

**MINUTES OF THE 622nd MEETING OF THE
OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 26, 2015**

Chairman: Good morning ladies and gentlemen, it is 10:00 a.m. Would you please rise as we say our Pledge of Allegiance.

The Meeting will come to order. Have all guests signed the sign-in sheet in the Lobby? If not, please do so prior to leaving, so we can maintain an accurate account of attendance.

Will the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer please call the roll?

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Chairman Hruby

Chairman Hruby: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Barber

Secretary-Treasurer Barber: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Dixon

Mr. Dixon: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Commissioner Paradiso

Mr. Paradiso: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Kauffman

Mr. Kauffman: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Senator Manning

Senator Manning: Here

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: We have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: This is the 622nd Meeting of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission. We are meeting here at the Commission's headquarters, as provided for in the Commission's Code of Bylaws for a Commission Special Meeting.

Various reports will be received, and we will act on several resolutions. Draft copies have previously been sent to the Members and updated drafts are in the Members' folders. The Resolutions will be explained during the appropriate reports.

May I have a motion to adopt the Minutes of the September 21, 2015, Commission Meeting? Call the roll, please.

MOTION: A motion to adopt the Minutes of the September 21, 2015, Commission Meeting was made by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Chairman Hruby. All Commission Members present voted to approve the Minutes.

Chairman: Any questions or comments before we move on to our reports? I have a couple of things I would like to say before we begin. Last week the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association met in Cleveland. While they were here, the lead story on Cleveland.com was the Director and CEO talking about the Ohio Turnpike and saying wonderful things about us and saying that it is one of the best roads in the nation, so for that kind of recognition I thought we should mention it in this meeting and let people know there are others out there that are paying attention to the way that this road is operated and the way that this Commission responds to the needs of the traveling people and to give credit to the employees of this organization, of course, our current Director, who is taking us another step above. So, I really appreciate that and just want to mention on behalf of the Commission how much we appreciate the work of the staff and the Director.

Secondly, at the 60th Anniversary, Alan Johnson, the former Director of the Commission was there and he presented us with a pair of scissors that were from the original opening of the

Turnpike, James Shocknessy, who was the original Chairman of the Board, he cut the ribbon with these scissors. The scissors are dated with this name on them and on the reverse side it says Ohio Turnpike Eastgate, October 1, 1954, so they must have cut that at that time. We thought it was a wonderful thing to add to our museum. We are grateful to Allan Johnson for bringing them here. I would like to present them to the Executive Director.

If there are no questions, we will proceed with the report of our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Barber.

Secretary-Treasurer: The following items have been sent to the Members since the last scheduled meeting of the Commission on September 21, 2015:

1. Four Resolutions;
2. Draft Minutes of the September 21, 2015, Commission Meeting; and
3. Agenda for today's meeting.

We have included in their folders for today's meeting, the following additional documents:

1. Traffic Crash Summary Report, September 2015;
2. Traffic and Revenue Report, September 2015;
3. Total Revenue by Month and Year, September 2015;
4. Investment Report, September 2015;
5. Financial Statement, September 2015;
6. Budget Report, Nine Months 2015; and
7. Various News Articles.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Any questions for Mrs. Barber? Hearing none. We will now move on to the report of the Executive Director, Randy Cole.

Director Cole: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. October, as you mentioned, has been quite a month for showcasing the Ohio Turnpike. We commemorated the October 1, 1955, opening of the Turnpike with four separate events across our corridor, Westgate, Eastgate, Exit 64 in Perrysburg, and the Turnpike's Administration Building here in Berea. The success of these events was due in large part to the collaborative effort of our team, Toll Operations, Maintenance, Marketing and Communications, Office Services and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, as well as significant community partnership, including a high school band at each location. Thank you to everyone for the preparation and participation at these events. We had great community support and media coverage showcasing our sixty years and the vital contributions the Turnpike makes across northern Ohio. The following week, on October 6, we dedicated an Ohio History Barn painting near Milepost 91. Again, it was a great community partnership between the Ohio History Connection, the Hayes Presidential Center, the Sandusky County Convention of Visitors Bureau and the Ohio Turnpike. There is no more fitting quote from President Hayes than the "bold enterprises are the successful ones," which is painted on the barn. It now can be seen by motorists traveling along our very successful enterprise for years to come. So, after starting the month reflecting on history and celebrating the Turnpike's success, work is underway to prepare for the next sixty years. Mr. Chairman, as you mentioned, October 18-20, we hosted transportation industry leaders at the International Bridge, Tunnel, & Turnpike Association's New Media, Communications in Human Resources Workshop. It was a great opportunity for Ohio Turnpike leadership to learn about best practices from experts around the country and share what we are doing here in Ohio. Lauren Hakos, our Training and Development Manager, served as Chief Meeting Organizer for the entire conference.

