

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

October 27, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2016-15

TO: ALL DIVISION HEADS AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

We are transmitting herewith for your information and records a copy of the Minutes of the Commission Meetings in Little Rock, AR on October 19, 2016.

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 of Highways
and Transportation

c: Commission

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

October 19, 2016

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 19, 2016. Members present were:

Dick Trammel, Chairman
Thomas B. Schueck, Vice Chairman
Robert S. Moore, Jr., Member
Frank D. Scott, Jr., Member
Alec Farmer, Member

2016-096 IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 10:00 a.m., October 19, 2016.

2016-097 WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on September 21, 2016, in the amount of \$182,702.25, 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.

2016-098 WHEREAS, the Department is responsible for developing and maintaining Intelligent Transportation System 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;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to pay the annual membership fee to ITS America in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the year 2017.

2016-099

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) re:source program (formerly the AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory (AMRL)) is operated by AASHTO and is authorized and approved by the Executive Committee of AASHTO; and

WHEREAS, the services of the AASHTO re:source program are necessary for the Department to establish and maintain proficiency in sampling and testing material; and

WHEREAS, the participation in funding the services of the AASHTO re:source program supports the laboratory accreditation program and provides technical support in maintaining the AASHTO standards for materials testing; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received notice that its share of support for Fiscal Year 2017 is \$20,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is hereby authorized to pay the Department's share of the cost of support for this AASHTO program for Fiscal Year 2017.

2016-100

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act continues the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act requirement that each state develop a risk-based Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) for the National Highway System (NHS) to improve and preserve the condition of the assets and the performance of the system; and

WHEREAS, the TAMP is necessary for better decision making to manage assets over a period of time in order to deliver the desired levels of service and performance targets in the most cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, work provided under consultant services has proven beneficial by providing additional expertise and capacity to Department staff planning efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to request proposals, select a qualified consulting firm, and enter into any necessary contracts and agreements with a firm to provide technical assistance with development of the TAMP.

2016-101

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract Nos. 45R-1, 45R-2, 45R-3, and 57R in fee from property owner, Bank of the Ozarks, an Arkansas corporation, by Warranty Deed filed for record on September 23, 2010, in the Circuit Clerk's office of Washington County, Arkansas, in connection with Job No. 040524, Highway 62 Bypass (Prairie Grove) in Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 45R-1 (consisting of 0.30 acres) for FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00), which the tract is more particularly described as follows:

Tract 45R-1

Part of the Lot 59, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 to the City of Prairie Grove, being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 31 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 5/8 Inch Rebar with Cap being used as the Southwest corner of Lot 60, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3, said point being on the Northerly right of way line of Park Street as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence North 88°37'43" West along said right of way line a distance of 86.19 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62 Bypass as established by AHTD Job 040524; thence North 10°39'50" West along said right of way line a distance of 24.50 feet to a point; thence North 00°21'31" East along said right of way line a distance of 115.34 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Brigade Boulevard as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence South

87°39'51" East along said right of way line a distance of 95.68 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 59, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence South 02°20'27" West along said East line a distance of 137.70 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.30 acres more or less (12,860 sq. ft. more or less) as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040524.

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Also being subject to the Permanent Easement along the South property line described as follows:

Part of the Lot 59 of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 to the City of Prairie Grove, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 5/8 Inch Rebar with Cap being used as the Southeast Quarter of Lot 59, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3, said point being on the Northerly right of way line of Park Road as established by plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence North 88° 37' 43" West along said right of way line a distance of 86.19 feet on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62 Bypass as established by AHTD Job 040425; thence North 10° 39' 50" West along said right of way line a distance of 24.50 feet to a point; thence South 86° 48' 07" East a distance of 91.70 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 59, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence South 02° 20' 27" West along said East line a distance of 21.04 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1,997 square feet more or less as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040524.

