

**MINUTES OF THE 465th MEETING OF  
THE OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

**February 12, 2001**

Pursuant to the bylaws, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met for a meeting at the Commission's Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2001, with members of the staff: Gino Zomparelli, Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary Treasurer, Dan Castrigano, Asst. Deputy Executive Director/Chief Engineer, Rob Fleischman, Asst. Chief Engineer, James Steiner, CFO/Comptroller, Pat Patton, Government Liaison Officer, Thomas Amato, General Counsel, Richard Morgan, Director of Information Systems; David Miller, Chief Auditor; Tim Ujvari, Maintenance Engineer, William Keaton, Telecommunications Manager and Lauren Hakos, Public Affairs Manager.

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

Ayes: Mr. Blair; Mr. Greenwood ; Mr. Strnisha;  
Mr. Williams. (Senator Armbruster arrived at 10:10 a.m.)  
Nays : None

The Vice Chairman advised that Chairman Ruth Ann Leever was unable to attend today's meeting and Mr. Robert Blair is here today, as usual, representing the Ohio Department of Transportation Director, Gordon Proctor, and is authorized to vote for him.

The Vice-Chairman advised that a number of guests were in attendance, and he would like them to introduce themselves.

The following representatives attended the meeting:

G. Alan Plain (retired); John Peca, Climaco, Lefkowitz; Eric Erickson, Fifth Third Securities; Frank Lamb, Huntington Bank; Bobby Everhart, Mike Burgess, URS-Greiner, Paul Stubbins, Seasongood & Mayer; Mike Schipper, HNTB; Brett Bailey, McDonald Investments; Nancy Remar, Salomon, Smith Barney; Stratford Shields, Morgan Stanley; Dick Boylan, Boylan & Assoc.; Kevin Redden, Gladieux Food Services; Steve Wood, Jim Calpin, PaineWebber; Tom Travis, HMS Host; Eric Small, SBK Brooks; John Petty, Nat City Investments; Alan Baucco, A. G. Edwards; Mark Miller, Apex Pryor

Securities, Inc.; Pat Sink, Operating Engineers, Local 18; Captain Ferris, OSHP; Heidi Jedel, Tracy Cowley and Diane Pring.

The Vice-Chairman welcomed all in attendance and stated he was pleased to have you here today to witness and participate in the Commission's 465th meeting of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. We are meeting here in the Commission's headquarters as provided for in the Commission's Code of Bylaws.

The minutes of the last Commission Meeting of December 18, 2000 have been distributed to the Members for their comments, and I will accept a motion to adopt them without reading.

The minutes were moved for adoption by Commissioner Strnisha and seconded by Mr. Greenwood. A vote of ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Blair, Mr. Strnisha, Mr. Williams

Nays : None.

The Vice-Chairman advised that various reports would be received and the Commission will act on several resolutions, draft copies of which have previously been set to the Members and updated drafts are also in the Members' folders. The resolutions will be explained during the appropriate reports.

If there are no further questions at this time, we will proceed with the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Greenwood.

The following items have been sent to the members since the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on December 18, 2000:

1. Draft of Commission Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2000
2. Traffic and Revenue Report, December
3. Traffic Accident Summary Report, December 2000
4. Budget Report, 12 months ending December 31, 2000
5. Financial Statements, November and December, 2000
6. Revenue by Month & Year, November and December, 2000
7. Investment Report, December, 2000

8. Amended Administrative Rules approved by Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR)
9. OTC's quarterly publication "(The) Turnpike Today"
10. Various News Releases

Other than that, I have nothing further to report.

Williams: Thank you, Mr. Greenwood. At this time we'll ask Mr. Steiner to give us a report on the budgetary and financial matters.

Steiner: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Commission Members, the year 2000 was another record year for traffic on the Ohio Turnpike. 36.3-M passenger cars traveled the Turnpike during 2000 surpassing the previous record set in 1999 by 387,000 cars or 1.1%. Commercial traffic for the year totaled 9.3-M vehicles surpassing the prior record also set in 1999 by 131,000 vehicles or 1.4% and total traffic for 2000 totaled 45.6-M vehicles surpassing the prior record established in 1999 by 518,000 vehicles or 1.1%.