As we prepare for this year's snow and ice season the equipment is ready, inspections are done and efforts are underway to communicate with the public about traveling safely and sharing the road with our crews and plows this winter. I am happy to report that we had very successful and well attended Open Houses at each of our eight maintenance buildings this past Saturday. Great work by Chris Matta and all of our foremen to prepare the equipment and host the Open Houses. However, our activity preparing for this winter isn't just on the road. We have a resolution before you today about our upgraded email system. By partnering with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Turnpike employees with current email accounts will see improved performance along with more features and functionality, which will be rolled out in the coming months. More importantly, for the first time all 950 Turnpike employees will have an email account. In addition, field staff will be able to access their accounts and the Turnpike extranet from home or at their work location through Turnpike provided equipment. More details will be announced soon. This extension of technology will enable us to share information more quickly to all employees and receive more information from the field. This is an important step in moving forward at a twenty-first century operation. I have to thank Bill Keaton and Chriss Pogorelc and the entire Technology Department for carefully planning to make this happen. As always the combined effort of our team in these projects makes me Turnpike proud. If the General Counsel would please read the Resolved.

General Counsel: RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the expenditure of funds under a continuing Memorandum of Understanding with the **State of Ohio's Department of Administrative Services and its Office of Information Technology** to furnish the Commission with its requirements for Microsoft G3 and K1 Licenses, software assurance maintenance support and license management services providing access to Commission employees to Microsoft Office products in the amount equal to the OBM-approved rate for each Commission user is approved.

Chairman: I will move adoption of the motion. Is there a second?

Mrs. Barber: Second

Chairman: Any questions or comments? Hearing none. Please call the roll.

MOTION: A motion to adopt the *Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Take Action Obtaining Licenses, Support and Maintenance for Microsoft Products from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services* was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mrs. Barber, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present.

Chairman: Thank you. The Resolution passes unanimously.

Director Cole: One final item, Mr. Chairman, I would like your assent to my appointment of Marty Seekely as Deputy Executive Director. Article V, Section 2.0 of the bylaws requires that you appoint a Deputy Executive Director to act in my absence. Marty has served as Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller for the Commission since May 2010. Before coming to the Commission he worked in private industry for thirty-one years in various financial management positions and has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1985. From 1993 until 2009, he held various financial positions at PharMor, Inc., including Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Controller and Assistant Controller. From 1990 until 1993, he served as a Controller for Boston Distributors and was employed by Fisher Foods from 1979 until 1989 in various positions including Controller and Assistant Controller. Mr. Chairman, I would ask that you entertain a motion to assent to my recommendation of Marty Seekely for the position of Deputy Executive Director.

Chairman: Yes, I will make a motion to assent to the appointment of Marty Seekely as the Deputy Executive Director. Is there a second?

Mr. Paradiso: Second

Chairman: Any questions or comments? Hearing none. Please call the roll.

MOTION: A motion to *Assent to the Appointment of Martin Seekely as the Deputy Executive Director* was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mr. McAuliffe, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present.

Chairman: It passes unanimously. Marty, on behalf of the Commission, you continue to do wonderful things for us. You do an outstanding job operating our financial needs and you watch over us very well. We truly appreciate that.

Is there anything else, Director?

Director Cole: That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: We will move on with our Chief Engineer, Tony Yacobucci.

Chief Engineer: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commission Members. I have one resolution for your consideration this morning. The first resolution for your consideration is to award Contract No. 56-15-08 for furnishing and installing a pre-engineered steel building at the Hiram Maintenance Facility at Milepost 198.6 in Portage County, Ohio. This work is included in the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget. On September 15, 2015, two bids were received via Bid Express with the apparent low bid being submitted by Hummel Construction Company, of Ravenna, Ohio, in the amount of \$372,400.00, which includes a base bid of \$350,000.00 and Option 1 in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the concrete approach slabs, and Option 2 in the amount \$14,400.00 for the infrared tube heat system. The bid submitted by Hummel is about 35% below the Engineer's Estimate. Hummel has not previously performed work for the Commission, therefore additional due diligence was performed. A review of the company's financial records by the CFO/Comptroller were found to be acceptable. Several references were contacted and all reported favorably to work performed by Hummel. A review of current work in progress indicates that Hummel has sufficient capacity to complete this contract in accordance with the project schedule. It should be noted that Hummel has committed 5% DBE participation on this project. It is recommended that Contract No. 56-15-08 be awarded to Hummel Construction Company, of Ravenna, Ohio, in the amount of \$372,400.00. The

