

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH MEETING  
December 18, 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 December 18, 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, Teagarden, Preston, Shocknessy.

Absent: None.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present. He said the meeting was the regular meeting for the month of December which was postponed from the first Tuesday for the convenience of the Commission and the staff in order to have some budgetary figures filed before the meeting. He said the Commission was meeting in Columbus on December 18 rather than in Berea on the first Tuesday pursuant to bylaws and the call of the Chairman.

A motion was made by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, that the minutes for the meeting of October 2, 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 responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Chastang, Teagarden, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1962 stood adopted with all Members voting in the affirmative.

The Chairman reported that it was his happy pleasure to say that the Commission had had a good year. He said the November revenue of \$1,933,709 was higher than for any previous November. He said it was estimated that the revenue for 1962 would be about \$26,170,000, which was a million and a half dollars more than for the previous year, 1961, and a million one hundred and ten thousand dollars more than the previous highest year, which was 1960. He said the revenue for 1962 also was higher by well on to a million dollars - \$935,000 approximately - than the estimate made by the Commission a year previous. He said the Commission, the Trustee, the bondholders, the Consulting Engineers, the staff of the Commission and the State of Ohio all could be proud of the record of the turnpike for the year 1962.

The Chairman reported also that on December 11 a new high on everything commercial was experienced. He said commercial toll revenue for that day exceeded by \$6,000 the previous highest day. He said commercial vehicles set a new daily record by a thousand vehicles. He said charge accounts were at a new high, charges being \$15,000, or a third of all toll revenue for the day. He said also that the day was a Tuesday, which normally was a low day. He said that therefore all the auguries for the Ohio Turnpike continued to be good. He said a number of years before the Chairman of the Commission challenged prophets of doom for the turnpike to go slithering back to their caves and that he presumed they were in their caves still and were ready to give up the ghost.

The Chairman reported also that during the year the Commission retired \$10,746,000 worth of bonds, making a total retirement to that date of \$15,433,000. He said retirement of those bonds would result in an annual reduction of interest in the amount of more than half a million dollars - \$501,522.

The Chairman reported also that 1962 provided another record for the Commission. He said the Commission had just come out of the worst storm and the costliest storm that it had ever had. He said the best estimate of what it was going to cost in expense was about \$85,000. He said the Commission had never before had a storm that cost it more than \$60,000.

The Chairman said also that he wanted to thank the Members for the effort and cooperation they had extended to the staff of the Commission and to the public and to the other Members of the Commission. He said he further thanked them for their cooperation

with the Chairman. He said the Commission's accomplishments, which gave it such great satisfaction, could only be achieved because the Commission was a good Commission and because it had a good staff, a competent Trustee, and a competent Consultant, and had a good wholesome general administration. He said the Commission had had cooperation from the press and from all agencies for the dissemination of information which was probably unparalleled. The Chairman said that the Commission came into being in September of 1949, meeting in public. He said that long before there was a statute which required public bodies of the state to meet in public, the Commission chose to meet in public. He said the whole public had sat in at its meetings as represented by the press, television and radio and had looked over the collective shoulders of the Members. He said he had said long ago on behalf of the Commission that it was subjected to the pitiless scrutiny of the press and public. He said that scrutiny had been good for the Commission, good for the public, and good for government. He said the Commission in its manifestation had proved the validity of the hypothesis upon which it was conceived that a public undertaking of such a kind could be done on a revenue-bond basis as efficiently and as effectively as any agency of private business might do it and without any invasion from any outside interest, political or otherwise. He said the Commission had done business during the administrations of Governor Lausche, and during interim-Governor Brown, Governor O'Neill, and Governor Di Salle. He said also that he could say for the record that the Commission had established its record in a large measure because the men who had sat in the office of Governor had ever recognized that the Commission was financed by moneys not appropriated. The Chairman said also that the Commission bore a heavy responsibility in giving an accounting to the whole public for its stewardship and that those men had not only ever recognized it but no one of them had ever sought any favor, political or otherwise, from the Commission.