General Fund revenues for the year exceeded the amount budgeted by approximately \$38,000 while our operating maintenance and administrative expenses for the year were about \$4-M less than budgeted.

Our auditors from Deloitte & Touche are currently reviewing our year-end financial statements. Everything appears to be going very well and we certainly will be issuing our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report on or about the April 1, 2001 due date.

The record levels of traffic that we had in 2000 have also continued into the new year. Passenger car traffic for January 2001 totaled 2,398,000 cars surpassing the prior record established last year by 53,000 cars or 2.3%. Commercial traffic for January totaled 693,000 vehicles surpassing the prior record set last year by about 1,400 vehicles or 0.2% and total traffic for January totaled 3.1-M vehicles surpassing the previous record set last year by 55,000 vehicles or 1.8%.

Mr. Chairman, that completes my report, and I'll be happy to respond to any questions.

Williams: Thank you, Mr. Steiner, any questions regarding his report? At this time, we'll hear from our staff reports – the executive Director?

Zomparelli: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before I get started with my reports, we need to take care of an administrative matter. As the Commission Members may recall, our Deputy Executive Director Robert Arlow retired on January 31, 2001 and pursuant to the Bylaws, the Executive Director has the authority to appoint a new Deputy Executive Director, with the assent of the Commission Members.

My recommendation for our new Deputy Executive Director is Dan Castrigano. Mr. Castrigano was hired by the Commission back in 1982. He was a staff engineer in our Engineering Dept. He was transferred to the Maintenance Dept. in 1986 and headed that department as our Maintenance Engineer and was in that position for 15 years. He was later promoted to Asst. Deputy Executive Director on November 1, 1999 and during the past year Mr. Arlow and myself have been working with Mr. Castrigano to help him during the transition period when we were made aware Mr. Arlow was going to retire. I am pleased to report to the Commission Members that Mr. Castrigano has done a fine job throughout the years for the Commission and that in my opinion he would make an excellent Deputy Executive Director. I'd like to ask all the Commission Members by a responsive yes or no with their assent to Mr. Castrigano as the Commission's new Deputy Executive Director effective today.

Ayes: Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Williams-yes.

Williams: I think that congratulations are in order, and we'd ask the audience if they would participate in congratulating Dan regarding this appointment. We realize that he has been with this agency for many years. His early involvement, I think, was right out of school coming here to work for us and it's nice to have people who have come through the ranks and who are very deserving of this

kind of appointment. We are very pleased to have you here, Dan, and to take on this new responsibility. (Applause).

Castrigano: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Commission Members. I look forward to the opportunity and I also look forward to the new challenges that will undoubtedly come along with the position. As always, I'll continue to do my best not only for the Commission but for the Executive Director. Thank you.

Williams: Thank you.

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, I'll begin our presentation of the draft resolutions. We have a large number of resolutions today. The first resolution in our packet is captioned Resolution Awarding Contract No. 43-00-03 (Part A and B) for bridge deck replacement of the Stanley Road Bridge over the Ohio Turnpike in Portage County and the Lyntz Road Bridge in Trumbull County.

The Commission received three bids in response to this project which entails the bridge deck replacement (Part A) Stanley Rd. Bridge and (Part B) the Lyntz Road Bridge. A copy of the bid tab is attached in your packet.

We received bids from S. E. Johnson, A. P. O'Horo and Becdir Construction Co. The reason why I mention all three bidders is the fact that all three bids were over 10% of our engineer's estimate of \$1.1-M. Normally, if a project is over 10% the Commission may take the position of not awarding the contract. But after review of the circumstances with our new Deputy Executive Director in his capacity of Chief Engineer, we were able to determine that the estimate we received by the engineer had under-valued two main components mainly traffic control and removal of lead paint. At a later point, I'll ask the Deputy Executive Director to report to you further on those items.

But we did receive three bids and the low bidder was in the amount of \$1,259,581.62. With the 10% consideration given on this contract the low bidder's bid only exceeds the amount by about 14% or just under \$50,000. Given the relatively small dollar amount in excess of the 10% engineer's estimate and the extenuating factors that the DED/Chief Engineer will later report on, I would recommend that we move to adopt this resolution.

I'll read the Resolved and then if the Commission members want to take action or have more discussion at that time we'll ask the DED to report.

