

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING
JULY 9, 1953

Pursuant to call of the Chairman the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in special open session in its offices at 139 East Gay Street in Columbus, Ohio, at 2:40 P. M. on July 9, 1953, with the key members of its staff, representatives of the Consulting Engineers, of the Trustee, members of the press, and others in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, the roll was called, and the attendance was reported to be as follows:

Present: Allen, Teagarden, Linzell, McKay, Shocknessy.

Absent: None.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present.

The Chairman stated that the Commission had been convened in special meeting that waiver of written notice had been given by all the members, and that all members had accepted oral notice of the meeting and were present. He said that the meeting had been specially convened because the Chief Engineer and Mr. Donnelly had evolved some opinions from the discussions of the morning meeting which had been discussed with the members of the Commission at luncheon, and that the Chief Engineer and Mr. Donnelly had asked that the Commission reconvene in order to hear those opinions and take any action suited to them.

The Chief Engineer advised the Commission that bids were scheduled to be received on July 15, 1953, for construction sections C-8, C-9, and C-10, the completion date for construction of which had been established at December 15, 1954. He stated his belief that a later completion date might induce lower prices for the work on those sections, and he suggested that the completion date be changed to June 30, 1955. He pointed out that it was already beyond the latest date for issuance of an addendum for those contracts and he recommended that the Commission cancel the letting scheduled for July 15, 1953, that proper notice be given to contractors who had taken out bidding forms and that the Commission re-advertise the work for those construction sections at a later date.

The Chief Engineer stated that contracts for construction sections C-11 and C-12 were scheduled for the receipt of bids on

July 22, 1953, and that the construction of these two sections was scheduled for completion on December 15, 1954. He stated his belief that the time for completion of contracts C-11 and C-12 should be extended to June 30, 1955, and recommended that the Commission authorize the extension of the completion date for those two contracts by the issuance of an addendum.

Mr. Donnelly stated that on the basis of a complete analysis of the bids received on July 8, 1953, the Consulting Engineer was of the opinion that excessively high bids would be received again on July 15, 1953. He stated his belief that in fairness to the contractors it would be preferable to cancel the letting scheduled for July 15, 1953, rather than to receive the bids. He concurred in the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that the completion date for contracts C-11 and C-12 be extended to June 30, 1955.

The General Counsel agreed that it was entirely proper and valid that the action recommended by the Chief Engineer and concurred in by the Consulting Engineer be taken. Each member of the Commission expressed himself as being entirely in accord with the recommendation made by the Chief Engineer.

Resolution No. 304-1953, cancelling letting of contracts C-8, C-9, C-10, C-8&9, C-9&10, and C-8, 9&10, was moved for adoption by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Teagarden as follows:

"WHEREAS the Commission has advertised for bids for the construction of portions of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1 which have been designated as construction sections 8, 9, and 10, said bids to be received on July 15, 1953; and

WHEREAS the Commission has determined that such bids should not be received at said date and pursuant to the terms and conditions hitherto specified therefor, because it is of the opinion that the completion dates which the Commission has specified are such as to make it likely that the prices to be bid will be unduly high;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the letting scheduled for July 15, 1953 be and the same hereby is cancelled; that bids shall not be received on said date for contracts Nos. C-8, C-9, C-10, C-8&9, C-9&10, and C-8, 9&10; and that the chief engineer be, and hereby he is, directed forthwith to cause notice of this cancellation to be communicated to all persons who have bought contract documents for any of said contracts. "

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all members responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes, Allen, Teagarden, Linzell, McKay, Shocknessy.

Nays, none.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 305-1953, changing completion dates under contracts C-11, C-12, and C-11&12 was moved for adoption by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Linzell as follows:

"WHEREAS, on the basis of evidence recently received in the form of bid prices for other contracts for construction of portions of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, the Commission is of the opinion that the completion dates specified in the forms of contracts C-11, C-12, and C-11&12 are too early and will result in unduly high prices being bid for those contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the date for completion to the point of opening for traffic specified in the contract documents for contracts Nos. C-11, C-12, and C-11&12 be changed of June 30, 1955, and that the date for completion of all other work required under the aforesaid contract documents be changed to December 1, 1955; and that the chief engineer and general counsel be, and hereby they are, directed forthwith to issue an addendum to said contract documents giving effect to said changes. "

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all members responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes, McKay, Linzell, Teagarden, Allen, Shocknessy

Nays, none.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted, and instructed the Chief Engineer to advise the Ohio Contractors Association through Mr. C. E. McKee of the events of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the meeting adjourn subject to call of the Chairman. A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all members responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes, Teagarden, McKay, Linzell, Allen, Shocknessy.

Nays, none.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 3:00 o'clock P. M.

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



A. J. Allen, Secretary-Treasurer.