

## MINUTES OF THE 419th MEETING OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

March 11, 1996

Pursuant to the bylaws, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in regular session in the Administration Building at 682 Prospect Street, Berea, Ohio at 10:09 a.m. on March 11, 1996, with Members of the staff: G. Alan Plain, Executive Director; Gino Zomparelli, General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director-External Services; Robert Arlow, Deputy Executive Director-Operations; Anthony A. DiPietro, Deputy Executive Director-Administration; Craig Rudolphy, Comptroller; Stephen G. Lorton, Director of Public Affairs & Marketing; David H. Ransbury, Chief Engineer; Daniel F. Castrigano, Maintenance Engineer; Sharon Isaac, Director of Toll Operations; and others in attendance.

Present: Jerry Wray, Earl W. Williams, Marilyn R. Baker, Ruth Ann Leever, Umberto P. Fedeli

Absent: Richard A. Hodges, M. Ben Gaeth

The Chairman said that the minutes of the February 28 Commission meeting were not ready in time for distribution to the Members prior to the meeting so they would be considered at the next meeting of the Commission on April 2nd for approval. He said copies of those minutes were in the Members folders.

The Chairman said that there were a number of guests at the meeting and he would ask them to identify themselves as follows: Leah Fox, ODOT; Diane Pring, Legal Department; Barbara Lesko, Executive Director's Secretary; Anthony Palombo, Staff Counsel; Bobby Everhart, URS Consultants; Rob Fleischman, Greiner Engineering; Steve Wood, PaineWebber; Keith Rosbury, HNTB; Pat Patton, Government Liaison Officer; Richard Baylon, Baylon Associates; Frank Lamb, Huntington Trust; Ken Zapinski, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer; Pat Norris, Star Bank; Ed Presley, Society Bank; Bob Barnett, Public Affairs & Marketing; Troy Atkins, Atkins Professional Advantage; Connie Atkins, Atkins Professional Advantage; Lt. Tom Derr, OSHP; Paul Scala, Kenmore Construction; Christi Mills, ODOT; Gary Joseph, ODOT; and John Kohlstrand, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram.

The Chairman said the meeting was the 419th meeting of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and it was being held at the Commission's headquarters as provided for in the Commission's Code of Bylaws.

The Chairman said that various reports would now be received and the Members would act on several resolutions, draft copies of which had been previously sent to the Members and updated drafts were also in the Members' folders. He said the resolutions would be explained during the appropriate reports.

The Chairman said that if there were no questions, the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Baker, would be received.

Mrs. Baker said that the following listed items had been sent to the Members since the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, February 28, 1996:

1. Weekly Traffic Statistics
2. Investment Transactions February 1996
3. Copy of Commission Bylaws as revised February 28, 1996
4. News Releases: #6 Turnpike Adopts Uniform Speed Limit  
#7 Commission Awards \$30.3 million of Construction Contracts

The Chairman said the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted as offered. He ascertained that there would be no reports on Budget and Finance, Audit/Legal, or Service Plazas.

The Chairman said that the report on Employee Relations would be received.

Mr. DiPietro said that there was no official report. He said he would mention that the Collective Bargaining Agreement was being circulated to the Union for their signatures.

The Chairman said the report on Employee Relations was accepted as offered. He said the report of the Executive Director would be received.

Mr. Plain said that he had several resolutions he intended to recommend for Commission approval. He said the first was a Resolution Awarding Contract No. 58-96-01 for construction of the toll plaza, utility building, toll islands, and toll canopy at State Route 109 Interchange 3B, Milepost 39.8 in Fulton County.

He said he would read the Resolved as follows:

"RESOLVED that the bid of Brooks Contracting, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$1,690,034.00 for the performance of Contract No. 58-96-01 is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairman and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidder of its bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract, and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 58-96-01 is designed a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

Mr. Plain said that he recommended that the resolution be adopted.

