

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

June 19, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2019-08

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 June 12, 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

June 12, 2019

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 12, 2019. Members present were:

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

2019-056                   IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 9:30 a.m., June 12, 2019.

2019-057                   WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on May 6 and 31, 2019, and June 5, 2019, in the amount of \$161,900.00, \$1,082,994.00 and \$629,711.00, respectively, totaling \$1,874,605.00, 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.

2019-058                   WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects at the June 19, 2019 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
110666	01	CROSS	HWY. 1 – WEST (DRAINAGE IMPVTS.) (S)	350	N
050341	05	CLEBURNE	MILL & PINEY CREEK STRS. & APPRS. (S)	25	Y
070480	07	UNION	UNION CO. AREA HEADQUARTERS/R.E OFFICE 76 (EL DORADO) (S)	63	Y
090507	09	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 9 BRIDGE PAINTING (2019) (S)	VAR	Y

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
100841	10	GREENE	CACHE RIVER RELIEF STR. & APPRS. (S)	228	N
012307	06 & 07	CLARK & HOT SPRING	DE ROCHE CREEK STRS. & APPRS. (S)	I-30	Y
C02006	02	ASHLEY	CROSSETT OVERLAY NO. 2 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C02007	02	ASHLEY	MONTROSE & PORTLAND OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C16008	10	CRAIGHEAD	JONESBORO C W POST RD. OVERLAY (SEL. SEC.) (S)	--	-
C18009	01	CRITTENDEN	WEST MEMPHIS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C21005	02	DESHA	MCGEHEE OVERLAY & REHAB. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C22003	02	DREW	WINCHESTER OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C24002	04	FRANKLIN	BRANCH & OZARK OVERLAY & SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C42005	04	LOGAN	MORRISON BLUFF SURFACING & OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C47008	10	MISSISSIPPI	BLYTHEVILLE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C47009	10	MISSISSIPPI	JOINER & KEISER OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C59007	06	PRAIRIE	BISCOE, HAZEN & ULM OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
C60011	06	PULASKI	LITTLE ROCK 9TH ST. OVERLAY (SEL. SEC.) (S)	--	-
C76056	02	ARKANSAS & LINCOLN	GILLETT & GOULD OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	--	-
SA0141	02	ARKANSAS	CO. RD. 82 OVERLAY NO. 2 (S)	--	-
SA1254	05	CLEBURNE	IDA – SOUTH (OVERLAY) (S)	--	-
SA1358	07	CLEVELAND	HWY. 35 – SOUTHEAST (OVERLAY) (S)	--	-
SA1447	07	COLUMBIA	MAGNOLIA CITY LIMITS – CO. RD. 203 (OVERLAY) (S)	--	-
SA1938	01	CROSS	COUNTY ROAD 72 SURFACING (S)	--	-
SA2454	04	FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN CO. SURFACING & OVERLAY NO. 2 (S)	--	-
SA3274	05	INDEPENDENCE	INDEPENDENCE CO. OVERLAY NO. 4 (S)	--	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
SA3854	10	LAWRENCE	HWY. 63 – WEST (OVERLAY) (S)	--	-
SA4344	06	LONOKE	CO. RD. 348 OVERLAY (S)	--	-
SA4437	09	MADISON	MADISON COUNTY OVERLAY NO. 3 (S)	--	-
SA4940	08	MONTGOMERY	MONTGOMERY COUNTY OVERLAY NO. 2 (S)	--	-
SA5739	04	POLK	POLK COUNTY OVERLAY NO. 4 (S)	--	-
SA5950	06	PRAIRIE	CO. RD. 15 RESEAL (S)	--	-
SA5951	06	PRAIRIE	HWY. 302 – NORTH (BASE) (S)	--	-
SA6050	06	PULASKI	PULASKI COUNTY OVERLAY NO. 4 (S)	--	-
SA7394	05	WHITE	WHITE COUNTY OVERLAY NO. 2 (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 Schueck opened the meeting at 9:30 am.

MOTION Vice Chairman Robert Moore moved, Commissioner Alec Farmer seconded and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the previous Commission Meeting of May 1, 2019.

MOTION Vice Chairman Robert S. Moore, Jr. moved, Commissioner Alec Farmer seconded and the motion passed to have the Director write a letter to ask the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if they are willing to consider reevaluating the Compatibility Determination regarding the U.S. Highway 79 Bridge at Clarendon.

MOTION Commissioner Alec Farmer moved, Vice Chairman Robert S. Moore, Jr. seconded and the motion passed to approve the 2019-2020 Operating Budget, as presented by Director Bennett, which included the following:

Salary Highlights

- Performance-based Pay Raises
- Retirement Match Increase
- Includes Career Service Recognition Payment Increase
- Budgeted 48 Fewer Positions for FY 2020
- Additional Highway Police Officers

Operation Highlights

- 2% Increase to District Maintenance Budget
- Upgrades to Computer System, Phone System and Software Maintenance
- Includes Inclement Weather Reserve

MOTION Commissioner Alec Farmer moved, Vice Chairman Robert S. Moore, Jr. seconded and the motion passed to move forward with Option 2 of the Governor's Long-Term Highway Funding Plan presented by Director Bennett, as follows:

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●Interstate Maintenance	\$1.0 Billion
●Pavement Preservation	\$3.0 Billion
●Bridge Replacement and Preservation	\$1.1 Billion
●Capital and Congestion Relief Improvements	\$1.8 Billion
●Safety Improvements	<u>\$0.5 Billion</u>
Total	\$7.4 Billion

MOTION Vice Chairman Robert S. Moore, Jr. moved, Commissioner Alec Farmer seconded and the motion passed to enter into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to conduct an annual review of Director Scott Bennett's employment.

MOTION Commissioner Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Philip Taldo seconded and the motion passed to close Executive Session and reopen the public Commission Meeting at 12:45 p.m. Chairman Tom Schueck made brief remarks that the Commission was satisfied with Director Bennett's performance. No formal action was taken.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Bennett presented the Commission with three options for the Governor's Long-Term Highway Funding Plan. He shared the benefits from the \$300 million per year along with explanations of each option. After discussion the Commission passed a motion to adopt Option 2. (See Motion above). After reconvening from Executive Session, the Staff presented the Commission with a draft map of the Option 2 potential projects which would provide a framework to take to the voters.

Director Bennett presented a list of upcoming meetings and events that the Commissioners and Director will be attending, including the Statewide ROADeo Finals on July 11, 2019.

Director Bennett ended the meeting with a briefing to the Commission on the historic flooding that has occurred around the state.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 1:45 p.m., June 12, 2019.