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WHEREAS, the Commission acquired 45R-3 (consisting of 0.12 acres) for FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00), and Tract No. 57R (consisting of 1.52 acres) for EIGHT THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00), which the tracts are more particularly described as follows:

Tract 45R-3

Part of the Lot 36, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 to the City of Prairie Grove, being part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 31 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a 5/8 Inch Rebar with Cap being used as the Southwest corner of Lot 60, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence North 02° 20' 27" East along the East line of Lot 59, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 a distance of 137.70 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Brigade Boulevard as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence North 87°39'51" West along said right of way line a distance of 128.11 feet to a point; thence in a Westerly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet a distance of 28.16 feet having a chord bearing of South 73°41'09" West a distance of 27.14 feet to a point; thence continue in a Southwesterly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 30.40 feet having a chord bearing of South 62°05'48" West a distance of 29.93 feet to a point; thence continue in a Westerly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 49.12 feet having a chord bearing of North 72°20'44" West a distance of 47.16 feet to a point; thence continue in a Northwesterly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 33.89 feet having a chord bearing of North 24°47'04" West a distance of 33.25 feet to a point; thence continue in a Northerly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 48.17 feet having a chord bearing of North 22°14'07" East a distance of 46.33 feet to a point; thence continue in a Northerly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet a distance of 29.64 feet having a chord bearing of North 20°18'57" East a distance of 28.45 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of Chews Battalion Drive as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence North 02°20'01" East along said right of way line a distance of 89.82 feet to a point; thence North 02°19'58" East along said right of way line a distance of 239.98 feet to a point; thence North 02°20'09" East along said right of way line a distance of 880.06 feet to a point; thence North 02°23'50" East along said right of way line a distance of 28.20 feet to a point; thence in a Northerly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet a distance of 28.03 feet having a chord bearing of North 16°33'37" West a distance of 27.03 feet to a point; thence continue in a Northwesterly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 30.73 feet having a chord bearing of North 27°37'13" West a

distance of 30.25 feet to a point; thence continue in a Northeasterly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 60.81 feet having a chord bearing of North 24°49'48" East a distance of 57.13 feet to a point; thence continue in a Easterly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 69.92 feet having a chord bearing of North 80°15'55" East a distance of 64.36 feet to a point; thence South 36°13'08" East along said right of way line a distance of 6.95 feet to a point; thence in a Easterly direction along said right of way line on a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet a distance of 22.27 feet having a chord bearing of South 78°45'14" East a distance of 21.76 feet to a point; thence South 87°39'51" East along said right of way line a distance of 14.64 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62 Bypass as established by AHTD Job 040524 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 03°06'56" East along said right of way line a distance of 124.29 feet to a point on the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence South 87°31'36" East along said North line a distance of 42.25 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 36, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence South 02°20'09" West along said East line a distance of 124.18 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Battery Drive as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence North 87°39'51" West along said right of way line a distance of 43.94 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.12 acres more or less (5,353 sq. ft. more or less) as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040524.

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And Also

Tract 57R

Part of the Lots 190 through 205 of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 to the City of Prairie Grove, being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter all being in Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 31 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point being used as the Southeast Corner of Lot 190, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3, said point also being on the Northerly right of way line of Brigade Boulevard as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence North

87°39'14" West along said right of way line a distance of 34.67 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 62 Bypass as established by AHTD Job 040524; thence North 00°18'52" East along said right of way line a distance of 496.90 feet to a point on the North line of Lot 195, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence North 01°39'25" East along said right of way line a distance of 401.62 feet to a point on the North line of Lot 200, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence North 02°52'30" East along said right of way line a distance of 416.29 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Battery Drive as established by the plat of Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3 recorded June 14, 2007; thence South 87°39' 51" East along said right of way line a distance of 53.04 feet to a point on the East line of Lots 190 through 205, Sundowner Subdivision Phase 3; thence South 02°20'09" West along said East line a distance of 1,314.45 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.52 acres more or less (66,380 sq. ft. more or less) as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040524

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Subject to the access conveyance originally executed on Tract 57 as shown on AHTD Job 040524: There is reserved and excepted to Grantor its successors and assigns, the right of direct access as shown on the right of way plans from Right Station 332+75.00 to Station 333+25.00 and from Right Station 337+75.00 to Station 338+25.00.

