

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING
June 26, 1962

Pursuant to bylaws, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in regular session in Room 907 of the Ohio Departments Building, Columbus, Ohio at 11:00 A. M., Eastern Standard Time, on June 26, 1962 with the key members of its staff, representatives of the Consulting Engineers, of the Trustee, of the Auditor of State, 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: Winter, Chastang, Preston, Shocknessy.

Absent: Teagarden.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present. He said Mr. Teagarden was unavoidably out of the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Preston, that the minutes for the meeting of May 1, 1962 which had been examined by the Members of the Commission and on which the corrections suggested by the Members had been made be approved without reading.

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

Ayes: Chastang, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the minutes stood adopted with the four Members present voting in the affirmative.

The Chairman reported that the June revenue looked like it would be in excess of the revenue for the month of June in 1961 by more than \$100,000. He said the Commission's revenue for May 1962 was \$113,000 greater than that for May of 1961. He said the total revenue for the first two quarters of 1962 exceeded the first two quarters of 1961 by approximately \$900,000.

The Chairman reported further that during June the Trustee acquired another \$1,603,000 of Ohio Turnpike bonds, making a total

of \$6, 355, 000 turnpike bonds which had been retired of the original issue. He said the Commission was especially gratified to see the total rise and see its accumulated debt lessened. He said that the Commission could take pride in the prestige which its securities enjoyed in the financial marts of the nation.

The Chairman reported further that the reports the Commission had of the operation of the cafeteria run by Howard Johnson Company at Great Lakes Service Plaza which was opened on May 1 indicated that great public acceptance was being given the cafeteria. He said the Commission believed that the Gladioux Corporation would open a cafeteria at Tiffin River Service Plaza very soon. He said it was his personal belief that the public could get faster and more satisfactory service in cafeterias than in the regular dining rooms as they had been operated that far. He said they had been operated well and as efficiently as possible but it was his belief that when the traveler who was in a hurry went into the restaurant and sat down and waited time seemed longer to him just because he was waiting than it seemed if he were going through a cafeteria line doing something for himself and being occupied. He said he therefore thought the cafeteria was likely to have more satisfied customers.

The Chairman reported further that in a few months the Commission would have before it a resolution to transfer accumulated leave of employees to the succeeding year. He said he would like to recommend that every effort be made to reduce the amount of annual leave which would be necessarily transferred before the end of the year. He said he was of the opinion that the Commission had a good, efficient organization and a good, efficient organization could accommodate the vacations in an orderly fashion and accordingly he recommended that the accumulated leave be taken as much as possible so that by the end of the year there would not be as much accumulated leave as there had been before.

The Chairman reported further that he had before him the report of the Auditor of the State of Ohio of the operations of the Commission for the year 1961. He said it was addressed to the Chairman of the Commission and delivered to him by the Auditor of State. He read the letter of transmittal as follows:

"June 22, 1962

"Dear Mr. Shocknessy:

"Your copy of the Auditor's report of the Ohio Turnpike Commission for the calendar year 1961 is being sent today.

"I wish to extend to you personal congratulations, as Chairman of the Commission, and also the members, on the turnpike operations.

"The fiscal management and operation policies are especially outstanding during this period when there are so many instances of deficit spending. Particular reference is made to the purchase from accumulated earnings of \$4, 687, 000. 00 of the Turnpike Commission's outstanding bonds.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ James A. Rhodes

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The Chairman said he had not had the opportunity to examine the report of the Auditor in detail but he had no doubt that it was a very competent report. He asked the representative of the Auditor who was present to report to the Auditor that the Commission had received the report and that it was grateful for his gracious letter.

The Chairman reported further that he had before him a lot of letters apparently resultant from a bulletin dated June 20, 1962 sent out by The Ohio Association of Broadcasters. He said the letters were all pretty much alike. He said it surprised him that The Ohio Association of Broadcasters did not know that the Commission reacted in reverse geometric proportion to the amount of pressure that anybody, no matter who, thought to put on it. . He read a portion of one letter as follows:

"We might suggest that the Ohio Turnpike Commission invite representatives of The Ohio Association of Broadcasters to appear before them to present facts pertinent to this issue. This can be arranged by contacting Carlton Dargusch, Secretary-Treasurer of The Ohio Association of Broadcasters."

The Chairman said also it had not been his custom in the years he had been Chairman of the Commission to use that miserable work "contact" nor to ask any independent advice. He said any facts could be presented to the Commission at its meetings. He said everybody

knew when the Commission met in Room 907 of the Ohio Departments Building or elsewhere and who the Members were apparently except the members of the Association. The Chairman referred to a bulletin of The Ohio Association of Broadcasters addressed to "All Radio Members" under date of June 20, 1962 on the subject "Turnpike 'ROADAR'", copies of which went out to him, Charles Chastang, O. L. Teagarden, and Dale Fulton. He said Dale Fulton, so far as he knew, was a man who had been in the administration of Governor C. William O'Neill and who was on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. He said he did not know whether the bulletin and letters were being sent to Mr. Fulton because he was on the Utilities Commission or whether they were being sent to him because whoever sent out the bulletin thought Mr. Fulton belonged on the Turnpike Commission.