A Resolution Awarding Contract No. 58-96-01 was moved for adoption by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mr. Williams as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-1996**

"WHEREAS, the Commission has duly advertised according to law for bids upon a contract for construction of a toll plaza, utility building, toll islands and toll canopy of Ohio Turnpike at State Route 109, Interchange 3B, located at Milepost 39.8 in Fulton County, which project has been designated Project No. 58-96-14;

"WHEREAS, two bids for the performance of said contract were received;

"WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's chief engineer, and he has submitted a report concerning such analysis and his report is before the Commission, and the Commission's executive director has made his recommendation to the Commission predicated upon such analysis;

"WHEREAS, the Commission's minority business enterprise coordinator has reviewed the documents submitted by the bidders and has determined that there is satisfactory evidence of compliance with the Commission's Minority Business Enterprise Program;

"WHEREAS, all bids for said contract were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, and the bid of Brooks Contracting, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$1,690,034.00 for the performance of Contract No. 58-96-01 has been determined by the Commission to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received;

"WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its general counsel that said bid conforms to the requirements of Section 5537.07, Section 9.312 and Section 153.54, all of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that a performance bond with good and sufficient surety has been submitted by Brooks Contracting, Inc.;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the bid of Brooks Contracting, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$1,690,034.00 for the performance of Contract No. 58-96-01 is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairman and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidder

of its bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract, and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 58-96-01 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

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

Ayes: Mrs. Baker, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wray, Mrs. Leever, Mr. Fedeli

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 14-1996.

Mr. Williams asked if the toll plaza was a replacement or an addition to an old interchange.

Mr. Plain said that it was a new interchange at State Route 109. He said it was the toll plaza portion of that contract.

Mr. Williams asked how many bids were received and were they under estimate.

Mr. Plain said there were two bids and they were both under the engineer's estimate.

The Chairman said that State Route 109 was a situation where the Commission got involved with the Ohio Department of Development and ODOT to approve an interchange at that site. He said the construction of the interchange was an inducement for North Star Steel, a division of Cargill to invest almost a half billion dollars in Ohio. He said their investment would create around \$20 million in new tax revenue to the State of Ohio over the next 15 to 20 years and create literally hundreds of jobs.

The Chairman said further that the multiplier effect with respect to manufacturing jobs was tremendous. He said one job typically created seven or eight more jobs because of that facility and all the suppliers around them. He said he was very proud of the Commission's role in the process. He said he had received letters from the people at North Star Steel and people out in Fulton County commenting on the Commission's active role in economic development.

Mr. Plain said that the next resolution he had was a Resolution Awarding Contract No. 59-96-03 for mainline repairs and resurfacing of original construction C-19, C-20 and C-21 between Mileposts 153.6 and Mileposts 160, including guardrail improvements in

Cuyahoga County. He said that section of the Turnpike was between Interchanges 9 and 10. He said the section was adjacent to the administration building. He said he would read the Resolved as follows:

"RESOLVED that the bid of Kenmore Construction Co., Inc. of Akron, Ohio, in the amount of \$2,683,262.88, using crushed slag, for the performance of Contract No. 59-96-03, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairman and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract; and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 59-96-03 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

A Resolution awarding Contract No. 59-96-03 was moved for adoption by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Leever as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-1996**

"WHEREAS, the Commission has duly advertised according to law for bids upon a contract for mainline repairs and resurfacing of original construction sections C-19, C-20 and C-21 between Milepost 153.5 to Milepost 160.0, including guardrail improvements, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio;

"WHEREAS, the Commission has received bids from four bidders and each bidder submitted alternate bids for the performance of said contract;

"WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's chief engineer, and he has submitted a report concerning such analysis and his report is before the Commission and the Commission's executive director has made his recommendation to the Commission predicated upon such analysis;

"WHEREAS, the Commission's minority business enterprise coordinator has reviewed the documents submitted by the bidders and has determined that there is satisfactory evidence of compliance with the Commission's Minority Business Enterprise Program;

"WHEREAS, all bids for said contract were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, and the bid of Kenmore Construction Co., Inc. of Akron, Ohio in the amount of \$2,683,262.88, using crushed slag, for the performance of Contract No. 59-96-03 has been determined by the Commission to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received;

"WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its general counsel that said bid conforms to the requirements of Section 5537.07, Section 9.312 and Section 153.54, all of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that a performance bond with good and sufficient surety has been submitted by Kenmore Construction Co., Inc.;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the bid of Kenmore Construction Co., Inc. of Akron, Ohio, in the amount of \$2,683,262.88, using crushed slag, for the performance of Contract No. 59-96-03, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairman and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract; and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 59-96-03 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

Mr. Wray asked if he could ask some questions about the crushed slag. He said he wanted to know what type of crushed slag was used and was it normally used in a surface course.