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WHEREAS, Dwight A. Bartholomew, the holder of an assignment from the Grantor, Bank of the Ozarks, executed on September 9, 2014, has asked the Commission under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322 to reacquire Tract No. 45R-1, Job No. 040524, which the District Engineer for District 4 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future, will be needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Ozark Mountain Porterhouse Club, LLC, an Arkansas limited liability company, the holder of two assignments from the Grantor, Bank of the Ozarks, both executed on February 1, 2016, has asked the Commission under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322 to reacquire Tract Nos. 45R-3 and 57R, Job No. 040524, which the District Engineer for District 4 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future, will be needed for highway purposes; however, it is necessary to partially control access on Tract No. 57R; and

NOW THEREFORE, Tract Nos. 45R-1, 45R-3, and 57R, Job No. 040524, are declared surplus property and upon receipt and consideration of the sums of FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) from Dwight A. Bartholomew for Tract No. 45R-1 and EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) from Ozark Mountain Porterhouse Club, LLC, for Tract Nos. 45R-3 and 57R, the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute two Quitclaim Deeds conveying the above-described properties to Dwight A. Bartholomew and Ozark Mountain Porterhouse Club, LLC, respectively; and hereby releasing the same from the State Highway System, that the Right of Way Division is directed and authorized to record a copy of this Minute Order and the Quitclaim Deeds 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.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 12XR for Job No. 040569 in fee by Warranty Deed from Grantors Kenneth Stephens, a/k/a Kenneth W. Stephens, and Donna Sue Stephens, husband and wife, filed for record on September 13, 2012, in the Circuit Clerk's office of Washington County, Arkansas in connection with Job No. 040569, BRN-9142 (28) West Fork White River Str. and Apprs. (Fayetteville) Route 16 Section 3, Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the above named Grantors, Kenneth Stephens, a/k/a Kenneth W. Stephens, and Donna Sue Stephens, assigned their right under Arkansas Code Annotated 27-67-322 to reacquire Tract No. 12XR to David Horlick and Suzanne Horlick on April 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, David Horlick and Suzanne Horlick, husband and wife, have asked the Commission to purchase said Tract No. 12XR, which the District Engineer for District 4 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 12XR for SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500.00), which the tract is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 29 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point being used as the Section Corner of Sections 18 and 19; thence South 02°42'00" West along the West line of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19 a distance of 448.97 feet more or less to a point; thence North 58°46'01" East a distance of 27.67 feet more or less to a point; thence North 35°56'24" East a distance of 19.36 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 35°56'24" East a distance of 55.63 feet more or less to a point; thence North 71°56'55" East a distance of 18.17 feet more or less to a point; thence North 39°32'22" East a distance of 57.99 feet more or less to a point; thence North 56°36'24" East a distance of 50.83 feet more or less to a point; thence North 47°15'59" East a distance of 193.82 feet more or less to a point; thence South 02°45'46" West a distance of 469.62 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Arkansas State Highway 16 as established by AHTD Job 040569; thence North 52°24'22" West along said right of way line a distance of 184.49 feet to a point; thence North 42°42'15" West along said right of way line a distance of 101.98 feet to a point; thence North 51°36'11" West along said right of way line a distance of 42.96 feet more or less to the point of beginning and containing 1.45 acres, more or less, as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040569.

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NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) from David Horlick and Suzanne Horlick; the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying the right, title, interest or equity of the above-described property to David Horlick and Suzanne Horlick, husband and wife; and hereby releasing the same from the State Highway System, 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.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property in connection with Job No. R40013-10 as Tract No. 1020R-2, Greenland-Fayetteville Bypass, Route 71, Washington County, Arkansas, from property owner Rebecca G. Mathias, by Warranty Deed filed for record on April 8, 1988, in the Circuit Clerk of Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 1020R-2 consisting of 60,867 square feet, more or less, for THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,650.00); and

WHEREAS, Benjamin J. Hancock, the holder of an Assignment from Rebecca G. Mathias of the statutory right to reacquire pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §27-67-322, has asked the Commission to reacquire Tract 1020R-2, which the District Engineer for District 4 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes. Tract 1020R-2 is more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1020R-2