The Chairman said also that consideration of the matter of radio on the turnpike was going to be objectively addressed by the Commission and if the use of radio on a system similar to that being installed on the Indiana Toll Road was in the best interest of the public, one could be sure that regardless of any pressure placed upon the Commission by anybody the interests of the whole public would be served. He said it was not his intention to urge and had not been his intention to urge introduction of the service on the turnpike at that time. He said he would admit he was much more interested in doing it since he had had all the pressure letters against it than he had been before. The Chairman said he had great respect for the agencies of communication in Ohio. He said he had many times indicated that the turnpike from end to end had a sub base of law books which were cemented together by public opinion well informed by the agencies of public communication in Ohio. He said nobody had more respect for the agencies of public communication including radio, television and newspapers than he did and than the Commission did. He said the Commission stood ready to hear from the Secretary-Treasurer of The Ohio Association of Broadcasters or anybody else who represented The Ohio Association of Broadcasters. He said the first thing the Commission would be glad to let Mr. Dargusch and The Ohio Association of Broadcasters know was who the Members of the Commission were. He said Mr. Fulton, who might have made a very fine Member and who might be a very fine Member were he a Member of the Commission, just was not on it.

The Chairman said also that he had very little else to say except to say that the Commission intended to examine the Indiana experiment. He said the Commission had never in its existence done anything that was precipitant. He said the Commission had never done anything that

was not in the best interests of the public, including the user of the turnpike and including the investor. He said the Commission had a responsibility to the whole public and if the radio stations wanted to decide that they would never use the Chairman's name again he would have to bear up with it. He said some implications in the letters might be so interpreted. He said he could not care less. The Chairman said what he and the other Members had done for years had always been in the interest of the whole public including the radio industry. He said that when a radio communication system was proposed to the Commission it was not proposed to the Commission on any basis except as a service. He said it should be understood for everybody's benefit that if the Commission should seek bids on a radio communication system on the turnpike, as he had made clear at the last meeting, the specifications would not be tailor-made for anybody. He said specifications would be specifications which were in the best interests of the turnpike, which belonged to the whole public. The Chairman said the matter would be considered objectively on its merits and everybody including the members of The Ohio Association of Broadcasters and anybody else would get a chance to bid.

The Chairman asked the representative of the Consulting Engineers if the Consulting Engineers had examined the radio communications program. Mr. Fred S. Cresswell, a representative of the Consulting Engineers, said the Consulting Engineers looked upon the program with favor from the standpoint of public safety. The Chairman, with consent of the other Members, asked the Consulting Engineers to submit a report which would give the Commission an objective analysis of the prospective kind of radio communications service. He said the service was one which might or might not be desirable. He said no emergency existed with respect to the service and it was certainly going to get the full examination of the Commission before anything was done about it. He said whatever might be done would be done on an objective basis after a full consideration of the economic feasibility and of social and safety considerations.

In response to questions by Mr. Chastang the Executive Director said that the prospective radio communications system was not then operating in Indiana or anywhere.

The Chairman said also that he had given much too much attention to the radio communication business but he had done it because the campaign by the members of The Ohio Association of Broadcasters had been conducted in a fashion that no campaign had ever been conducted upon the Commission before. He said there was

no doubt he didn't like that kind of campaign. He said he did not like pressure campaigns. He said he had as much interest and as much respect for one man's views validly presented, validly entertained and honestly entertained as he had for an accumulation of letters from an association. He said he considered that the directors of the Association did not know how to operate. He said one of the directors did call and tell him that the campaign did not represent an action by the board of directors. He said everyone of the people who wrote to the Members was entitled to the same kind of consideration and the radio industry was entitled to the same kind of consideration by the Turnpike Commission, a public agency, that any person and any other group of people in any association was entitled to. He said anybody could accumulate all the letters they liked and he was not likely personally and neither was the Commission likely to be intimidated. He said the Commission would undertake the radio communications program only if it thought it ought to be done. The Chairman said that if the program was in the interest of the public, if it had economic and social feasibility, it would be done. He said that if it did not possess those virtues, it would not be done. He said it should be understood that at the next meeting the Commission would have a report on the feasibility of the proposal from the Consulting Engineers, that the proposal was not by an independent company, that the proposal was by the Executive Director, and if the proposal should be entertained it would be entertained on the basis of a specification which would be offered that anybody could furnish the services not just somebody who was offering it in Indiana or any place else.