Mr. Plain said the Commission had always used crushed slag with success.

Mr. Wray asked Mr. Plain if he was familiar with the recent lack of success ODOT had with crushed slag.

Mr. Plain said that the Commission had not used steel slag.

Mr. Ransbury said the Commission used air-cooled, crushed blast-furnace slag. He said it was much lighter and more porous than steel slag. He said steel slag was very heavy with a lot of impurities.

Mr. Wray asked if the Commission's Engineering staff had specifications for that type of slag and was it something ODOT could use. He said that if the Commission had good experience with the blast-furnace slag it was something ODOT needed to know about.

Mr. Plain said that the Commission had excellent experience with the blast-furnace slag. He said it had superior skid resistance qualities which lasted over a longer period of time than other type aggregates.

Mr. Wray asked if the spec for the slag was on the bid document or was it what the contractor submitted.

Mr. Plain said there was a specification in the bid documents. He said that the Commission had not used steel slag on its projects because it was heavier and cost more to truck.

The Chairman said he recommended that Mr. Wray have some of his engineers meet Mr. Ransbury to discuss the Commission's experience with the blast-furnace slag. He said he thought Mr. Ransbury was probably one of the finest engineers in the country, not only in the state.

Mr. Plain said he thought so, too.

The Chairman said he was proud of Mr. Ransbury and proud of the road. He said he had never driven on the Turnpike and found a pothole.

Mr. Ransbury said he would be glad to talk to some ODOT engineers about the blast-furnace slag.

The Chairman said that he thought that anytime the Commission could share things back and forth with ODOT, the Commission was happy to do so.

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

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Leever, Mr. Wray, Mrs. Baker

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Fedeli

The Chairman said that the resolution stood adopted with all Members, except himself, voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 15-1996.

Mr. Plain said that the third resolution was a Resolution Awarding Contract No. 77-96-04 for the third lane construction between Milepost 145.14 to Milepost 151.77 in Lorain County. He said he would read the Resolved as follows:

"RESOLVED that the bid of Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. of Fredericktown, Ohio, in the amount of \$22,406,227.25, using crushed slag surface course with pipe underdrains for the performance of Contract No. 77-96-04, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairman and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said

successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract; and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 77-96-04 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

Mr. Plain said that he recommended that the resolution be adopted.

A Resolution Awarding Contract No. 77-96-04 was moved for adoption by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Williams as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-1996**

"WHEREAS, the Commission has duly advertised according to law for bids upon a contract for 3rd lane construction between Milepost 145.14 to Milepost 151.77 located in Lorain County, Ohio;

"WHEREAS, the Commission has received bids from four bidders and each bidder submitted alternate bids for the performance of said contract;

"WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's chief engineer, and he has submitted a report concerning such analysis and his report is before the Commission and the Commission's executive director has made his recommendation to the Commission predicated upon such analysis;

"WHEREAS, the Commission's minority business enterprise coordinator has reviewed the documents submitted by the bidders and has determined that there is satisfactory evidence of compliance with the Commission's Minority Business Enterprise Program;

"WHEREAS, all bids for said contract were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, and the bid of Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. of Fredericktown, Ohio in the amount of \$22,406,227.25, using crushed slag surface course with pipe underdrains, for the performance of Contract No. 77-96-04 has been determined by the Commission to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received;

"WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its general counsel that said bid conforms to the requirements of Section 5537.07, Section 9.312 and Section 153.54, all of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that a performance bond with good and sufficient surety has been submitted by Kokosing Construction Company, Inc.;



"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the bid of Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. of Fredericktown, Ohio, in the amount of \$22,406,227.25, using crushed slag surface course with pipe underdrains for the performance of Contract No. 77-96-04, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairman and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract; and

"FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 77-96-04 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

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

Ayes: Mr. Wray, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Leever, Mr. Fedeli

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 16-1996.