“RESOLVED that the bid of **The S. E. Johnson Companies, Inc.** of Maumee, Ohio in the amount of **\$1,259,581.62** for the performance of Contract No. 43-00-03 (Part A and B) 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 chairperson 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

RESOLVED that Project No. 43-00-03 (Part A and B) is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement.”

One last item, S. E. Johnson, is definitely a firm that has worked for the Turnpike in the past.

Williams: Discussion? Motion to adopt this resolution?

Blair: I'll move.

Greenwood: Second.

Blair: Dan, we get killed on this too – the bridge painting. Sometimes it costs as much to put paint back on than to replace the bridge. Is there something we could look at – oxidized steel –

Castrigano: Weathering steel? We have looked at that as far as the cost to re-coat vs. replace the steel. It still is more economical on a project like this to repaint the bridge rather than to replace the steel. We have obviously looked at other coating systems also. We obviously are going back now with non-lead paint. The weathering steel we have looked at that but we have not gotten into that at all.

Strnisha: I don't know if there is an answer to this or just an observation or maybe you have a sense as to what is going on out there. The bid was apparently the low bid from S. E. Johnson from Maumee. Two bidders and there are only two other bidders from the Youngstown area which are closer to the project and substantially higher. Do you have any comments?

Castrigano: The only thing I can say is that the Turnpike does not have a lot of work in the western part of the State this year so they went after it more aggressively.

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Member Strnisha – that was a very good observation because we were surprised also. I think that's one reason why we want the Commission to award this contract because it is such an attractive low bid and the bidder who normally does not bid in that area. The overriding interest is what is the best use of our public moneys and looking at where the second and third bidder from Youngstown area.

Strnisha: I wasn't aware there was that much activity out there that you wouldn't see more aggressive bids.

Zomparelli; It's a good bid. Why don't you point out some of the other traffic constraints within the local communities.

Castrigano; Sure, the project is currently set up for a June 15<sup>th</sup> completion date. If we were to reject the bids we would not be able to hold to that time frame. The local authorities are expecting their roads to be closed and re-opened by June – it's spring construction. We have a June completion date so we don't have any traffic zones on the Turnpike during the summer months. After Labor Day, we won't have enough time to complete the project before weather closes in on us so if we don't award at this point, we have to put it off for a year and award this time next year. The last factor is that these bridge decks are being replaced due to condition. These decks are in relatively poor condition. If didn't award now and put it off for a year, we'd have to get in there and do some remedial temporary work to get us through for another year. They are the original decks.

Williams: Any other questions?

Roll: Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution awarding Contract 43-00-03 (Part A and B) is adopted.

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Members, the next draft resolution is captioned, "Resolution Awarding Contracts for Construction of the Middle Ridge Service Plaza under Contract No. 53-99-03 and Vermilion Valley Service Plaza under Contract No. 53-99-04." We have put together the packet for these Lorain County service plazas. You have a recommendation as well as the bid tab attached. The Commission had divided this project into four basic bid packages. These are for the reconstruction of the Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley Service Plazas located in Lorain County at Milepost 139.5. The project includes contracts which would demolish the existing service plazas, fuel canopies, fuel islands and other site amenities and replace them and other service facilities, structures, parking areas and ramps with new construction. The project have been identified as Contract No. 53-00-03 and 53-99-04.

This is our fourth pair of service plazas out of eight that we will be starting reconstruction. The bids were received on January 17, 2001. Seven bidders submitted bid for the base bid packages. As you can see we divided each building site to Part A and Part B. Part A is for site work and Part B is general construction work. The low bid submitted for Middle Ridge and Vermillion Valley (Part A) was submitted by Independence Excavating in the amount of \$13,050,143.58 and that's a combination bid (Part A for both Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley.)

Regarding Bid Package B, we also have a combination bid that is the low bid submitted by Blaze Bldg. Corp. of Berea, OH. That's for all the general construction work at Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley. The resolved paragraph reads:

RESOLVED that the bids of the following bidders:

**Contract No. 53-99-03 and 53-99-04  
Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley Service Plazas**



<u>Bid Package</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Bidder's Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	Sitework (MR and VV)	Independence Excavating Independence, OH	\$13,050,143.58 <i>(combination)</i>
B	General (MR and VV)	Blaze Bldg. Corp. Berea, OH	14,244,000.00 <i>(combination)</i>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>			<b>\$27,294,143.58</b>

in the total amount of all combination bid packages awarded is **\$27,294.143.58** in connection with the performance of Contact No. 53-99-03 and 53-99-04, is and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bids received for the performance of said bid packages and contracts, and are accepted, and that the chairperson and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with each 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. 53-99-03 and 53-99-04 are designated System Projects under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement.

