

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

February 27, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2017-04

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 February 10, 2017.

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

February 10, 2017

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 10, 2017. Members present were:

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

2017-017 IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2017.

2017-018 WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on January 13 and 19, 2017, and February 1, 2017, in the amount of \$1,790,208.00, \$2,463,754.59 and \$214,080.00, respectively, totaling \$4,468,042.59, 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.

2017-019 WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has billed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for membership dues for the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, this membership is regarded as being highly beneficial to the Department.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Director is authorized to process payment for membership dues for the year 2017 in the amount of \$42,365.76.

2017-020

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired in fee property, known as Tract No. 133XR, from Billy Mike Doss and Glenda Sue Doss, husband and wife, for Job No. 040376, Jenny Lind – Highway 22, Section 19, by Warranty Deed dated February 27, 2006, and filed of record on March 20, 2006, as Document No. 7185214, in the County Clerk’s office for Sebastian County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Tract No. 133XR was acquired by the Commission for SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,400.00); and

WHEREAS, Billy Mike Doss and Glenda Sue Doss have requested to reacquire said property pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322, and the District Engineer for District 4 has determined that Tract No. 133XR is not now needed, nor in the foreseeable future will be needed for highway purposes. However, it is necessary to retain the control of access. Tract No. 133XR is more particularly described as:

Part of Lot 1 of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 31 West, Sebastian County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a concrete monument with brass disk being used as the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19; thence South 01° 16’ 25” West along the East line of Lot 1 of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19 a distance of 1,156.30 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 01° 16’ 25” West along said East line a distance of 177.30 feet to a point; thence North 87° 34’ 48” West a distance of 650.89 feet to a point on the Southeasterly right of way line of U. S. Highway 71 Relocation as established by AHTD Job 040376; thence North 40° 58’ 52” East along said right of way line a distance of 216.50 feet to a point; thence South 88° 28’ 17” East a distance of 512.45 feet to the point of beginning and containing 2.30 acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040376.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,400.00) from Billy Mike Doss and Glenda Sue Doss; 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 Billy Mike Doss and Glenda Sue Doss, husband and wife; excluding the

original access rights acquired by the Commission; 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 Sebastian 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.

2017-021

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property in connection with Job No. 11627, Tract Nos. 607 and 608, known as "Shell Lake-Shearerville", in St. Francis County, Arkansas, from property owners James A. Thurston and Mollie L. Thurston, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed filed for record on October 12, 1965, in the Circuit Clerk's office of St. Francis County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, James W. Meador Jr. (Meador) has asked the Commission to purchase a portion of Tract No. 607, which the District Engineer for District One has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes. However, it is necessary to retain the control of access. That portion of Tract No. 607 is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 6 East, St. Francis County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point being used as the Quarter Corner of Section's 17 and 18; thence South $00^{\circ}11'10''$ East along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17 a distance of 1,677.91 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Interstate 40 as established by AHTD Job 11627 Section 6; thence North $86^{\circ}45'53''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 381.39 feet to a point; thence North $86^{\circ}46'21''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 211.20 feet to a point; thence North $86^{\circ}55'00''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 88.89 feet to a point; thence South $30^{\circ}34'24''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 611.51 feet to a point; thence South $24^{\circ}40'21''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 263.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North $67^{\circ}41'08''$ East a distance of 21.91 feet to a point; thence South

22°32'58" East a distance of 47.34 feet to a point; thence South 16°29'33" East a distance of 141.51 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Interstate 40 as established by AHTD Job 11627 Section 6; thence North 24°40'21" West along said right of way line a distance of 188.28 feet to a point to the point of beginning and containing 0.06 acres more or less (2,414 sq. ft.) as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 110543.

WHEREAS, Meador had the highest bid in the sum of ONE THOUSAND NINETY-SIX AND 68/100 DOLLARS (\$1,096.68), which includes the appraised value of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$225.00) and publication costs of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 68/100 DOLLARS (\$871.68) for the advertisement of the legal notices required under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322, at a public auction held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at the Shell Station on the east side of Shell Lake; and receiving from Meador, Check # 35193 in the amount of \$1,096.68 as payment in full of the accepted bid on the day of auction; and

WHEREAS, the Commission originally acquired Tract Nos. 607 and 608 and their access for THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$30,500), and three (3) qualified appraisers have, in accordance with the requirements of Ark. Ann. § 27-67-322, opined that the current fair market value of that portion of Tract No. 607 being offered for sale is \$225.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and consideration in the sum of \$1,096.68 has been received from Meador, 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 portion of Tract No. 607 for Job No. 11627, St. Francis County, Arkansas, to James W. Meador Jr. and Joni Ann Meador; excluding the original access rights acquired by the Commission; 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 St. Francis 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.