Part of Lot 21 of Heather Ridge Subdivision to the City of Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the Southwest Corner of Lot 20; thence North 89°05'31" East along the Northerly right of way line of Wood Creek Lane a distance of 118.24 feet to a point; thence in an Easterly direction along said existing right of way line along a curve to the right having a radius of 271.03 feet a distance of 54.67 feet to a point on the West Lot Line of Lot 21 of Heather Ridge Subdivision for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 03°18'08" West along said Lot Line a distance of 437.48 feet to a point on the North Line of Lot 21 also being the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6; thence North 89°03'27" East along the North Line of Lot 21 a distance of 238.39 feet to a point on the Westerly proposed right of way line of U. S. Highway 71 Relocation; thence South 21°34'02" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 483.69 feet to a point on the Northerly existing right of way line of Wood Creek Lane; thence in a Westerly direction along said existing right of way line along a curve to the left having a radius of 271.03 feet a distance of 36.54 feet to the point of BEGINNING and containing 60,867 square feet more or less.

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NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of THREE

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THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,650.00) from Benjamin J. Hancock; the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying the right, title, interest or equity of the above-described property, Tract No. 1020R-2 for Job No. R40013-10, Washington County, Arkansas, to Benjamin J. Hancock; and hereby releasing the same from the State Highway System, 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.

2016-104 WHEREAS, IN GARLAND COUNTY, Minute Order 2011-113 authorized the Department to proceed with a project to improve Highway 7 from Whittington Avenue in Hot Springs to Highway 5; and

 WHEREAS, a study was initiated to determine feasible improvements on this section of highway; and

 WHEREAS, the Highway 7 Improvement Study has been prepared and has identified feasible improvement alternatives to enhance safety and mobility for all modes of transportation.

 NOW THEREFORE, this study is adopted for use as a planning guide for scheduling future improvements.

2016-105 WHEREAS, IN GARLAND COUNTY, Minute Order 2016-021 authorized a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to various highway segments; and

 WHEREAS, Garland County has requested that the interchange with U.S. Highway 70/270 and Albert Pike Road be included in this analysis; and

 WHEREAS, it has been determined that evaluation of this interchange is considered an appropriate addition to the study's scope.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to include this interchange into the previously authorized study.

2016-106 WHEREAS, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, an evaluation of the Highway 118 intersection with the Interstate 40 Eastbound Ramp and West Service Road has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the analysis shows that improvements to enhance intersection safety is justified; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2013) identified intersection crashes as a primary emphasis area; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are eligible for Federal-aid Safety funds; and

WHEREAS, the West Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization has agreed to contribute up to fifty percent of the project costs up to \$232,000.

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

2016-107 WHEREAS, the City of Huntington, by Resolution 3-16, has acknowledged a portion of Highway 252 as the “Mayor Curtis G. Feimster, Sr. Highway”; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Highway Commission has adopted guidelines for the installation of commemorative signs by Minute Order 2014-023 and the City’s request meets these guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to permit the installation of signs in each direction on Highway 252 at the City Limits of Huntington, in accordance with Commission Policy.

2016-108

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will receive bids on the following projects at the November 2, 2016 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
110540	01	MONROE	WHITE RIVER STRS. DEMO. & REMOVAL (CLARENDON) (S)	79	Y
110586	01	ST. FRANCIS	HWY. 261 STR. & APPRS. (S)	261	N
020534	02	ASHLEY	CO. RD. 411 – HWY. 425 (EAST OF CROSSETT) (S)	82	Y
BB0302	03	MILLER	HWY. 67 – WEST OF RED RIVER (S)	30	Y
CA0605	06	PULASKI & LONOKE	VANDENBURG BLVD. – HWY. 5 (WIDENING) (S)	67	Y
BB0610	06	PRAIRIE	WHITE RIVER STR. & APPRS. (F)	40	Y
BB0621	06	PULASKI	65TH ST. – SOUTH TERMINAL (PVMT. IMPVTS.) (S)	30	Y
061474	06	SALINE	BRYANT PKWY. INTERCHANGE (BRYANT) (S)	30	Y
061505	06	PULASKI	I-30 – I-630 BRIDGE PAINTING (I-430) (S)	430	Y
070364	07	CLARK	HWY. 26 – HWY. 8 (REHAB.) (S)	51	Y
070368	07	UNION	HWY. 82 – HWY. 7 (REHAB.) (S)	335	N
090376	09	BENTON	HWY. 62/102 INTCHNG. IMPVTS. & 8TH STREET WIDENING (BENTONVILLE) (S)	49	Y
090406	09	BENTON	HWY. 43 KCS RAILROAD OVERPASS (SILOAM SPRINGS) (S)	43	Y
090452	09	SEARCY	HWY. 65/ZACK RD. SIGNAL (MARSHALL) (S)	65	Y
CA1002	10	MISSISSIPPI	MANILA – EAST (WIDENING) (S)	18	Y
012260	VAR	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE WRONG-WAY CRASH FREEWAY IMPVTS. (S)	VAR	Y

