resolutions from the local agencies and as funds become available.

FURTHERMORE, upon completion of these improvements and official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

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- The obliterated portion of Highway 89, Section 4 bypassed by the relocation of Highway 89 is hereby removed from the State Highway System.
- The bypassed portion of Highway 89, Section 5 between Highway 365 and Highway 89 is hereby removed from the State Highway System.

2018-035

WHEREAS, IN FAULKNER COUNTY, the City of Conway has expressed interest in partnering with the Department to improve U.S. Highway 65B (Dave Ward Drive) between Highway 365 and Interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the City of Conway have determined that a comprehensive planning study should be performed on this corridor to identify recommendations for long-term improvements; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to expedite this process, the Department has offered to utilize a consultant firm already under contract with the Department for On-Call Planning Services to perform the study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Conway has agreed to pay half of the planning study costs.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with the City of Conway and to proceed with a study to determine the need for and feasibility of enhancements to this portion of U.S. Highway 65B upon receipt of a resolution from the City.

2018-036

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects at the May 2, 2018 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
110621	01	LEE	HOG TUSK CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	238	N
020621	02	DREW	HWY. 138 – HWY. 278 (S)	293	N

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
020643	02	ARKANSAS	HWY. 79 – HWY. 130 (STUTTGART) (S)	79B	Y
020660	02	GRANT & JEFFERSON	PULASKI CO. LINE – PINE BLUFF (S)	365	Y
020664	02	GRANT	HWYS. 167B & 270 (SHERIDAN) (SEL. SECS.) (S)	167B & 270	Y
BB0406	04	SEBASTIAN & CRAWFORD	HWY. 271 – HWY. 64 (SEL. SECS.) (F)	I-540	Y
050368	05	WHITE	HWY. 67 – JACKSON CO. LINE (S)	87	N
050380	05	WHITE	PRAIRIE CO. LINE – NORTH (S)	11	Y
061500	06	SALINE	CREEK AT L.M. 4.65 STR. & APPRS. (S)	5	Y
061519	06	GARLAND	SPRING ST. – PERSIMMON ST. (HOT SPRINGS) (S)	70B	Y
061523	06	GARLAND	HWY. 227 – HWY. 7 (S)	192	N
080552	08	VAN BUREN	SHIRLEY – STONE CO. LINE (S)	9	N
100876	10	GREENE	CRAIGHEAD CO. LINE – HWY. 358 (S)	351	Y
100885	10	POINSETT	HWYS. 149 & 308B (SEL. SECS.) (S)	63B, 149 & 308B	N
100892	10	MISSISSIPPI	MISSOURI STATE LINE – HWY. 18B (S)	77	N
100909	10	CRAIGHEAD	HWY. 226S – HWY. 91 (S)	349	Y
100912	10	MISSISSIPPI	HWY. 18 – HWY. 77 (LEACHVILLE) (S)	119	N
100931	10	POINSETT	HWY. 163 – I-555 (S)	69	Y
100957	10	POINSETT	HWY. 14 – CRAIGHEAD CO. LINE (S)	I-555	Y
C01007	02	ARKANSAS	DEWITT OVERLAY & SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C03007	09	BAXTER	MOUNTAIN HOME OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C11005	10	CLAY	PIGGOTT OVERLAY (SEL. SEC.) (S)	---	-
C13002	07	CLEVELAND	RISON OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C16007	10	CRAIGHEAD	BAY & LAKE CITY OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C26002	06	GARLAND	HOT SPRINGS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
C26004	06	GARLAND	FOUNTAIN LAKE OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C36006	08	JOHNSON	COAL HILL & LAMAR OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C40003	02	LINCOLN	STAR CITY OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C45003	09	MARION	PYATT OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C47006	10	MISSISSIPPI	DELL & GOSNELL OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C53004	08	PERRY	BIGELOW OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C55001	03	PIKE	GLENWOOD OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C60006	06	PULASKI	JACKSONVILLE MAIN ST. & JAMES ST. OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C73007	05	WHITE	GRIFFITHVILLE & PANGBURN OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76046	03 & 07	PIKE & CLARK	DELIGHT & OKOLONA OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76047	08 & 04	FRANKLIN & LOGAN	CHARLESTON & PARIS OVERLAY (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA1771	04	CRAWFORD	HWY. 60 – NORTH (OVERLAY) (S)	---	-
SA1936	01	CROSS	CROSS CO. SURFACING NO. 2 (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA3144	03	HOWARD	CO. RD. 5 – WEST (SURFACING) (S)	---	-
SA4044	02	LINCOLN	HWY. 293 – CO. RD. 54 (SURFACING) (S)	---	-
SA6141	10	RANDOLPH	RANDOLPH CO. OVERLAY NO. 7 (SEL SEC.) (S)	---	-
SA6344	04	SCOTT	HWY. 248 – SOUTH (REPAIR & RESEAL) (S)	---	-
SA6441	09	SEARCY	HWY. 27 – NORTH (RESEAL) (S)	---	-
SA6442	09	SEARCY	HWY. 14 – EAST (OVERLAY) (S)	---	-
SA6734	05	SHARP	SHARP CO. OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
SA7136	08	VAN BUREN	HWY. 16 – NORTH OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA7445	01	WOODRUFF	WOODRUFF CO. SURFACING NO. 4 (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.

