

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

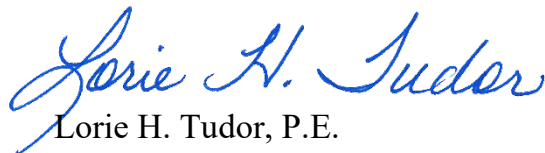
August 22, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2022-11

TO: 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 July 27, 2022.

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.


Lorie H. Tudor, P.E.
Director

c: Commission

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

July 27, 2022

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 27, 2022. Members present were:

Robert S. Moore, Jr., Chairman
Alec Farmer, Vice Chairman
Philip Taldo, Member
Keith Gibson, Member
Marie Holder, Member

2022-069

IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 10:00 a.m., July 27, 2022.

2022-070

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on June 9, June 10, June 29, and July 14, 2022, in the amounts of \$223,930.00, \$1,684,685.91, \$372,917.76 and \$59,800.00, respectively, totaling \$2,341,333.67, 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.

2022-071

WHEREAS, the Department relies on our fleet of vehicles and equipment to assist in fulfilling our mission of providing safe and efficient transportation solutions to support Arkansas' economy and enhance the quality of life for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, efficient management of our fleet requires replacement of certain vehicles and equipment at or near the time when operational costs surpass their remaining value; and

WHEREAS, through public auctions, the Department realizes the remaining value of these vehicles or equipment; and

WHEREAS, procurement of the services of a professional auctioneer to conduct public auctions has proven to be an effective approach to maximizing the benefit to the Department.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to issue a Request for Proposals to retain the services of a qualified professional auctioneer to conduct public auctions for certain vehicles and equipment at or near the time when operational costs surpass their remaining value.

2022-072

WHEREAS, the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Arkansas enacted Act 451 during the 2021 Regular Session, which authorized issuance of an annual permit for movement of overweight forestry equipment of up to a total gross weight of 104,000 pounds under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, as required by Act 451 of 2021 the attached amendment to the Permit Rules for the Movement of Oversize and Overweight Vehicles on the State Highway System shall be promulgated.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Arkansas law, the Director is authorized to promulgate these amended rules.

2022-073

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has requested the Department's participation in the Fiscal Year 2023 AASHTO Engineering Technical Service Programs; and

WHEREAS, these programs provide benefits to the member departments through the pooling of resources and expertise from across the country; and

WHEREAS, the benefits include technical services in a wide variety of areas, pooled resources for a common goal, and reducing duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, these memberships include the Development of AASHTO Materials Standards (DAMS); Equipment Management Technical Services Program (EMTSP); Highway Safety Policy and Management Technical Service Program (SAFETY); Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) Bridges and Structures Specification Maintenance; National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP); National Operations Center of Excellence (NOCoE); Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TC3); Transportation System Preservation Technical Service Program (TSP2); Transportation and Civil Engineering (TRAC) and Roadways Into Developing Elementary Students (RIDES); and Transportation Performance Management (TPM); and

WHEREAS, these programs are regarded as highly beneficial to the Department in order to exchange ideas, information, and best practices with other highway agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to utilize State Planning and Research funds to pay annual membership dues for participation in these programs.

2022-074

WHEREAS, the Technology Transfer Concrete Consortium (TTCC) pooled fund project led by the Iowa Department of Transportation that seeks to identify, support, facilitate, and fund research and technology transfer initiatives related to concrete pavement design, management, and performance; and

WHEREAS, participation in this pooled fund study will ensure that the Department has access to the most current technologies and practices related to concrete pavements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to participate in this pooled fund effort and enter into necessary agreements to fulfill the Department's commitment.

2022-075

WHEREAS, the Purdue University School of Civil Engineering, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Department of

Transportation, has created the Steel Bridge Research, Inspection, Training and Education Engineering Center (S-BRITE) pooled fund study; and

WHEREAS, participation in this pooled fund study will support improvements to Arkansas' bridge inspection program through training, education, consulting, and research centered around steel bridges that is tailored towards engineering and inspection staff; and

WHEREAS, participation also includes expert technical assistance for specific complex problems associated with steel bridges; and

WHEREAS, this pooled fund effort will serve as a valuable educational resource for the Department.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to participate in this pooled fund effort and to enter into necessary agreements to fulfill the Department's commitment.