Mr. Plain said that the fourth resolution was a contract under Invitation No. 3468-C for the furnishing to the Commission of sixteen current model truck cab and chassis with snow and ice control equipment. He said he would read the Resolved as follows:

"RESOLVED that the bid of West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc. of Youngstown, Ohio for Group I of Invitation No. 3468-C in the amount of \$444,128.00; the bid of Ace Truck Equipment Co. of Zanesville, Ohio for Group II and Concord Road Equipment Mfg. of Painesville, Ohio for Groups III of Invitation No. 3468-C in the amount of \$212,624.00 is, and is by the Commission deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bids received and is accepted and the chairman and executive director, or either of them, is hereby authorized (1) to execute a contract with the successful bidders in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid invitation; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security at such time as West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc., Ace Truck Equipment Co. and Concord Road equipment Mfg. have entered into a contract and furnished a performance bond required thereby; and (3) to take any and all action necessary to properly carry out the terms of said contract."

Mr. Plain said that he recommended that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Wray asked if there was a trade-in vehicle for every new truck.

Mr. Castrigano said that there was a trade-in for each new truck, so there was no increase in the fleet.

Mr. Wray asked if Ace and Concord were just doing the hydraulics and snow plows.

Mr. Castrigano said that Ace was doing the hydraulic systems and mounting the combination dump and spreader body. He said Concord was mounting the plow hitches and plows.

A Resolution Awarding a Contract under Invitation No. 3468-C was moved for adoption by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mrs. Baker as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-1996**

"WHEREAS, the Commission has advertised for bids for Invitation No. 3468-C for the furnishing to the Commission **Group I:** Sixteen (16) current model truck cab and chassis, 37,000# GVWR, and accepting in-trade (16) used trucks; **Group II:** furnishing and installing (16) combination dump/spreader body, central hydraulic system and lighting system; and **Group III:** furnishing and installing (16) reversible front snow plows with quick hitch; and bids from eight bidders were received in response to that invitation and have been reviewed by the Commission's staff; and

"WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the expenditures of the Commission for (16) current model truck cab and chassis, equipped with snow and ice control equipment, as more fully described under Groups II and III of Invitation No. 3468-C shall exceed \$500,000 and in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws, Commission action is necessary for the award of such contract;

"WHEREAS, the bids received in response to the invitation were reviewed by the maintenance engineer who has stated that the lowest responsive and responsible bid for Group I was submitted by West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc. of Youngstown, Ohio in the amount of \$444,128.00; for Group II was submitted by Ace Truck Equipment Co. of Zanesville, Ohio in the amount of \$415,792.00 and for Group III was submitted by Concord Road Equipment Mfg. of Painesville, Ohio in the amount of \$212,624.00 and that all these bidders propose to furnish materials and services in accordance with the Commission's specifications;

"WHEREAS, the Commission's general counsel has reviewed the bids received and has advised the Commission that the procedure followed by the Commission in advertising for Invitation No. 3468-C is in accordance with Section 5537.07 of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that the bid of West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for Group I is the lowest responsive and responsible bid received, and that the bid of Ace Truck Equipment Co. for Group II is the lowest responsive and responsible bid

received, and that the bid of Concord Road Equipment Mfg. for Group III is the lowest responsive and responsible bid received, and that the Commission may legally enter into a contract with these bidders to furnish the truck cab and chassis described under Group I of Invitation No. 3468-C and to furnish and snow and ice control equipment described under Groups II and III of Invitation No. 3468-C; and

"WHEREAS, the Commission's minority business enterprise coordinator has reviewed the documents submitted by each of the bidders and has advised that MBE waivers have been granted to Westgate Ford Truck Sales, Inc. under Group I, to Ace Truck Equipment Co. under Group II and that a request to accept partial compliance with the Commission's Minority Business Enterprise Program has been granted to Concord Road Equipment Mfg. under Group III;