2017-022

WHEREAS, IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, Job 070444, Hwys. 82B & 371 (Sel. Secs.) (Magnolia) (S) and Job 070454, Hwy. 82 – Hwy. 82B (Magnolia) (S) are scheduled for system preservation work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Magnolia has passed City Resolution Number 966, which agrees to accept all responsibility, including ownership of Highway 82, Sections 3B and 3X, and Highway 355, Section 8, in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-65-109 and § 14-301-102 upon completion of Jobs 070444 and 070454.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon completion of Jobs 070444 and 070454 and official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System in the City of Magnolia as shown on the attached sketch.

- Highway 82, Section 3B is hereby removed from the State Highway System
- Highway 82, Section 3X is hereby removed from the State Highway System
- Highway 355, Section 8 is hereby removed from the State Highway System

2017-023

WHEREAS, IN VAN BUREN COUNTY, two projects are scheduled to widen Highway 65 between south of Bee Branch and Dennard; and

WHEREAS, at the Commission's January 9, 2013 meeting, a motion was approved that allowed the Department to consider alternative methods to offset non-reimbursable costs for small water associations in order to prevent the delay or cancellation of important highway improvements; and

WHEREAS, one option to offset the cost of non-reimbursable utility relocation is to coordinate with local officials and transfer state highway mileage to either the city or county for future maintenance responsibilities; and

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WHEREAS, on December 11, 2013 this Commission approved Minute Order 2013-132 authorizing the Department to transfer selected state highway miles to Van Buren County as adequate compensation to offset the cost of non-reimbursable utility relocation for Bee Branch and Dennard Water Associations for the Highway 65 widening projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton has non-reimbursable utilities within the Department's right-of-way that need to be relocated before these widening projects can be implemented and it has been verified that Clinton Water & Sewer does not have the available funds or the customer base to generate the funds needed for this work; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the selected state highway miles to Van Buren County as identified in Minute Order 2013-132 is also adequate compensation for the non-reimbursable utility costs for Clinton Water & Sewer.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to proceed with the non-reimbursable utility relocation at no cost to Clinton Water & Sewer for the Highway 65 widening projects as shown on Exhibit "A".

2017-024

WHEREAS, IN SALINE COUNTY, Minute Order 2009-120 authorized a study to determine the scope of improvements to address congestion on Highway 5 between the Benton and Bryant areas and the City of Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 5 Corridor Improvement Study has been prepared and has identified feasible improvement alternatives to enhance safety and traffic flow.

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

WHEREAS, IN CLARK COUNTY, the City of Arkadelphia has expressed interest in partnering with the Department for the construction of a bypass system around the southeastern portion of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Arkadelphia Bypass Study adopted by Minute Order 2013-057 for use as a planning guide for future improvements in the area, identified several feasible alternatives that would enhance traffic flow and alleviate congestion; and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program includes funding for two major construction projects in the City of Arkadelphia, as follows:

- \$5 million to fund project development for the Arkadelphia Bypass
- \$5 million to widen approximately 1.4 miles of Highway 51 (Pine Street) between 26th Street and Highway 67; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arkadelphia has passed Resolution No. R-15-01 agreeing to accept ownership of the portion of Highway 51, Section 1 (Pine Street) between Interstate 30 and Highway 67 upon completion of a bypass and improvements to Highway 51; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arkadelphia has also agreed to contribute up to \$8 million toward the Arkadelphia Bypass, dependent upon the final selected location of the bypass and the total budget for the project.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with the City of Arkadelphia and to proceed with surveys, plans and construction for these improvements as funds become available.

FURTHERMORE, upon completion of these improvements and official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the portion of Highway 51, Section 1 from Interstate 30 to Highway 67 is to be removed from the State Highway System.