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 everyone in attendance.

Director Bennett announced Jay Thompson as the new Chief of the Arkansas Highway Police. Chief Thompson was not present at the meeting. He was away in training and Captain Jeff Bickerstaff was representing Highway Police.

Director Bennett reported on the recent confiscation at the Alma weigh station of 201 bundles of marijuana weighing approximately 232 pounds by Highway Police PFC Zachary Emrick. The driver and co-driver were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Director Bennett recognized Jessie Jones, Division Head of Transportation Planning & Policy, for receiving from the University of Arkansas College of Engineering Early Career Alumni Award. This is awarded to graduates who have achieved distinction in their fields within the first 15 years of their career.

Director Bennett recognized Lorie Tudor, Director & Chief Operating Officer, for being inducted in the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering.

Mayor of Jonesboro, Harold Perrin, thanked the Department for their partnership on the new multi-use, 3.2 mile trail at Craighead Forest Park that was recognized in the April issue of City & Town, Arkansas Municipal League publication.

MOTION

Commissioner Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Philip Taldo seconded and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the previous Commission Meeting of March 14, 2018.

MOTION

The Commission approved a Motion on February 6, 2018, authorizing the Department to advertise for a Request for Proposals for Engineer's Estimating Services for Job 061331-Pleasant Ridge Rd.-Pleasant Valley Dr. on Highway 10 in Little Rock. Vice Chairman Tom Schueck moved, Commissioner Robert Moore seconded and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into a contract with Garver of North Little Rock, Arkansas to provide Engineer's Estimating services for Job 061331 on Highway 10 in Little Rock.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mike Boyd, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided March 2018 update on state highway revenue. Mr. Boyd noted that state highway revenues to the Department from traditional sources are up a total of 2.5% (\$7.3 million) in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 compared to the same period for SFY 2017. Revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax is lower this year compared to last year, resulting in total revenues available being 1.8% (\$5.5 million) above last year. Actual state revenue received is 2.2% (\$6.6 million) above projected (budgeted) revenue for this year.

In closing, Mr. Boyd stated that March revenue from the 0.5% General Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program was 0.51% lower, (\$77,550) than projected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A) for the month. Year to date actual revenue is below projections by 2.04% (\$2.8 million). Since inception this revenue source is 0.71%, or \$5.7 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 2018 and 2019. On March 22, 2018 Congress passed a spending bill that provides funding at full levels of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2018. 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.

Discussion Item - Continued

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 presented a summary of the apparent low bids and bidders from the April 4, 2018, Bid Letting.

Director Bennett presented a list of upcoming meetings and events that the Commissioners and Director will be attending, including the U.S. Highway 412 Event in Mountain Home on May 16.

Commissioner Alec Farmer congratulated Scott and the Department for doing such a good job at identifying the future funding needs. He then brought up the issue of the declining condition of the highway system and how to manage that in the next 10-15 years. Director Bennett said he will begin to put together information about the direction the Department might want to go and begin to present that in the upcoming meetings.

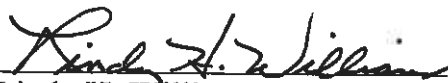
Chairman Trammel asked Danny Keene, Division Head, Equipment & Procurement, to remind everyone about the 2018 Regional Equipment Operators' Training Conference & Rodeo to be held September 4-6, 2018, at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas & John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, AR.

The meeting ended with Director Bennett recognizing the Department for having joined a national initiative by signing the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking pledge.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 10:55 a.m., April 24, 2018.

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 April 24, 2018.


Lindy H. Williams
Commission Secretary