2022-076

WHEREAS, Minute Order 2017-007 adopted the current Arkansas State Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Plan identified objectives and action strategies to accommodate and promote bicycle tourism in the State, including the development of a statewide bikeway network that connects to the United States Bicycle Route (USBR) System; and

WHEREAS, the USBR System is a nationwide network of city streets, county roads, trail systems, and state highways connecting urban and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is responsible for approving designations of USBR routes; and

WHEREAS, Department staff, in coordination with other State agencies, local officials, and other stakeholders, have identified and documented support for designation of USBR 80 from North Little Rock, Arkansas to the Tennessee State Line.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to apply to AASHTO for designation of USBR 80 from North Little Rock, Arkansas to the Tennessee State Line as shown on the attached sketches.

2022-077

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 1, Job No. 4-33 from Hossein Kouchehbagh, a/k/a/ Ross Kouch Bauck, and Vhideh M. Zamani, by Warranty Deed on June 19, 1999, and filed of record on July 14, 1999, as instrument number 99063867, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, this property is contiguous to State Hwy. 112 and is now necessary for Job No. 040746 and which property the Commission now holds as a capital asset, being in Washington County, more fully described as:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 30 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a ½ inch rebar being used as the Quarter Corner of Sections 27 & 28; thence North 87°18'01" West along the North line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28 a distance of 1319.36 feet to a point on the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28; thence South 02°35'05" West along said West line a distance of 463.79 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 89°15'17" East a distance of 18.96 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of Arkansas State Highway 112 as established by ARDOT Job 040746; thence South 18°56'19" East along said right of way line a distance of 41.51 feet to a point; thence South 04°48'38" East along said right of way line a distance of 97.48 feet to a point; thence South 32°11'54" West along said right of way line a distance of 22.21 feet to a point; thence South 07°03'05" East along said right of way line a distance of 78.87 feet to a point; thence South 02°52'30" West along said right of way line a distance of 74.85 feet to a point; thence North 88°08'51" West a distance of 48.58 feet to a point on the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28; thence North 02°35'05" East a distance of 307.20 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.29 Acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by ARDOT referenced as Job 040746.

NOW THEREFORE, the character of the above-described property is hereby changed from capital asset to that of right of way, hereafter designated as Tract

No. 10, Job No. 040746, a copy of this Minute Order shall, if required, be recorded in the Circuit Clerk and Recorder's office of Washington County, Arkansas, and the right of way shall, if necessary, be remonumented.

2022-078

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as the former Henderson Ferry property, also known as Henderson Ferry Superintendent Residence in connection with Job No. 5305, from Emmett and Maggie Smith by Warranty Deed dated July 28, 1943, filed for record in the Circuit Clerk's office of Baxter County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the former Henderson Ferry property was acquired by the Commission for the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,800.00); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen Brenner of Henderson, Arkansas has offered to purchase portions of the former Henderson Ferry property for the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$165,900.00), which is the current fair market value as opined by two (2) qualified appraisers; and the District Engineer for District Nine has determined that such property is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes. The portions of the former Henderson Ferry property to be declared surplus are 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 C (Encroachment)

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

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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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NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus; upon receipt of the consideration of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$165,900.00), the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying said property to Allen Brenner and Lynne Brenner, husband and wife; this Minute Order along with a copy of the deed shall be recorded in Baxter County, Arkansas and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented. Any Federal-Aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid funds.

2022-079

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract Nos. 1 and 26, Job No. R00059 from the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, by Warranty Donation Deed on June 22, 2005 and filed of record on July 19, 2005, in Book 702, Page 323, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Craighead County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, this property is contiguous to U.S. Highway 63 and is now necessary for the Parker Road Extension under Job No. 100807 and which