2017-026

WHEREAS, the existing property serving the Grant County Area Headquarters in Sheridan on Highway 270 is marginal in size; and

WHEREAS, an additional adjoining property of approximately 0.52 acres is available; and

WHEREAS, enlarging the size of the existing property would better accommodate the need for equipment parking and materials storage.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to purchase the additional property and make improvements including re-configuration of parking, fencing and related items.

FUTHERMORE, work will be done by contract and state forces.

2017-027

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects at the February 22, 2017 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
BB0102	01	MONROE	BAYOU DEVIEW – BRINKLEY (S)	40	Y
110652	01	LEE	HWYS. 1, 1B & 79 (SEL. SECS.) (MARIANNA) (S)	1, 1B & 79	Y
110671	01	MONROE	PRAIRIE CYPRESS CREEK – HWY. 39 (S)	1	Y
020631	02	DESHA	HWY. 65 – ARKANSAS RIVER (SEL. SECS.) (S)	165	Y
020638	02	GRANT & JEFFERSON	PROVIDENCE – I-530 (S)	46	N
020654	02	DESHA	HWY. 1 – KAUFMAN LN. (MCGEHEE) (S)	65	Y
030452	03	LITTLE RIVER	FRONT ST. RR SIG. & HWY. 71/FRONT ST. TRAFFIC SIG. (ASHDOWN) (S)	71	Y
030481	03	HEMPSTEAD	HWY. 29 – HWY. 67 (HOPE) (S)	29B	Y
040727	04	WASHINGTON	HWY. 71B – CO. RD. 49 (S)	16	Y
050345	05	CLEBURNE	VAN BUREN CO. LINE – GREERS FERRY (S)	16	N
050361	05	INDEPENDENCE	JACKSON CO. LINE – HWY. 122 (S)	37	N
050382	05	JACKSON	HWY. 367 – HWY. 18 (S)	384	Y

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
061512	06	LONOKE	HWY. 5 – WHITE CO. LINE (S)	367	Y
061516	06	LONOKE	HWY. 321 NORTH & SOUTH (CABOT) (S)	89	Y
061518	06	PULASKI	HWY. 5 – MABELVALE PIKE (S)	338	Y
061521	06	PULASKI	FOURCHE CREEK – HWY. 70 (S)	367	Y
061525	06	PULASKI	HWY. 165 – LONOKE CO. LINE (S)	70	Y
070436	07	CALHOUN & OUACHITA	HWY. 278 – HWY. 203 (S)	274	Y
070445	07	DALLAS	MENTOR ST. – HWY. 167 (FORDYCE) (S)	79B	Y
070454	07	COLUMBIA	HWY. 82 – HWY. 82B (MAGNOLIA) (S)	355	Y
070461	07	BRADLEY	CLEVELAND CO. LINE – HWY. 63 (S)	8	Y
080496	08	FAULKNER	SIEBENMORGEN RD. – MILL ST. NOISE BARRIER WALL (I-40) (CONWAY) (S)	40	Y
080536	08	JOHNSON	LOGAN CO. LINE – HWY. 64 (S)	109	Y
080542	08	POPE	HWY. 64 – HWY. 64 (POTTSVILLE & RUSSELLVILLE) (SEL. SEC.) (S)	331	Y
090482	09	BOONE	HWY. 65 – OMAHA (S)	14	N
090484	09	MARION	HWY. 62 – HWY. 202 (S)	178	Y
090493	09	MARION	CO. RD. 7016 – BULL SHOALS (S)	178	Y
100901	10	LAWRENCE	HWY. 63 – HWY. 67 (HOXIE & WALNUT RIDGE) (S)	63B & 67B	Y
100924	10	POINSETT	CRAIGHEAD CO. LINE – HWY. 214 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	49	Y
100929	10	MISSISSIPPI	HWY. 158 – HWY. 119 (S)	325	N
100933	10	CLAY	CORNING – WEST (S)	67	Y
100948	10	MISSISSIPPI	HWY. 312 (MISSISSIPPI CO.) (SEL. SECS.) (S)	312	N
C27003	02	GRANT	LEOLA, POYEN & PRATTSVILLE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C32004	05	INDEPENDENCE	PLEASANT PLAINS & SOUTHSIDE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C43003	06	LONOKE	CARLISLE & HUMNOKE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C49002	08	MONTGOMERY	MOUNT IDA OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C59006	06	PRAIRIE	DES ARC OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
C60005	06	PULASKI	WRIGHTSVILLE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C62005	06	SALINE	TRASKWOOD OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C65007	04	SEBASTIAN	CENTRAL CITY OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C66002	03	SEVIER	GILLHAM, HORATIO & LOCKESBURG OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C73005	05	WHITE	GARNER, ROSE BUD & RUSSELL OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76031	03	HEMPSTEAD & PIKE	ANTOINE, MCCASKILL & MURFREESBORO OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76035	04	FRANKLIN & LOGAN	DENNING, SCRANTON & SUBIACO OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76036	04 & 09	WASHINGTON & MADISON	GOSHEN & HINDSVILLE SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76041	08	FAULKNER & VAN BUREN	DAMASCUS, GREENBRIER & GUY OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA3272	05	INDEPENDENCE	INDEPENDENCE CO. OVERLAY NO. 2 (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.