The Chairman said that in the absence of further questions the report of the Chairman would be accepted as offered. He said the report of the Secretary-Treasurer would be received.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer reported for the Secretary-Treasurer that since the last meeting the following had been sent to all Members:

1. Traffic and Revenue Reports for April and May 1962.
2. Financial Reports as of April 30 and May 31, 1962.
3. Accountants' Report, Financial Statements of Ohio Turnpike Commission (Construction Fund) as of March 31, 1962.
4. Detail of investment transactions for May 1962.
5. Draft of the minutes for the May 1, 1962 meeting.

The Chairman said that in the absence of questions the report of the Secretary-Treasurer would be accepted as offered. He said the report of the Executive Director would be received.

The Executive Director reported that all painting of center and edge lines on the main traveled lanes of the turnpike had been completed on June 15th of 1962. He said that date was the earliest yet for completion of the line-painting program and was one day earlier than the date of completion in 1961. He said that in striping the turnpike in 1962 approximately 20,000 gallons of white paint, more than 1,500 gallons of yellow paint and approximately 120,000 pounds of glass beads had been used. He said it was expected the final cost would not exceed the budgeted amount of \$50,000.

The Director of Highways said the staff was to be commended on getting the striping done early.

The Executive Director reported further that many of the service buildings and the administration building on the turnpike had been surveyed by the Federal Government to determine the feasibility of their possible use as fall-out shelters to provide protection in the event of nuclear attack. He said the Commission was in receipt of notice from the Coordinator of Civil Defense for Cuyahoga County that the administration building had been selected as a potential shelter. He said a further examination would be necessary to determine whether the building met all the requirements necessary to designating it as a shelter. He said permission to make the examination had been requested and given. He said that if the building met the requirements for a shelter the Federal Government would mark appropriate areas as shelter spaces and maintain on the premises shelter equipment and stocks of food estimated to require about one cubic foot per person of the shelter capacity. He said the appropriate available space was not likely to exceed the number of daytime employees in the building.

The Chairman said that in the absence of questions the report of the Executive Director would be accepted as offered. He said the report of the Committee on Service Plazas would be received.

The Executive Director reported for the Chairman of the Committee on Service Plazas, Mr. Teagarden, that a plan which was expected to be a final plan for expansion of rest rooms at service plazas had been prepared and was being examined by the Consulting Engineers. He said one question still to be resolved by the Committee on Service Plazas was the number of expansions to be accomplished during 1962. He said expansion was definitely scheduled at Erie Islands Service Plaza and

possibly at Vermilion Valley and Great Lakes Service Plazas.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Service Plazas would be accepted as offered. He said the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance would be received.

The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. Chastang, reported that operations were being conducted at a cost which was about 3% under budget. The Executive Director said expenses were \$109,000 under budget for the first five months of 1962.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance would be accepted as offered. He ascertained that there would be no report by the Committee on Claims. The Chairman said the report of the Director of Highways would be received.

The Director of Highways reported that within the succeeding 30 days or six weeks the Department of Highways would be actively under way in planning all the remaining mileage of the network of interstate highways. He said that even though teams of highway-department engineers had been working with the staff of the Commission on intersections between interstate highways and the turnpike there might be one or two more intersections added by the last batch of engineering design projects. He said he thought the Commission and the Department had been doing a good job of working together. He said he would like to continue that cooperation and even step it up on the intersections on interstate highways. He said that within a few months information would be available on at least the preliminary designs of junctions or intersections and that it might then be well to present the matter to the whole Commission for discussion.

The Chairman said the report of the Director of Highways would be accepted as offered. He ascertained that there would be no reports by the General Counsel, by the Consulting Engineers, or by the Director of Information and Research.

A resolution ratifying actions of administrative officers was moved for adoption by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Preston, as follows:

Resolution No. 9-1962

"WHEREAS the executive director, deputy executive director, chief engineer, general counsel, assistant general counsel, secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, comptroller, and the director of information and research of the Commission, have by various written and oral communications fully advised the members of the Commission with respect to their official actions taken on behalf of the Commission

since the Commission's last meeting on May 1, 1962, and the Commission has duly reviewed and considered the same;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that all official actions taken by the aforesaid administrative officers of the Commission on its behalf since the Commission's meeting on May 1, 1962, hereby are ratified, approved, and confirmed."

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

Ayes: Chastang, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with the four Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 9-1962.

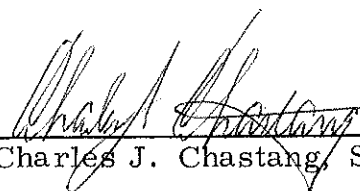
There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Preston, that the meeting adjourn subject to call by the Chairman. A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Chastang, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 11:55 o'clock A. M.

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


Charles J. Chastang, Secretary-Treasurer