The Chairman said also that the Commission had had as Members ex-officio a number of Directors of Highways. He said the Director of Highways, a swing member of the Commission, would, if anyone spoke specifically for the Governor, so speak. He said no Director of Highways had ever come to the Commission and asked it to give any special favor to any person, governor or anyone else. He said he was making a long statement because the meeting might be the last meeting Mr. Preston would attend as Director of Highways. He said the realities of the situation confronted the Commission that day as realities of situations always confronted it and were recognized by it. He said that in less than a month the new Governor would be inaugurated. He said he assumed there would be

a new Director of Highways in due course. The Chairman said also the Director of Highways with whom the Commission had worked for the past four years had displayed great competence not only on the Commission but in the administration of his own department. He said the Director of Highways whom it had been the Commission's pleasure to have as a Member for the past four years was a man of great intelligence, a man of vision, a man of industry, a man who conscientiously observed the canons of good conduct in his public manifestations. He said it had been a joy to have Mr. Preston, it had been a pleasure to have him, it had been a privilege to have him and the Commission had also received many contributions from his efforts. He said the Commission was the better for having had Mr. Preston as a Member. The Chairman said also that whether Mr. Preston was with it for another meeting or not, the current meeting at the end of the year might be his last meeting with it. He said he would be derelict were he to pass it without saying that Mr. Preston had been a good Member, that he had been conscientious about attending meetings, that he had extended the Commission the courtesy of meeting in the conference room of the Director of Highways' office many times as a convenience to the Commission. He said also that Mr. Preston had had a wholesome relationship with the Commission's staff so that whatever he did, wherever he went, it should be understood, and he knew he spoke on behalf of his colleagues, that Mr. Preston had their best wishes and their gratitude for what he had done during the years he had been with the Commission.

The Chairman said also that he wanted to say a word about the Executive Director, C. W. Hartford. He said Mr. Hartford and the members of his staff were indeed to be more than congratulated. He said they were entitled to great appreciation from the Commission and from the state because they had served well. He said the Commission had never had more commendation from individual members of the public than it had had about the handling of the December storm. He said the Ohio Turnpike was always open and was as clear as it was possible to keep a road and he had been stopped on the streets and told about it, and he had heard over the radio and on television programs all about how well the turnpike was maintained during the storm. He said he wanted Mr. Hartford and his staff to know the Commission was aware of it. He said he wanted the record to show it. He said he wanted everybody who worked with Mr. Hartford to know it.

The Chairman said also that the General Counsel, Judge Lockwood Thompson, had had some successes during the year,

one in particular which was a great satisfaction because it was worth about a million and a half dollars to the Commission. He said that to the General Counsel and his staff at the end of the year he expressed the Commission's appreciation.

The Chairman said also that he congratulated the Comptroller, John Soller, for maintaining a competent surveillance of the Commission's finances and for his diligence in seeing that investments were made at the proper times so that retirement of bonds came out in excess of \$15, 000, 000 as the Chairman so especially wanted.

The Chairman said also that the Consulting Engineers had had a very successful experience with the Commission over the years. He said the Consulting Engineers had changed representatives to the Commission and he called upon Fred S. Cresswell to introduce, on behalf of the Consulting Engineers, the J. E. Greiner Company, their new representative. Mr. Cresswell said that J. W. Worthington, who had been the Consulting Engineers' resident engineer with the Commission, had retired from the company effective at the end of 1962. He said that Harvey Harnden was succeeding Mr. Worthington and would be on the job on or about January 10, 1963. He said Mr. Harnden was with the Consulting Engineers when the Ohio Turnpike was constructed and spent a year or so in residence in Cleveland during construction, and later was project manager of the Northern Indiana Toll Road for the J. E. Greiner Company. He said Mr. Harnden had had a great many years of turnpike experience. The Chairman said he had known Mr. Harnden for a long while and knew him as a man of great competence. He said the Commission was glad to have Mr. Harnden and he was sure the Commission would benefit by his service and the Commission and its people would cooperate with him as they had always cooperated with the J. E. Greiner Company. He said also he was sure the Commission would have the same cooperation from Mr. Harnden that it had always had from the Greiner Company.

The Chairman said also that he did not want to pass by the Director of Information and Research, James D. Hartshorne, because everybody knew that Mr. Hartshorne was one of the most dedicated men to his job that any of the Members or anyone had ever known.