We have also attached in your packet a little breakdown (see "Summary of Construction Costs for First Four Sets of Reconstructed Service Plazas") to summarize how the costs for the Erie Islands/Commodore Perry compared to the Portage and Brady's Leap Service Plazas and further compared to the Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley Service Plazas. It gives the Commission an idea how the costs are accruing over the last several years under our reconstruction project. You can see that the building costs for Erie Islands/Commodore Perry was approximately \$119 per square foot. At the Portage and Brady's Leap site, it was \$126 per square foot. Now, for Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley we're at \$123 per sq. foot.

The parking spaces have been expanded as we have been going through this project. The Erie Islands/Commodore Perry and Great Lakes/Towpath we had 263 spaces. We increased it at Portage and Brady's Leap to 312 spaces and now at Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley in Lorain County, we have increased it to 423 spaces. The Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley have traditionally been the busiest

service plazas on the Ohio Turnpike. We would expect that to continue once that site is reconstructed.

The building and paved areas have increased so has the cost of construction. We paid approximately \$10-M for building and site work at Erie Islands/Commodore Perry and Great Lakes/Towpath at those two pairs. The pair currently under construction (Portage/Brady's Leap), we're at just under \$12-M and at the Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley we expect those to be just under \$14-M.

Changes in the plazas have resulted largely from food vendors' requests and patron requests to the Commission. We have increased the size of the food vendor areas, storage areas and sit-down restaurant capacity. Patrons have asked an increase in the size of the fuel canopies, also the increase in sidewalks, more lighting, automatic doors for electric wheel carts. We have also taken action to make the flooring longer lasting and substituting terrazzo for the tile in the lobby and food court areas. We have added vending machine space at the Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley area. Also increased the retail area. All in all the sites are expanded and that's to deal with the increase in traffic as Mr. Steiner has reported and even without the increase in traffic, the resulting increase from utilization by our patrons of the service plazas because they are attractive and convenient places to stop.

The Commission received numerous bids again and the bid tab is attached. I would recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Strnisha: I'll move.

Greenwood: Second.

Williams: Any questions?

Blair: Gino, who do you know how many spaces to provide for parking? We had that problem also.

Zomparelli: Well, that's a two-prong comparison. First we take into consideration the increase in traffic. It's a lot easier for us than ODOT because we do know who gets on and off the road because

of the tolling. We have an actual traffic count. And the second, we are limited by the amount of real estate that we have. We have maximized the site. We could probably put more spaces out there and they would be filled because the trucks' parking in Ohio as well as the rest of the country is not enough to fill all the needs of the trucks. As you drive up and down the Turnpike, it's not uncommon for all our lots to be full at all our open plazas.

We maximize the site – that's how we arrive at the number of spaces. The traffic in the summertime peaks for our passenger vehicles that we end up using part of the commercial as an overflow area for the passenger vehicles and we even expanded the employee parking lots and use that as an overflow for our passenger vehicles. We knew what traffic we had in the past and that wasn't enough parking. We have doubled the size of the parking area and it's as big as we can go without opening more sites.

Blair: Do you have any problems with only the 263 parking spaces at Erie Islands/Com. Perry. Are you have some problems driving through and not find parking spaces.

Zomparelli: We have those peak traffic times during the holidays and the passenger vehicles have a problem. The trucks are more routine. They are easier to gauge. Their traffic is heavy year-round so to gauge the need for passenger parking, we have our maintenance operators, Commission employees monitor the traffic situation and the Highway Patrol. As the lot fills up, we'll set up the overflow parking in the truck and employee parking lot. That's the best we can do. We seem to be meeting the needs and again, because of this reconstruction process still going on, we still have 8 buildings to go. We are increasing the amount of parking and the game plan is that that should be sufficient parking for a few years down the road.

Williams: Any other questions?