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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.

2017-028

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects at the April 12, 2017 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
BB0116	01	ST. FRANCIS	SHEARERVILLE – WEST (PVMT. IMPVTS.) (F)	40	Y
110654	01	MONROE	CLARENDON – HWY. 49 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	79	Y
CA0202	02	ASHLEY	HWY. 425 – HAMBURG (WIDENING) (S)	82	Y
020573	02	DESHA	DITCH NO. 43 – ARKANSAS CITY (S)	4/4S	Y
020637	02	CHICOT	DREW CO. LINE – EAST (DERMOTT) (S)	35	Y
030486	03	SEVIER	OKLAHOMA STATE LINE – EAST (S)	70	Y
040659	04	POLK	HWY. 71 – GEYER DR. (N. MORGAN ST.) (MENA) (S)	---	Y
040686	04	CRAWFORD	HWY. 64 – NORTH (ALMA) (S)	71 & 162	Y
040724	04	SEBASTIAN	HWY. 71B – I-540 (S)	271	Y
040728	04	CRAWFORD	HWY. 64 – HWY. 71 (S)	282	Y
040731	04	CRAWFORD	HWY. 162 – HWY. 64 (S)	64B	N
050353	05	JACKSON	ARRINGTON ST. – HWY. 157 (NEWPORT & DIAZ) (S)	14 & 367	Y
050359	05	WHITE	HWY. 67B – HWY. 367 (SEARCY) (S)	36	Y
050360	05	WHITE	MIDSOUTH DR. – RANES RD. (S)	385	Y
050379	05	IZARD	STONE CO. LINE – BAXTER CO. LINE (S)	5	Y
CA0608	06	PULASKI	BAPTIST HOSPITAL – UNIVERSITY AVE. (WIDENING) (S)	630	Y
060432	06	GARLAND	HWY. 290 – OUACHITA RIVER BRIDGE (S)	7	Y
061434	06	PULASKI	MILITARY RD. RR SIG. UPGRADE & TRAFFIC SIG. (NLR) (S)	---	Y