The Chairman also thanked the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lenora S. Nelson, for doing such a good job in taking down the records of the Commission's meetings.

The Chairman said the representative of the Auditor of State, David L. Ewing, had been with the Commission several years. He said Mr. Ewing's principal whom he had known a long, long time would now be the Governor of Ohio. He said the new Governor did not come to the Commission unknown. He said Mr. Ewing might tell him on behalf of the Commission that he would receive from it the same degree of earnest cooperation and support that his predecessors with whom the Commission had associated had received. He said it was to the advantage of everyone that every Governor succeed. He said no genuine citizen of Ohio would wish anything except the greatest success to a new Governor. He said the Governor's success would be the success of everyone. The Chairman said also he had no question but that with the new Governor's familiarity with government and with the Commission's work over the years he would have no trouble working with the Commission and the Commission would have no trouble working with him. He asked Mr. Ewing to give the new Governor the Commission's assurance of its greatest good wishes.

The Director of Highways said that the very kind things the Chairman had said, particularly in his behalf, deserved immediate response in appreciation. He said his association with the Ohio Turnpike Commission had been a really enjoyable experience. He said he did not think he or any ex-officio Member as Director of Highways had had an opportunity to make a real contribution to the Commission because of the efficiency and the very high degree of management with which the Ohio Turnpike was operated and the high level operation of the Commission itself, which was such that perhaps the turnpike operation set a good example for the Department of Highways and perhaps other such agencies throughout the United States. The Director of Highways said also there had been over the years a lot of discussion and study on the type of administrative body that was most efficient for turnpike and highway organizations. He said also there were many arguments for a commission form, for directorships, and for other things, and the most obvious and perhaps academic conclusion that had been arrived at was one that each of such bodies, whatever type it might be, was only as good as the people that made it up. He said he thought the Ohio Turnpike Commission proved that philosophy. He said it was the best example he knew. He said he regretted he would not have the opportunity to be part of the success of the future. He said that part of his job had been a very enjoyable, refreshing experience and he had been very happy to have been a part of it. He said he wished the Commission the very best for the future.

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

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that there was need for a transfer within allocation in the budget for 1962. He said the amount of \$15,000 was needed in the Trust Indenture Expense allocation and that there were ample funds in the Administration and Insurance allocation to make the transfer.

A resolution adopting amendment to annual budget for the fiscal year 1962 was moved for adoption by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, as follows:

Resolution No. 14-1962

"WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 505 of the trust agreement dated June 1, 1952, entered into between the Ohio Turnpike Commission and The Ohio National Bank of Columbus, as trustee, and The National City Bank of New York (now The First National City Bank of New York), as co-trustee, the Commission, by resolution No. 10-1961, adopted; an annual budget for the fiscal year 1962;

"WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 505 of the said trust agreement, the Commission may, at any time, adopt an amended or supplemental annual budget for the remainder of the then current fiscal year;

"WHEREAS experience in the operation of the Ohio Turnpike now indicates that while there is no need for supplementary budget allowances for the remainder of the current fiscal year, an amendment of allocations as between Administration & Insurance on the one hand and Trust Indenture Expense on the other, is required to cover actual expenses for the remainder of the current fiscal year; and

"WHEREAS an amendment to the annual budget for the remainder of the year 1962 has been submitted to the Commission and the adoption thereof has been recommended by the Commission's Budget and Finance Committee; and said amendment to the budget is now before the Commission;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the Commission, having duly and fully considered the same, hereby adopts the following amendment to the

previously adopted budget of current expenses for the fiscal year 1962:

Amendment to Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1962

Expenses:

Administration & Insurance (decrease in estimate)	- \$15,000
Operations (unchanged)	0
Trust Indenture Expense (increase in estimate)	<u>+\$15,000</u>
Total	\$ 0

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer is hereby instructed to file a copy of said amendment to annual budget with the trustee and to mail copies thereof to the consulting engineers and the principal underwriters forthwith."

The Consulting Engineers in a letter addressed to the Executive Director under date of December 14, 1962 concurred in the transfer of the sum of \$15,000 as described in the resolution.

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

Ayes: Chastang, Teagarden, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman said the resolution stood adopted with all Members voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 14-1962.