resolution also contains provisions to assign ACA Engineering, Inc., of Youngstown, Ohio, to perform inspection and material testing services. With your permission, may the General Counsel please read the Resolved?

General Counsel: RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the bid of **Hummel Construction Company**, of **Ravenna, Ohio**, in the amount of **\$372,400.00**, including the Base Bid, Options 1 and 2, for Contract No. 56-15-08 is approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bid received and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a Contract on the basis of its bid; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission approves the assignment of **ACA Engineering, Inc.**, of **Youngstown, Ohio**, to perform the necessary inspection and testing services for the Project; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Contract No. 56-15-08 is designated a Renewal and Replacement Project under the Commission's 2013 Master Trust Agreement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director has the authority to approve such extra work or change orders under either contract for the Project as a result of an increase in the planned quantities, newly mandated requirements that did not exist at the time of original contract awards, or circumstances that would create a life, safety, or health threatening situation or would unduly delay the completion of the Project and increase its costs.

Chairman: I will move adoption of the Resolution. Is there a second?

Mr. McAuliffe: Second

Chairman: Any questions or comments?

Mr. Paradiso: I have a comment, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I note there were only two bidders and this bid came in 30% less than the Engineer's Estimate. I appreciate your due diligence in making sure this contractor has the capacity and capability in finishing it. I am encouraged that we get new contractors. I think this is important that we try and get bids out or award contracts to new contractors and I am encouraged, I am concerned a little bit about the price, but then again I applaud us for spreading the contracts out.

Chairman: Any idea why only two contractors bid? We had thirteen or fourteen contractors pick up plans, is that correct?

Chief Engineer: Yes, you are correct. Some of the contractors that did pick up plans were not really capable of doing the work. They were looking at potentially subcontracting some of the work like the concrete work, so some of the contractors that did pick up plans were not necessarily going to be a prime bidder.

Mrs. Barber: Tony, did you have a conversation with the other bidder. There was such a disparity in the bids. Any reason why there was such a vast difference in the pricing.

Chief Engineer: Mr. Chairman and Commission Member Barber, in order to develop our estimate, we were working with two other independent contractors that do metal building construction and our estimate was actually around \$500,000.00. It was based on discussions with these contractors and what they thought the costs would be, and again, these were just planning estimates. The cost of what we thought it was going to be, around \$500,000.00, versus the \$370,000.00 that was low bid, and I believe the \$700,000.00 that the other contractor bid is somewhat in the ballpark. The other contractor, obviously, was quite a bit higher.

Chairman: Any other questions?

Mr. Dixon: I am a little concerned about the language where it says “they have committed to and they have utilized a good faith effort to find,” but did they actually find DBE participation on the project? Is there DBE participation on the project?

Chief Engineer: Mr. Chairman and Commission Member Dixon, there is 5% DBE participation. Mark, can you address that any further?

Director of Contracts Administration: Yes, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Dixon. The contract documents now require the contractor to utilize good faith efforts regardless of the participation that they are committed to achieving. The new DBE program manager reviewed

those documents submitted by the contractor to document and demonstrate their utilization of good faith and she found that they were satisfactorily demonstrating that they did use good faith in identifying the opportunities that a DBE contractor can perform on it and retaining those folks that were available to fulfill those opportunities under the contract.

Mr. Dixon: Is there 5% participation?

Director of Contracts Administration: Yes, there is a commitment to 5% participation.

Mr. Dixon: Is there a 5% participant? You said committed to. I want you to tell me yes or no if there is a 5% participant.

Director of Contracts Administration: Yes, it's a contractual obligation of the contractor to achieve 5% participation in the contract.

Mr. Dixon: Thank you. That is what I wanted to know.