"WHEREAS, the executive director has reviewed the bids received and has recommended to the Commission that the contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders, West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for Group I; Ace Truck Equipment Co. for Group II and Concord Road Equipment Mfg. for Group III;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the bid of West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc. of Youngstown, Ohio for Group I of Invitation No. 3468-C in the amount of \$444,128.00; the bid of Ace Truck Equipment Co. of Zanesville, Ohio for Group II of Invitation No. 3468-C in the amount of \$415,792.00; and Concord Road Equipment Mfg. of Painesville, Ohio for Group III of Invitation No. 3468-C in the amount of \$212,624.00 is, and is by the Commission deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bids received and is accepted and the chairman and executive director, or either of them, is hereby authorized (1) to execute a contract with the successful bidders in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid invitation; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security at such time as West Gate Ford Truck Sales, Inc., Ace Truck Equipment Co. and Concord Road Equipment Mfg. have entered into a contract and furnished a performance bond required thereby; and (3) to take any and all action necessary to properly carry out the terms of said contract."

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

Ayes: Mr. Wray, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Leever, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fedeli

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 17-1996.

Mr. Plain said the fifth resolution he had was a Resolution Designating Certain Projects as "Systems Projects" under the Commission's Master Trust Agreement of 1994. He said he would read the Resolved as follows:

"RESOLVED that the Commission hereby designates the projects set forth in "Exhibit A" as System Projects under the terms and provisions of the Commission's Master Trust Agreement of 1994 and payable from the System Project Fund."

Mr. Plain said Attachment A lists all those projects. He said he recommended the resolution be adopted.

A Resolution Designating Certain projects as "Systems Projects" under the Commission's Master Trust Agreement of 1994 was moved for adoption by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Leever as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-1996**

"WHEREAS, on February 15, 1994, the Ohio Turnpike Commission adopted the Master Trust Agreement with Huntington National Bank, as trustee, ("Trust Agreement") securing State of Ohio, Turnpike Revenue Bonds;

"WHEREAS, the Trust Agreement of 1994 established certain Projects and certain Project Funds, including System Projects and System Project Funds;

"WHEREAS, the comptroller has reviewed proposed projects and recommends that certain projects shall be paid from the System Project Fund and in order to make such payment, these projects must be officially designated by the Commission as "System Projects";

"WHEREAS, there is attached hereto "Exhibit A" which lists a number of the ongoing projects, and the Commission, pursuant to the request of its comptroller, desires to designate these projects as "System Projects"

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the Commission hereby designates the projects set forth in "Exhibit A" as System Projects under the terms and provisions of the Commission's Master Trust Agreement of 1994 and payable from the System Project Fund."

The following projects have been authorized and established as "System Projects" but have not been officially designated as "System Projects" prior to the Commission's March 11, 1996, meeting:

The projects are as follows:

38-96-01	Radio/Toll Equipment, Toll Plaza 3B, S.R. 109
53-96-01	Mahoning Valley/Glacier Hills, Sanitary Sewer
53-96-02	Mahoning Valley/Glacier Hills, Water Service
56-96-01	Two (2) Salt Storage Bldgs., Milepost 161.54 and 93.1
71-95-28	Third Lane, Milepost 119.63 - 123.40
71-95-29	Third Lane, Milepost 123.40 - 127.23
71-95-30	Third Lane, Milepost 127.23 - 132.26
71-95-31	Third Lane, Milepost 132.26 - 136.00
71-95-32	Third Lane, Milepost 161.50 - 165.00
71-95-33	Third Lane, Milepost 165.00 - 168.68
71-95-34	Third Lane, Milepost 168.68 - 173.20
71-95-35	Third Lane, Milepost 187.10 - 191.22
71-95-36	Third Lane, Milepost 191.22 - 193.38
71-95-37	Third Lane, Milepost 209.54 - 211.20
71-95-38	Third Lane, Milepost 211.20 - 214.09
71-95-39	Third Lane, Milepost 214.09 - 218.40
71-95-40	Tinkers Creek Bridge, Milepost 185.6
71-96-01	Redesign, I-77 interchange
71-96-02	Waste & Wastewater System, Blue Heron and Wyandot
74-96-01	Right-of-Way, S. R. 109

"Exhibit A"

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

Ayes: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Leever, Mr. Wray, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fedeli

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution stood approved with all Members voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 18-1996.