A resolution adopting annual budget for the fiscal year 1963 was moved for adoption by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, as follows:

Resolution No. 15-1962

"WHEREAS the Commission, by resolution No. 12-1962, adopted a preliminary budget for the fiscal year 1963, and caused copies thereof to be filed with the trustee and mailed to the con-



sulting engineer and the principal underwriters;

"WHEREAS no request whatsoever for a public hearing thereon has been made to the Commission by any person or persons whomsoever;

"WHEREAS pursuant to Sec. 505 of the trust agreement dated June 1, 1952, entered into between the Ohio Turnpike Commission and The Ohio National Bank of Columbus, as trustee, and The National City Bank of New York (now The First National City Bank of New York), as co-trustee, the Commission desires finally to adopt a budget of income and current expenses for the fiscal year 1963, to be designated the "Annual Budget"; and

"WHEREAS Sec. 505 of the trust agreement provides that the total appropriations in any division of the annual budget will not exceed the total appropriations in the corresponding division of the preliminary budget;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the Commission, having duly and fully considered the same, hereby adopts the following budget:

<u>Annual Budget of Income and Current Expenses</u> <u>For the Fiscal Year 1963</u>	
Income	\$26,500,000
Current Expenses	
Administration & Insurance	904,200
Operations	4,438,840
Trust Indenture Expense	<u>128,900</u>
Total Current Expenses	\$ 5,471,940

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby determines that the total appropriations in any division of the budget aforesaid do not exceed the total appropriations in the corresponding division in the preliminary budget heretofore adopted by resolution No. 12-1962; and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer is hereby instructed to file a copy of said "Annual Budget" with the trustee and to mail copies thereof to the consulting engineer and to the principal underwriters forthwith. "

The Consulting Engineers in a letter addressed to the Executive Director under date of December 14, 1962 recommended that the annual budget for the fiscal year 1963 as described in the resolution be adopted by the Commission.

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

Ayes: Chastang, Teagarden, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted with all Members voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 15-1962.

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 September, October, and November 1962.
2. Financial Reports as of September 30, October 31 and November 30, 1962.
3. Accountants' Report, Summary of Rentals reported by Service Station Operators, for the period July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962.
4. Budget Report, first 9 months of 1962.
5. Detail of investment transactions for October and November 1962.
6. Draft of the minutes for the October 2, 1962 meeting.
7. Accountants' Report with respect to the Construction Fund for the period ending September 30, 1962.
8. Bond Redemption Report.

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

The Executive Director reported that traditionally the Commission had directed that the Administrative Offices be closed at noon on the days preceding Christmas and New Years except in those years when December 25th and January 1st fell on Sunday or Monday. He said that Christmas and New Years of 1962 were on Tuesday and that to open the office for one-half day on each of the Mondays preceding those days would result in less efficient operation than to keep the office open and permit a division of employees to staff the office on both days. He said that in that manner each employee whose services could be dispensed with would enjoy one full day of leave rather than two half days. He said the Governor had granted employees of the State of Ohio both Mondays as additional holidays but because the day preceding New Years was both the last day of December and the last day of the year it was a valuable day in the Commission's operations, especially in the Comptroller's office. He said that, accordingly, the needs of the office could best be served by providing a flexible authorization to the department heads to grant leave in lieu of the traditional two half days either the day before Christmas or the day before New Years and it was recommended that the Commission so authorize.

A resolution authorizing department heads to excuse employees at the Commission's Administration Building on one of the two Mondays preceding holidays in 1962 was moved for adoption by Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Chastang, as follows:

Resolution No. 16-1962

"RESOLVED that, within the discretion of their respective department heads, employees of the Commission working at the Administration Building office at Berea be permitted to be absent either on Monday, December 24, 1962, prior to the 1962 Christmas holiday, or on Monday, December 31, 1962, prior to the 1963 New Year's Day, providing that the Executive Director shall determine the necessary personnel required to be present at said offices in order that essential operational functions of the Ohio Turnpike shall be maintained. "

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

Ayes: Winter, Chastang, Teagarden, Preston, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 16-1962.