Director Cole: Mr. Chairman, one quick comment on this matter. So, you will consistently, going forward, see this language in our letters and in our communications. As most of you know, we are participating with ODOT on a disparity study and working with staff in their office and working with people in the industry. We are clarifying not just our DBE and MBE numbers and outreach, but also our processes. So that language that is in there is 1) there is 5% participation in this contract itself, but no matter what someone proposes we now have a formal process that Diana Anthony goes through to verify what their outreach efforts were, which companies they sought to verify that is a real number and they made a good faith effort to get the highest number they could. You will continue to see that type of language that explains what they are doing as part of this contract, but also that we verify the process they went through.

Mr. Dixon: Thank you. One last comment. Although, 5% is small number, I will take it, but when you have small numbers like that there is a tendency to sometimes for you to just bring somebody on and give them \$19,000.00, and they do not do anything. I am more interested in making sure that these people do work and learn, so they can come back and bid on their own. That is something that I think we should make sure we do follow-up on and make sure this work is actually being done.

Director Cole: Thank you Mr. Dixon. Absolutely, so as we work this year and we get through the end of the disparity study and given the opportunity, Diana Anthony will present more on what our internal processes are, including the tracking of the work, so we are going to more easily be able to report back to you which companies, how many jobs, how much of the actual spend more quickly and clearly out of our accounting system and for the specific purposes of tracking this for both our efforts, as well as the rest of the rest of the state.

Mr. Dixon: That is great. Thank you.

Chairman: Very good. Anything else? Any further questions or comments? Hearing none. Please call the roll.

MOTION: A motion to adopt the *Resolution Awarding Contract No. 56-15-08, Furnishing and Installing a Pre-Engineered Steel Building at the Hiram Maintenance Facility in Portage County* was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mr. Paradiso, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present.

Chairman: The resolution passes unanimously. Anything further, Tony?

Chief Engineer: That completes my report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We will move on to the report of our CFO/Comptroller and Deputy Executive Director, Marty Seekely.

CFO/Comptroller: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an update on our traffic and revenue for the month of September and our financial results through the first nine months of the year.

This first chart shows the monthly passenger car miles traveled on the Ohio Turnpike over the past 2 years.

As I mentioned last month, Labor Day was September 1st last year and not until September 7th this year. This calendar shift cause passenger car vehicle miles traveled to decline 1.5% in August and increase 8.7% in September from the same months last year.

Commercial traffic continued to benefit from the improving economy and was 3.8% higher than September of last year.

This chart shows the total vehicle miles traveled through the month of September during each year over the past decade.

Total vehicle miles traveled for the first nine months of this year were 4.4% higher than the amount from last year.

The 8.7% increase in traffic combined with the toll rate increase on January 1 of this year caused passenger car toll revenues to increase 10.3% from September of last year.

The increase in commercial traffic combined with the toll rate increase resulted in commercial vehicle toll revenues increasing 5.7% from last year.

This chart shows the year-to-date toll revenues through the month of September during each year over the past decade.

Toll revenues through September were \$12 million or 6.0% above the amount from last year.

This report shows the actual and budgeted revenues, expenditures and transfers for the General Fund for the first nine months of the year.

Total revenues for the first nine months of the year are \$7.6 million or 3.4% above budget and \$12.8 million or 5.9% above last year. Most of the revenue increase is due to the increase in toll revenues.

Concession revenues were higher as a result of the increase in traffic and reduced construction at the service plaza locations this year.

Other revenues are higher due to increased *E-ZPass*[®] transponder fee revenues and gains on the disposal of fixed assets.

Expenditures for operation, maintenance and administration for the first nine months of the year were \$3.4 million or 3.8% lower than budgeted and \$1.3 million or 1.6% higher than last year.

Most of the savings from budget were related to lower than budgeted toll collector salary expense, compensated absence costs, health insurance costs, salt costs and lower charges from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The increase in costs from last year are primarily due to increased salt costs and credit card fees.

Debt service payments are \$678,000.00 less than budget due to higher than expected interest income on debt service funds and infrastructure funds.

After paying our operating expenses and debt service, the balance of the revenue is used to fund our 2015 Capital expenditures.

\$75.6 million was transferred to our capital funds in the first nine months of the year, which is \$10.3 million higher than budget.

That completes my report Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Any questions for Marty? Hearing none. We will move on to the report of the General Counsel.

General Counsel: Mr. Chairman, I have two resolutions to present. The first is concerning pending litigation and the second pertains to the Vice Chairman position.

Mrs. Barber: Mr. Chairman, I move that we hold an Executive Session to discuss to discuss litigation matters under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). At the end of such Executive Session, the Commission shall resume its open meeting.