Mr. Plain said that the Commission was engaged in the third lane expansion project. He said that major construction project and the other capital projects would require debt financing.

Mr. Plain said further that he would recommend that the Commission consider employing an outside financial advisor to assist the staff and Commission to further its development of a debt-financing strategy. He said the debt-financing strategy would involve a bond issuance. He said that, in order to position the Commission to issue timely bonds, he recommended that the Commission issue an RFP for a financial advisor.

Mr. Plain said further that he recommended that a Budget and Finance group be selected by the Commission to review the responses of a financial advisor RFP and make recommendations to the Commission. He said he further recommended that the following individuals be named to the Budget and Finance group: Marilyn Baker; Gino Zomparelli; Craig Rudolph; John Peca and himself.

Mrs. Baker said she would enjoy being a member of that group, but if time was of the essence and she believed it was, she had a scheduling problem for the next four weeks. She said that maybe another Commission Member should be chosen.

The Chairman asked Mr. Williams if he would be willing to sit in on that group.

Mr. Williams said that he would be pleased to serve in that capacity.

The Chairman asked the other Commission Members how they felt about the Commission going ahead and going through the process.

Mrs. Leever said she thought the Commission had to do it.

Mrs. Baker said she agreed.

The Chairman said that he didn't want to say that the Commission was unhappy with its current financial advisor. He said he just thought it was time to take a look because the Commission had a lot of projects over the next five or ten years. He said the Commission really needed some good advice and it was prudent to do so.

Mr. Plain said that he had asked General Counsel to draft an RFP and to get it out as soon as possible. He said it would go out the next day or two so the selection group would have at least two weeks to review the proposals and make its recommendations to the Commission at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Plain said further that timing was critical with the amount of money the Commission was going to be paying out for those construction projects. He said it was crucial to make the selection as soon as possible.

The Chairman said he had noticed that the bids on construction projects were coming in under the Commission's engineering estimates. He said that from a timing standpoint the Commission was ahead of the game.

Mr. Plain said that the Commission was the first out of the box in the 1996 construction season. He said that in talking to contractors right now he thought the Commission was the only game in town until some of the other bids started coming in. He said he thought ODOT was going to be coming out shortly with their projects.

Mr. Plain said further that he thought the Commission had gotten good competition on its contracts because of the timing. He said the Commission had received excellent bids and it had worked to the Commission's advantage.

The Chairman said also that, from a timing standpoint, interest rates were favorable. He said the last time the Commission went out to the bond market it ended up saving about \$20 million over the period of time because of the good interest rates. He said Mr. Wood and his colleagues were to be commended. He said they did an outstanding job for the Commission.

Mr. Plain said that at that point he requested instructions from the Chairman to go ahead with the RFP process to get a financial consultant on board.

The Chairman said that the Members were behind that decision so he thought the RFP's should go out right away.

Mr. Plain said that the RFP's would go out as rapidly as possible.

The Chairman said the report of the Executive Director was accepted as offered. He ascertained there would be no reports from the Trustee or the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He said the report of the general consulting engineer would be received.

Mr. Fleischman said that he would just like to report that Greiner was going to initiate its annual inspection earlier this year than in the past. He said that, in fact, they were taking advantage of the good weather that week to try to get as much done as they could before all the construction projects got going.

The Chairman said the report of the consulting engineer was accepted as offered.

The Chairman said there were a couple of people who walked in a little late and he wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to identify themselves. He said one was Eric Carmichael and the other was Mac Williams, both with Pryor, McClendon of Columbus.

The Chairman asked if there was anybody else who walked in late.

Doug Fear said he came in late and he was with Key Capital Markets.

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Leever, that the meeting adjourn until the next meeting on April 2.

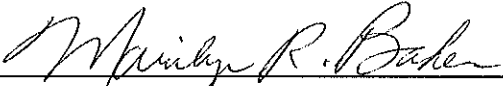
A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Leever, Mr. Wray, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fedeli

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. Time of adjournment was 10:32 a.m.

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

  
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Marilyn R. Baker, Secretary-Treasurer