The Executive Director reported further that each year at that time it was necessary to bring before the Commission a request to grant permission for certain employees to defer vacation leave accumulated but not taken in the calendar year to the following year. He said that the list for 1962 included 36 employees with an accumulation of 321 days. He said that in 1961 the list included 40 employees with an accumulation of 334 days. He said 17 names on the list for 1961 did not appear on the list for 1962 but there were 13 names on the list for 1962 that were not on the list for 1961. He said the reduction in names and numbers was more significant than the differences in numbers because of the more liberal vacation allowances effective in 1962. He said the list in 1962 resulted from written applications by the employees concerned stating the reasons for requesting deferments and from recommendations for approval by the employees' immediate supervisors and the heads of the departments involved. He said accordingly it was recommended the Commission take favorable action to permit those employees listed in a resolution prepared for the purpose to defer accumulated vacation in the number of days listed opposite each name to the calendar year 1963.

A resolution authorizing deferment of annual vacations of certain named employees of the Commission from the calendar year 1962 until the calendar year 1963 was moved for adoption by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. Chastang, as follows:

Resolution No. 17-1962

"WHEREAS certain of the Commission's employees have, during the calendar year 1962, accumulated but not taken certain vacation leave, as indicated in the chart hereinbelow set forth; and

"WHEREAS said employees have requested that such accumulated vacation leave for the calendar year 1962 be deferred until the calendar year 1963, and the department heads concerned therewith have recommended such deferment;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the employees hereinbelow listed are hereby granted permission to defer the accumulated vacation leave hereinbelow set forth opposite their respective names, until such time or times in the calendar year 1963 as shall be designated by such department heads as are charged with that responsibility:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>1962 Vacation Leave Accumulated But Not Taken During Calendar Year 1962</u>
Anders, W. R.	9
Berry, R. L.	2
Borden, F. H.	14
Breznai, J. L.	3
Burnham, W. R.	10-1/2
Castle, Lillian	2
Combs, Donald	6
Davis, Eugene	11
Deetz, R. S.	26
Few, Paul	6
Grace, A. R.	5
Grossheim, M. F.	5
Hartford, C. W.	39-1/2
Hartshorne, J. D.	16
Heil, John	7
Henderson, Morris	5
Henricks, Terry	5
Holldorf, Heinz	5
Hottenstein, W. L.	4
Kappel, Norman	7
Knott, Gertrude	17
Meeker, F. W.	5
Morrison, J. B.	7
McBride, Paul	5
O'Grady, Walter	10
Patterson, R. M.	3
Ployhart, Joseph	11-1/2
Resch, Margaret	3
Soller, John	22
Stafford, Julius	2
Staib, Francis	4
Studevant, Dale	14
Taylor, J. T.	5
Thayer, Robert	11
Vangeloff, A.	6-1/2
Vartorella, A.	7"

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

Ayes: Teagarden, Chastang, Winter, Preston, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 17-1962.

The Executive Director reported further that it was impossible to realize the many problems that arise during a snow storm on the turnpike unless one were to have a part of dealing with them. He said that with respect to the reports on the December snow storm and the commendation of the staff by the Chairman he would like to commend publicly those employees of the Commission in the radio room, the administration headquarters, the toll collection department and the maintenance department. He said that many of them worked around the clock and without their devotion to responsibility the turnpike could not have been kept open. He said there was for instance one radio operator who reported to work on Thursday at 4 o'clock and did not get home until some time Saturday evening. He said that, to add to all the woes experienced, the telephones went out of service, the teletype went out, the power went out at numerous places, and many of the maintenance employees walked from their homes to the turnpike, climbed the fence and were transported in maintenance vehicles to their respective stations because they could not get to work over local roads. He said toll collectors remained on duty around the clock because replacements were not available. He said many employees just could not get to the turnpike. He said it was only because of the devotion of the employees that it was possible to survive the snow storm without closing the turnpike.

The Chairman said the Comptroller ought to post in the radio room and every place on the bulletin boards the special gratitude of the Executive Director and of the Commission to all the employees who worked far beyond the call of duty during that emergency. He said he thought it was superb the way that thing was carried out on the turnpike, that it was just superb the way there was a spirit of duty. He said everybody felt it was his responsibility to keep the turnpike open, to keep the traffic running. He said it was just wonderful, just marvelous.