MOTION: A motion to enter into Executive Session is made by Mrs. Barber, seconded by Mr. McAuliffe, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present. (Time 10:27 a.m.)

Chairman: It passes unanimously. We are in Executive Session.

Mrs. Barber: I move that we conclude the Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Sections 121.22(G)(3) and resume the open meeting of the Commission.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the Executive Session is made by Mrs. Barber, seconded by Chairman Hruby, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present. (Time 10:38 a.m.)

Chairman: We are back in session. Thank you for your patience. Let us move on to report of the General Counsel.

General Counsel: Mr. Chairman, I would like present a resolution to the Commission Members. May I please read the Resolved?

Chairman: Before you do, let me introduce this Resolution. We are without a Vice Chairman and the Commission needs to have a Vice Chairman. That will be after this next Resolution. We have two Resolutions to present you. The first is regarding the pending

litigation, which was discussed in the Executive Session. The second Resolution will be to appoint a new Vice Chairman. If you would proceed with the first Resolution.

General Counsel: RESOLVED that the General Counsel be, and she is hereby instructed to do or cause to be done all things that may be appropriate or necessary, whether by agreement or through legal proceedings, to defend the Commission as necessary and to assert any claims the Commission may have against Travelers under its public officials insurance policy; and to pursue the recovery of all costs or expenses incurred by the Commission in undertaking its legal defense with respect to the Ullmo Case currently pending against the Commission; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the continued retention of **Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP**, of **Cleveland, Ohio**, is authorized by the Commission, under the supervision of the General Counsel, for the purpose of providing legal services required to defend the Commission in the Ullmo Lawsuit.

Chairman: Are there any questions or comments? Hearing none, please call the roll.

MOTION: A motion to adopt the *Resolution Authorizing Legal Expenditures to Defend the Lawsuit filed by Melissa Ullmo* was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mr. Paradiso, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present.

Chairman: The Resolution passes unanimously. Please continue.

General Counsel: Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.02(C) and Article I of the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013, the Commission shall include a chairperson, vice chairperson and a secretary-treasurer.

The chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary-treasurer, shall serve until the next election, which shall be held at the first meeting of the Commission held after the 30th day of June, 2019, or until the respective successor is elected and qualified, or until such officer individually shall cease to be a member of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.

Pursuant to Sec. 1.10 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013, the Commission must elect a vice chairperson in the event the position of vice chairman becomes vacant.

The position of vice chairperson is currently vacant the Commission shall hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Chairman: I would like to make a motion to appoint Timothy Paradiso to serve as the Vice Chairman. Is there a second?

Mrs. Barber: Second.

Chairman: Any questions? Hearing none. Please call the roll.

MOTION: A motion to *appoint Timothy Paradiso as the Vice Chairman* was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mrs. Barber and approved by all Commission Members present, with the exception of Mr. Paradiso who abstained.

Chairman: General Counsel, please read the Resolved.

General Counsel: RESOLVED that the election of Timothy Paradiso, as Vice-Chairman of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.02(C) and Article I of the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013, to serve until the next election, which shall be held at the first meeting of the Commission held after the 30th day of June, 2019, or until the respective successor is elected and qualified, or until such officer individually shall cease to be a member of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, hereby is confirmed as having taken place at this meeting in accordance with law and the Commission's Code of Bylaws dated July 1, 2013, and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer is directed to enter this resolution in the journal of the Commission as a record thereof.

Chairman: Any questions or comments?

MOTION: A motion to adopt the *Resolution Confirming Election of Vice Chairman* was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mrs. Barber, and approved by all Commission Members present, with the exception of Mr. Paradiso who abstained.

Chairman: Congratulations, Mr. Paradiso. You are duly elected and we wish you well. You have been here two years and you've learned a lot about the Commission. We have learned a lot about you and you have done an outstanding job. It was without question that this would be a good thing for the Commission to have you as its Vice Chairman.

Mr. Paradiso: Thank you.

Chairman: Anything else, Jennifer?

General Counsel: No, that concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Any questions for Jennifer before we move on? Hearing none we will move on to the report of our Financial Advisor, Bethany Pugh.

Financial Advisor: No report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: General Consultant, Scott Buchanan?

General Consultant: No report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Financial Consultant, Frank Lamb.

Financial Consultant: No report, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ohio State Highway Patrol, Staff Lieutenant Weirtz.

