

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

May 29, 2015

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 29, 2015. Members present were:

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

2015-043

IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 1:00 p.m., May 29, 2015.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Scott Bennett introduced Mike Preston, Executive Director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission. Mr. Preston gave an overview of what the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is doing and how transportation is a significant part of what they do. He discussed the different leverage points for job creation and he emphasized that there will be an increased collaboration between the Economic Development Commission and the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department early on.

Director Bennett gave a thorough overview of the Federal-aid Highway Program. He showed a map of projects which are at risk of shutting down if Congress fails to extend authority past July 31, 2015.

Director Bennett gave a recap of the Special Session that ended today.

Director Bennett discussed the Governor's Executive Order to create the Governor's working group on highway funding. He showed a listing of the 20 task force participants and stated that December 15, 2015 is the deadline for the Working Group to provide recommendations to the Governor for the state to create a more reliable, modern, and effective system of highway funding.

Director Bennett reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming June 10th Commission Meeting and Jacksonville Chamber luncheon, the June 11th ROADEo finals and the June 11th Arkansas Good Roads Meeting, the June 25th Chamber Talks meeting and the July 13 and 14 Fort Chaffee event.

Director Bennett asked if any of the Commissioners had any conflicts in 2016 to please let him know because the Department is working on Commission meeting and letting dates.

Director Bennett briefly went over the 2015-2016 Budget highlights and reminded the Commissioners that it would be voted on at the next commission meeting on June 10, 2015.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 3:10 p.m., May 29, 2015.