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 Chairman of the Committee on Service Plazas, Mr. Teagarden, said the Committee, looking into the future and hoping that a recurrence of conditions at some plazas complained of during the past year was not going to be experienced, had started work on plans that would correct the situations complained of. He said the Committee held a meeting on December 4, 1962 and had received from representatives of the two operators of restaurants on the turnpike, the Howard Johnson Company and the Gladieux Corporation, satisfactory reports with respect to plans the concessionaires had in mind to make sure that travelers will receive satisfactory consideration at the restaurants.

The Chairman of the Committee reported also that the Committee was of the opinion that one of the means of correcting the troubles experienced in the past was through installation of cafeterias. He said the Committee felt cafeterias would not only provide better meal service but would get travelers in and out of the restaurants in a hurry as the traveling public desired. He said the cafeteria installation by the Johnson Company at the Great Lakes Service Plazas had proved satisfactory and it appeared likely the company would install a cafeteria at Towpath Service Plaza. He said the cafeteria at Tiffin River Service Plaza operated by the Gladieux Corporation had never been very satisfactory as far as the Committee was concerned. He said the Gladieux Corporation representative felt the same way about it, and said the company was making plans to correct the operation at a cost of some \$14,000. He said the Gladieux Corporation had in mind installing cafeterias at three other plazas: Wyandot, Erie Islands and Vermilion Valley, and that if those installations proved as satisfactory as the ones at Tiffin River and Great Lakes Plazas, a great deal of the difficulty and trouble experienced in the past would be overcome.

The Chairman of the Committee reported further that rest room expansion at Erie Islands Plaza was coming along very well. He said the contractor expected to have limited service in the new facility by Christmas. He said the Vermilion Valley Plaza rest room was closed in and work was proceeding at a satisfactory rate. He said construction at Great Lakes Plaza was behind schedule because of some difficulty arising from having to excavate to a depth of about nine feet to provide proper foundations.

The Chairman of the Committee reported further that the record showed that the average check at a cafeteria on the turnpike was from 95¢ to \$1.40 compared with an average check of from 45¢ to 90¢ at the counters or in the dining room at comparable times. He said the cafeterias did an excellent job of serving the public. He said cafeterias could be operated with two or three people whereas it required eight or ten people to operate the counters or dining room.

The Chairman said the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Service Plazas would be accepted as offered. The Chairman ascertained that there would be no further report from the Director of Highways, and no report from the General Counsel, and no further report from the Consulting Engineers. There was no report from the Director of Information and Research beyond an expression of appreciation for the Chairman's kind remarks with respect to the Director of Information and Research.

The Chairman addressed Mr. Robert Bartholomew, the representative of the Trustee, and said that the Trustee did a fine job. He said the officers of the Trustee did a fine job in the acquisition of the turnpike bonds. Mr. Bartholomew said he had received a report that morning from the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Cleveland, Ohio that during the trial in Miami, Florida of two of three men in connection with the counterfeiting of Ohio Turnpike revenue bonds the two men were judged guilty on two counts. He said one of the men found guilty was from Cleveland, the other from Detroit. He said he had been subpoenaed as a witness in the trial.

It was agreed that there would be no meeting on the first Tuesday in January, which would be New Years Day, and that the Commission meeting in January would be at the call of the Chairman.

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

Resolution No. 18-1962

"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 October 2, 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 October 2, 1962, hereby are ratified, approved, and confirmed."

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

Ayes: Preston, Chastang, Winter, Teagarden, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted with all Members voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 18-1962.

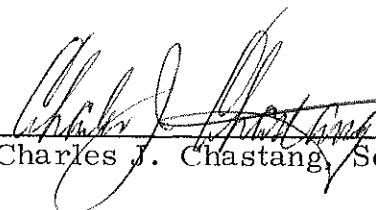
There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Chastang, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, that the meeting adjourn subject to call of the Chairman. A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Chastang, Teagarden, Preston, Winter, Shocknessy.

Nays: None.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 12:15 o'clock P. M.

Approved as a correct transcript of the  
proceedings of the Ohio Turnpike  
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Charles J. Chastang, Secretary-Treasurer