property the Commission now holds as a capital asset, being in Craighead County, more fully described as:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 14 North, Range 3 East, Craighead County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an Axle found at the Quarter Corner of Sections 22 and 23; thence North $88^{\circ}10'33''$ East along the South line of said Northwest Quarter a distance of 533.34 feet to the Southwesterly Right of Way of U.S. Highway 63 as established by AHTD Job 10743; thence North $43^{\circ}06'09''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 332.56 feet to a point; thence North $26^{\circ}38'23''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 112.07 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South $89^{\circ}24'12''$ West a distance of 115.09 feet to a point on the Southwesterly Right of Way of U.S. Highway 63 as established by AHTD Job 100807; thence North $25^{\circ}42'26''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 312.24 feet to a point on the West line of said Northwest Quarter; thence North $00^{\circ}27'12''$ East along said West line a distance of 219.96 feet to a point on the Southwesterly Right of Way of U.S. Highway 63 as established by AHTD Job 10743; thence South $25^{\circ}37'41''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 105.03 feet to a point; thence South $26^{\circ}38'23''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 453.53 feet the point of beginning and containing 1.01 acres (43,643 sq. ft.) more or less as shown on AHTD plans referenced as Job 100807.

NOW THEREFORE, the character of the above-described property is hereby changed from capital asset to that of right of way, hereafter designated as Tract No. 3, Job No. 100807; a copy of this Minute Order shall, if required, be recorded in the Circuit Clerk and Recorder's office of Craighead County, Arkansas, and the right of way shall, if necessary, be remonumented.

2022-080

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired properties known as Tract Nos. 63R-1 and 63R-2, Job No. 100654, from Kathryn Malloy Williams, a married person, et al., by Warranty Deed dated June 3, 2015, and filed of record on July 2, 2015, as Book 2028, Page 3240, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Mississippi County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the properties were purchased as a capital asset for the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY and NO/100 DOLLARS (\$60,550.00) and is not subject to re-acquisition by a prior owner pursuant to Ark. Code Ann § 27-67-322; and

WHEREAS, the District Engineer for District Ten has determined that Tract No. 63R-1 is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes. The property is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 14 North, Range 9 East, Mississippi County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a PK nail being used as Township Corner of Section 31, Township 15 North, Range 9 East, Section 36, Township 15 North, Range 8 East, Section 1, Township 14 North, Range 8 East, Section 6, Township 14 North, Range 9 East; thence South $00^{\circ}35'56''$ East along the West line of said North half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6 a distance of 1,330.16 feet to a point on the North line of the South half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6; thence North $89^{\circ}40'38''$ East along said North line a distance of 125.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North $89^{\circ}40'38''$ East along said North line a distance of 822.95 feet to a point; thence South $01^{\circ}01'58''$ East a distance of 660.00 feet to a point; thence North $89^{\circ}40'38''$ East a distance of 957.00 feet to a point on the East line of the South half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6; thence South $01^{\circ}01'58''$ East along said East line a distance of 482.35 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Relocated Arkansas State Highway 18 as established AHTD Job 100654; thence North $89^{\circ}51'42''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 443.61 feet to a point; thence North $77^{\circ}24'00''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 378.29 feet to a point; thence North $63^{\circ}24'00''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 378.29 feet to a point; thence North $50^{\circ}08'39''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 283.61 feet to a point; thence North $40^{\circ}39'00''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 283.11 feet to a point; thence North $32^{\circ}09'29''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 284.20 feet to a point; thence North $21^{\circ}39'04''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 260.38 feet to the point of beginning and containing 21.65 acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 100654.

WHEREAS, Nathan Sammons of Manila, Arkansas has offered to purchase Tract No. 63R-1 for the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND and NO/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00). The purchase price is based upon an opinion of the current fair market value from a qualified appraiser hired by Mr. Sammons, who has further agreed to pay the additional sum of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) in administrative fees.

NOW THEREFORE, Tract No. 63R-1, Job No. 100654, is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of THREE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS (\$303,500.00) from Mr. Sammons, 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 Sammons Property Investments, LLC, an Arkansas Limited Liability Company; 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 Mississippi 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.

2022-081

WHEREAS, IN PULASKI COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, Job CA0602 (30 Crossing) will obliterate a portion of Highway 10 and the associated ramps at the Interstate 30 Interchange; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock has requested ownership and maintenance responsibility for Highway 10 (Cumberland Street) south of President Clinton Avenue and adjacent to the 30 Crossing Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of 30 Crossing, President Clinton Avenue will serve as a logical terminus for Highway 10 in the City of Little Rock.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that upon official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the portion of Highway 10, Section 8 between Cumberland Street and Interstate 30, as shown on the attached sketch, is hereby removed from the State Highway System.