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 Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, 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.

MOTION

Commission Chairman Dick Trammel brought up the previous Commission Minutes of September 14, 2016. Commissioner Frank Scott moved, Commissioner Alec Farmer seconded and the motion passed to approve these previous Minutes.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mike Boyd, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the September 2016 update on state highway revenue. Mr. Boyd noted that state highway revenues to the Department from traditional sources are up a total of \$200,000 in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017 compared to the same period for SFY 2016. With the revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax coming in lower for this year compared to last year, total revenues available are \$2.3 million lower for this year. Actual state revenue received is 1.9% (\$1.9 million) above projected (budgeted) revenue for this year.

In closing, Mr. Boyd stated that September revenue from the 0.5% General Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program was 3.99% lower, (\$620,261) than projected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A). Current Fiscal Year to date revenues are below the forecast by 3.96% (\$1.8 million). This revenue source is cumulatively 0.32%, or \$1.7 million, under DF&A's projections to date.

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. However, Congress was unable to reach an agreement on appropriating funding for fiscal 2017. On September 29, 2016, Congress passed a short-term Continuing Resolution to extending funding at 2016 levels. The Continuing Resolution is set to end on December 9, 2016. The passage of the Arkansas Highway Improvement Plan of 2016 during the recent Special Legislative Session ensured state matching funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2016. Now the issues become dependable long-term State revenue to provide the match for Federal-aid funds beyond 2016, and the additional State revenue needed to adequately maintain and improve Arkansas' transportation system.

Director Bennett gave a brief presentation of transportation news from other states, including New Jersey, Missouri, Wisconsin, Alaska and Oregon. Also presented was information on damages caused recently by Hurricane Matthew.

Director Bennett briefed the Commissioners on proposed legislation that the Department is interested in pursuing in the 2017 Legislation Session. The Session begins on January 9.

Chairman Trammel recognized Representative Dan Douglas from Bentonville and Representative Mat Pitsch from Fort Smith.

On June 30, 2016, Governor Hutchinson called on the Good Roads Foundation to lead a "consensus-building effort" to find an adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding mechanism for highways. Craig Douglass, Executive Director of the Arkansas Good Roads Foundation, provided an update on the Foundation's activities.

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

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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 September 21, 2016 and October 5, 2016, Bid Lettings.

Director Bennett provided a list of upcoming meetings and events, including the Big River Crossing Grand Opening on October 22 at 10:00 am, the Hot Springs AHC Appreciation Dinner at 5:00 p.m. on October 25, and the 2017-2019 Biennium Budget Hearing on October 26 at 1:30 pm. The confirmed 2017 Commission Meetings were presented to the Commission also.

Director Bennett presented the Commission with the following:

- 2016 MarCom Gold Award in Animation for the 30 Crossing 3D Simulation


Director Bennett gave an update on the Broadway Bridge Demolition. The Steel Arch detonations occurred around 10:00 am on October 11, 2016, and the Concrete Arch detonations occurred around 8:00 am on October 14, 2016.

In closing, the Staff recognized Robert Moore and his wife Beverly for the article in the September issue of SEA Life, highlighting them as Southeast Arkansas' ambassadors. Director Bennett also recognized Chairman Trammel for Calling the Hogs as a University of Arkansas alumni cheerleader at Homecoming games since 1975.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 12:05 p.m., October 19, 2016.

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 October 19, 2016.


Lindy H. Williams
Commission Secretary