S/Lt. Weirtz: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commission Members. October has been a very busy month for our criminal patrol troopers and their K-9s on the Ohio Turnpike. I would like to report on several of their more significant seizures. On October 6, 2015, Trooper Schell stopped a 2008 Chevy Impala bearing a West Virginia license plate. He and K-9, Jimmy, seized 1.5 pounds of marijuana and 9 small containers of hashish in the trunk and U.S. currency totaling \$3,500.00. On October 7, 2015, Sergeant Timberlake stopped a 2001 Hyundai Elantra. He along with Trooper McGill and K-9, Ito, seized 599 prescriptions pills, including Xanax, Oxycodone, Ecstasy and a loaded 45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, which was entered stolen. On October 14, 2015, Sergeant Laughlin stopped a 2004 Chevy Monte Carlo bearing a Michigan plate. Sergeant Laughlin seized 255 Oxycodone pills inside the trunk. On October 20, 2015, Trooper Richardson stopped a 2015 Nissan Altima bearing a Pennsylvania plate. Trooper Richardson seized two pounds of marijuana. On the same date, Sergeant Laughlin stopped a 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix bearing a Michigan plate. Sergeant Laughlin seized two large baggies of pills total 300 Oxycodone pills. Lastly, on October 21, 2015, Trooper Trader stopped a 2001

Suzuki SUV with a West Virginia license plate. Trooper Trader seized a small amount of marijuana and ten ounces of heroine.

I would like to recap the hostage incident that occurred in Lorain County on October 21, 2015, which did affect traffic on the Ohio Turnpike. At approximately 7:30 p.m., the South Amherst Fire Department responded to a brush fire at a residence in the 100 block of Hornyak Court, which is in the area of the Amherst Maintenance Building on the eastbound side of the Turnpike. At approximately 8:00 p.m., the Lorain County Sheriff's Department contact OSHP dispatch and ordered the Turnpike be closed in that area due to the suspect holding two firefighters hostage at gun point with a rifle. Units from the Milan and Elyria Posts, as well as Turnpike Maintenance responded and closed the entrances at Milepost 135 and Milepost 140. Traffic was diverted off the Turnpike in that area as well. At approximately 8:26 p.m., Troopers closed both eastbound and westbound lanes from the 135 until the 140. At approximately 9:17 p.m., the suspect was taken into custody and all lanes were reopened. The coordinated response of Troopers from the Milan and Elyria Posts and Turnpike Maintenance resulted in traffic being safely diverted and no secondary incidents. While closing a section of the Turnpike is always a difficult decision, in this instance it was necessary for the safety of motorists and responding officers. Fortunately, the incident was mitigated quickly by the Lorain County Sheriff's Department and the effects of traffic was minimal.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report.

Chairman: Thank you. Any questions for the Lieutenant? Another fine month and great job by you and your troopers. Thank you very much, we appreciate it.

The next meeting of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. If there is no further business I will call for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn is made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mrs. Barber, and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present.

Time of adjournment: 10:50 a.m.

Attendees for Record Keeping Purposes:

Scott Buchanan, AECOM; Bethany Pugh, PFM; Don Graves, Buckley King; Jacob Siesel, IUOE Local 18; Preston Young, IUOE Local 18; Frank Lamb, Huntington; Brian Regueiro, PFM; Peter Lee, Resource International; Chris Cummings, Michael Baker; Gene Baxendale, Hill International; Mike McCarn, Hatch Mott; Dennis Golem, Wells Fargo; Bob Rich, PFM; Jennifer Stueber, Ohio Turnpike; Anthony Yacobucci, Ohio Turnpike; Tommie Jo Marsilio, Ohio Turnpike; Martin Seekely, Ohio Turnpike; David Miller, Ohio Turnpike; Sharon Isaac, Ohio Turnpike; Helen Guggenbiller, Ohio Turnpike; Jennifer Diaz, Ohio Turnpike; Debra Klooz, Ohio Turnpike; Dennis Albrecht, Ohio Turnpike; Mark Musson, Ohio Turnpike; Chris Matta, Ohio Turnpike; Joe Mannion, Ohio Turnpike; William Keaton, Ohio Turnpike; Chriss Pogorelc, Ohio Turnpike; Lisa Mejac, Ohio Turnpike; and Brian Newbacher, Ohio Turnpike.

Approved as a correct transcript of the proceedings
of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

Sandra K. Barber, Secretary-Treasurer