FURTHERMORE, upon receipt of a proper ordinance from the City of Little Rock the ownership and maintenance responsibility for the portion of Highway 10, Section 8 (Cumberland Street) between President Clinton Avenue and 3rd Street will be transferred to the City of Little Rock, as shown on the attached sketch.

2022-082

WHEREAS, IN RANDOLPH COUNTY, the City of Pocahontas has requested that the Department reallocate funding previously committed to widening Highway 90 between Park Street and Country Club Road and to provide the additional funding necessary to construct a bypass between Highway 90 and Highway 67; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 17-2022, the City has offered to partner with the Department by accepting ownership and responsibility for portions of Highway 90 and Highway 115; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to provide \$2,000,000 for construction of the bypass.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with local agencies and to proceed with surveys, plans, and construction of the improvements as funds become available.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon completion of the proposed bypass and official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby to be made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- The portion of Highway 90, Section 6 beginning at the intersection of the future bypass and continuing southwest to Highway 67 shall be removed from the State Highway System.
- Highway 115, Section 1 beginning at Highway 90 and continuing north to the proposed bypass shall be removed from the State Highway System.
- The newly constructed bypass shall be designated as part of Highway 90, Section 6.

2022-083

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Cleburne County, by Resolution No. 2022-05, has requested that the Cadron Creek Bridge on Highway 25 be designated as the “BL “Bozy” Johnston Memorial Bridge”; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to permit the installation of signs on each end of this bridge, as requested by the County, in accordance with the Commission Policy.

2022-084

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission will accept bids on the following projects in the August 10, 2022 letting; and

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
020588	02	JEFFERSON	11th Ave. – Harding Ave. (Hwy. 190) (Pine Bluff) (S)	190	Y
020678	02	DREW	Hwy. 278 – Hwy. 293 (S)	FUTURE I-69	Y
A30014	03	MILLER	Hwy. 67 – Hwy. 71 (Texarkana) (S)	237	Y
061472	06	LONOKE & PULASKI	Hwy. 161 Str. & Apprs. (Pulaski & Lonoke Cos.) (S)	161	N
061473	06	LONOKE	Hwy. 165 Str. & Apprs. (Lonoke Co.) (S)	165	Y
070442	07	CLARK	Hwy. 67 – Hwy. 51 (Arkadelphia Bypass) (S)	NEW	Y
A00018	10	POINSETT	L'Anguille River – Hwy. 163 South (S)	14	Y
SA4551	09	MARION	Co. Rd. 24 Overlay (S)	---	-
SA5141	09	NEWTON	Newton County Overlay No. 5 (S)	---	-
SA6444	09	SEARCY	Co. Rd. 69 Surfacing (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 Moore opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance in-person, as well as those who were watching online.

MOTIONS

MOTION Vice Chairman Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Philip Taldo seconded, and the motion passed to authorize the use of electronic signatures for the July 27, 2022 Minute Orders.

MOTION Vice Chairman Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Philip Taldo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2022 Commission Meeting.

MOTION Vice Chairman Alec Farmer moved, Commissioner Marie Holder seconded, and the motion passed to submit two applications for selected bridge projects for the Bridge Investment Program grant opportunity.

MOTION The Commission approved Minute Order 2021-074, on September 15, 2021, authorizing the Department to request proposals and enter into any necessary contracts and agreements with firms for on-call architectural services as needs are identified. Commissioner Philip Taldo moved, Commissioner Keith Gibson seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations to provide On-Call Architectural Services with the following firms:

- Garver, LLC – North Little Rock, Arkansas

- Cromwell Architects Engineers, Inc. – Little Rock, Arkansas
- CEI Engineering Associates, Inc./WER Architects/Planners – Bentonville, AR

MOTION

The Commission approved Minute Order 2015-017, on March 11, 2015, authorizing the Department to request proposals and enter into any necessary contracts and agreements with firms for environmental services as needs are identified. Commissioner Keith Gibson moved, Commissioner Marie Holder seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations to provide On-Call NEPA services with the following firms:

- Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. – Springdale, Arkansas
- Garver, LLC – North Little Rock, Arkansas
- HDR Engineering, Inc. – Little Rock, Arkansas
- HNTB Corporation – Little Rock, Arkansas
- Michael Baker International, Inc. – Little Rock, Arkansas

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patrick Patton, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the June 2022 update on State Highway Revenue. This is the year-end report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022. Mr. Patton noted that State Highway Revenues to the Department from traditional sources are up a total of 4.0% (\$17.0 million) in the SFY 2022 compared to SFY 2021. Revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax is higher this year compared to last year. Total revenues available are 10.4% (\$45.3 million) above last year. Actual State Revenue received is 12.0% (\$51.3 million) above projected (budgeted) revenue for this year. Mr. Patton stated that June revenue from the 0.5% General Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program was 12.29% higher, (\$2,529,359) than projected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A) for the month. Year to date actual revenue is above projections by 5.96% (\$14,235,131). Since inception, this revenue source is 2.28%, or \$38.7 million, above DF&A's projections.

Jared Wiley, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, updated the Commission on the status of Federal Highway and Transit funding issues. The current spending authority under the IJA for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 is set to expire on September 30. Congress

continues to work on the Appropriations for FFY 2023. The US House has already passed an Appropriations Bill for FFY 2023, which includes an increase in funding for Transportation of \$833 million. Of this, Arkansas would receive approximately \$11 million. The House Bill includes funding for Community Project Funding, or Congressionally Directed Spending Projects. These projects, totaling \$27 million are as follows:

- Future I-57, requested by Congressman Crawford - \$5 million;
- US Highway 412, requested by Congressman Crawford - \$5 million;
- Future XNA Access Road, requested by Congressman Womack - \$7 million;
- Future I-49, requested by Congressman Westerman - \$5 million; and
- Highway 270 in Garland County, requested by Congressman Westerman - \$5 million

Now that the House has passed their bill, it is up to the Senate to pass their Appropriations Bill. The Senate can add their own Community Project Funding to their bill, which would, once again, increase the amount of funding Arkansas will receive. It is expected that a Continuing Resolution will go into place at the beginning of FFY 2023 until an agreement can be reached.

Director Tudor provided an update to the Efficiency Review Recommendation Implementation. The Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee (HCRAS) met on June 16. At their meeting, there were no questions regarding the monthly progress report. The last monthly progress report was submitted on July 1; however, the HCRAS did not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled in August and a report will be submitted to the HCRAS. Director Tudor updated the Commission on the inquiry tracking recommendation. The Department's Customer Service Oversight Committee has recommended the Department execute a contract with GovQA to provide the software and training to address this need. Due to the cost being less than \$50,000, it does not require review by the Committee and implementation of this new technology is moving forward.

Director Tudor updated the Commission on recent department activities as detailed below:

- Aaron Pinedo, Advanced Transportation Planning Engineer, and Brad McCaleb, Division Engineer of Transportation Planning and Policy provided an update and overview of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure plan, which was presented to the Infrastructure Planning and Advisory Committee on July 18.
- Commissioner Philip Taldo, Director Tudor and Staff attended the Osage Creek Ribbon Cutting in Benton County on June 20.
- Chairman Moore, Commission Holder, Director Tudor, and Staff attended the 31st Annual Equipment Operator Rodeo finals Little Rock on June 23.

- ARDOT hosted its annual Engineering Intern Orientation at the Central Offices on July 12 – 13.
- All five members of the Highway Commission, Director Tudor and Staff attended the I-49 Policy Discussion event in Fort Smith on July 13 – 14.
- Director Tudor and Staff attended a ribbon cutting on Highway 133 in Crossett on July 20
- ARDOT District 10 personnel were able to complete a left turn lane project in Mississippi County near the Rivercrest School in time for the first day of school, which is August 16.

Director Tudor presented a list of upcoming meetings and events that the Director will be attending.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 11:13 p.m., July 27, 2022.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true recording of the proceedings taken by the Arkansas State Highway Commission at its meeting on [DATE].



Christie Heidelberg
Commission Secretary