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
061513	06	SALINE	HOT SPRING CO. LINE – I-30 (S)	67	Y
061515	06	PULASKI	HWY. 365 – HWY. 70 (NORTH LITTLE ROCK) (S)	100	Y
070443	07	CLARK	HWY. 67 EAST & WEST (GUM SPRINGS) (S)	26	N
070451	07	UNION	HWY. 167 – EAST (S)	63	Y
070456	07	CLARK	HWY. 51 – SOUTH (S)	7	Y
080539	08	POPE	HWY. 326 – TYLER RD. (RUSSELLVILLE) (S)	64	Y
080550	08	JOHNSON	HWY. 64 – HWY. 103 (S)	123	Y
080554	08	POPE	I-40 – NORTH (SEL. SECS.) (S)	363	N
CA0906	09	BOONE	MAXIE CAMP RD. – HWY. 206 (WIDENING) (S)	65	Y
090475	09	BENTON	WASHINGTON ST. – EAST (SILOAM SPRINGS) (S)	412	Y
100822	10	CRAIGHEAD	HENSON RD. RR SIG. UPGRADE & TRAFFIC SIG. (JONESBORO) (S)	91	Y
100876	10	GREENE	CRAIGHEAD CO. LINE – HWY. 358 (S)	351	Y
100890	10	CRAIGHEAD	HWY. 63B – HWY. 18S (JONESBORO) (S)	18	Y
100895	10	CRAIGHEAD	HWY. 1 – HWY. 18 (JONESBORO) (S)	1B	Y
100900	10	GREENE	HWYS. 69 & 358 (PARAGOULD) (SEL. SECS.) (S)	69 & 358	Y
100940	10	CLAY	HWY. 62 – MISSOURI STATE LINE (HWY. 139) (S)	139	Y
100946	10	CRAIGHEAD	PARAGOULD DR. – HWY. 91 (JONESBORO) (S)	49	Y
C03004	09	BAXTER	GASSVILLE SCHOOL ST. WIDENING (S)	---	-
C03005	09	BAXTER	BIG FLAT & SALESVILLE OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C04005	09	BENTON	AVOCA, LITTLE FLOCK & PEA RIDGE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C04006	09	BENTON	BENTONVILLE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C04010	09	BENTON	BELLA VISTA CEDAR CREST DR. SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C05003	09	BOONE	BERGMAN MAIN. ST. WIDENING & OVERLAY (S)	---	-
C05005	09	BOONE	OMAHA & SOUTH LEAD HILL OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C05006	09	BOONE	BELLEFONTE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C08005	09	CARROLL	BEAVER & BLUE EYE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C10003	07	CLARK	GURDON OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
C23004	08	FAULKNER	MAYFLOWER & VILONIA OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C36004	08	JOHNSON	CLARKSVILLE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C50002	03	NEVADA	PRESCOTT HINES BLVD. REHAB. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C57002	04	POLK	COVE & WICKES OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C57003	04	POLK	HATFIELD MERSHON DR. OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C58001	08	POPE	DOVER, HECTOR & LONDON OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C66001	03	SEVIER	DE QUEEN OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C73006	05	WHITE	GEORGETOWN OVERLAY & SURF. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
BR0405	09	BENTON	WILDCAT CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-
BR5007	03	NEVADA	WILSON CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-
SA6342	04	SCOTT	HWY. 28 – CO. RD. 18 (RECONSTRUCTION) (S)	---	-
BR6507	04	SEBASTIAN	BRANCH OF VINEYARD CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)	---	-
BR6812	01	ST. FRANCIS	FIRST CREEK 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 welcomed everyone and welcomed Philip Taldo as our newest Commission member.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Tom Schueck moved, Commissioner Robert Moore seconded and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the previous Commission Meetings of January 4, 2017 and January 19, 2017.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Bennett introduced Gene Higginbotham, Executive Director of the Arkansas Waterways Commission, who gave a presentation on Marine Highway Signs.

Mike Boyd, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the December 2016 update on state highway revenue. Mr. Boyd noted that state highway revenues to the Department from traditional sources are up a total of 1.1% (\$2.2 million) 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 0.3% (\$600,000) lower for this year. Actual state revenue received is 3.3% (\$6.4 million) above projected (budgeted) revenue for this year.

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In closing, Mr. Boyd stated that December revenue from the 0.5% General Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program was 5.53% higher, (\$797,841) than projected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A). Current Fiscal Year to date revenues are below the forecast by 1.9% (\$1.7 million). Since inception this revenue source is 0.27%, or \$1.6 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. However, Congress was unable to reach an agreement on appropriating funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. On December 9, 2016, Congress passed the second short-term Continuing Resolution for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. The Continuing Resolution will extend funding at 2016 levels until April 28, 2017. Now the issue becomes 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 Arkansas and other states, including Elaine Chao being sworn-in as U.S. Transportation Secretary. Also presented was information from New Mexico, Indiana and South Carolina.

Director Bennett updated the Commissioners on what has transpired so far at this 2017 Legislative Session and where things are with the Department's legislative package.

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

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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.

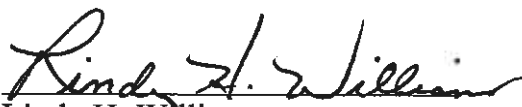
Director Bennett presented a summary of the apparent low bids and bidders from the January 18, 2017, Bid Letting.

Director Bennett ended the meeting with a list of upcoming meetings and events, including the State Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class in West Memphis on February 22, the Legislative Meet & Greet in Little Rock on March 29, and the Broadway Bridge Commissioning Ceremony on April 6.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 11:25 a.m., February 10, 2017.

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 February 10, 2017.


Lindy H. Williams
Commission Secretary