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Williams-yes.

Resolution awarding Contract No. 53-99-03 (Middle Ridge Service Plaza reconstruction) and 53-99-04 (Vermilion Valley Service Plaza reconstruction) is adopted.

Commission Member Senator Armbruster can report back to his area. I'm sure the local authorities out there would be interested in knowing what's happening to those service plazas as well.

Zomparelli: The next draft resolution in the Commission Members' packets is Resolution Awarding Contract No. 56-00-01. This resolution was drafted in connection with the Commission's maintenance buildings at the Castalia, Amherst and Boston locations. Castalia is located at Milepost 106.7 in Erie County. Amherst is located at MP 141.0 in Lorain County (Contract 56-00-02) and Boston is located at MP 173.9 in Summit County (Contract 56-00-03).

The Commission received bids from twelve companies and bidders were given the option to submit a single bid for the Castalia, Amherst or Boston Maintenance Building or a combination bid for any or all facilities. All bids were solicited on the same terms and they have been reviewed by our maintenance engineer, legal counsel and myself. The low bid for Contract No. 56-00-01 for the Castalia Maintenance Building was submitted by Feick Contractors in Sandusky County for a total amount, including alternates, of \$993,640.00.

The awards for the contracts for the Amherst and Boston Maintenance Buildings, because the low bidder was a different contractor will be covered under a separate resolution.

The Resolved for Contract No. 56-00-01 reads:

**“RESOLVED** that the bid for **Contract No. 56-00-01 (Castalia Maintenance Building)** submitted by **Feick Contractors, Inc.** of Sandusky, Ohio for a total bid amount, including alternates, of **\$993,640.00**, 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 chairperson and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with each successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; and (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. 56-00-01 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement."

The bids have been reviewed by our maintenance engineer, the bid tab is attached for your review. I'd recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Williams: May we have a motion to adopt this resolution?

Greenwood: Mr. Chairman, I move we adopt.

Strnisha: Second.

Williams: Moved and properly seconded, any questions? I imagine that the various areas described here in these counties that the work that is being done varies in terms of the work that needs to be done – in terms of renovation and additions?

Zomparelli: Right, it relates to the needs of the maintenance buildings themselves, but if Mr. Castrigano would like to comment.

Castrigano: The renovations being done at each building are similar mainly HVAC modifications, additions to vehicle storage and servicing also.

Strnisha: Gino, I didn't recognize the company name. Is this a new contractor in doing work for the Commission?

Zomparelli: I'm not sure they have been awarded a contract in the past, but they have bid in the past.

Castrigano: They have not held a prime contract with us in the past. The consulting engineer has checked out and verified references and past projects of this nature. This firm is in Sandusky – Feick.

Roll: Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution awarding Contract No. 56-00-01 is adopted.

Zomparelli: The second part of the maintenance building reconstruction is under a separate resolution awarding Contract No. 56-00-02 and 56-00-03. Again this relates to the prior contract award No. 56-00-01 – the same bidding process was used. The Commission received a combination bid for Contract No. 56-00-02 (Amherst Maint. Bldg.) and 56-00-03 (Boston Maint. Bldg.). It was submitted by RFC Contracting, Inc. of Strongsville, OH and I'll read the Resolved paragraph:

“RESOLVED that the combination bid for **Contract No. 56-00-02 (Amherst Maintenance Building)** and **Contract No. 56-00-03 (Boston Maintenance Building)** submitted by **RFC Contracting, Inc.** of Strongsville, Ohio for a total bid amount, including alternates, of **\$1,828,000.00**, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contracts, and is accepted, and that the chairperson and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with each successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; and (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. 56-00-02 and 56-00-03 are designated System Projects under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement.”

Again, this is under the same terms and conditions as the prior resolution just adopted by the Commission. I would recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Greenwood: I move we adopt this resolution awarding Contract No. 56-00-02 and 56-00-03.

Blair: I'll second but I have a question. Dan, I presume it was a package and that was why you had to take RFC for both of them. I see that Seitz was lower on the second one.

Castrigano: We didn't have to take RFC. The way it was set up the contractors could bid on any or all or a combination with all three. If you look at Seitz having the low bid for the particular building and if you take the low bid for the third building, that total is in excess of what RFC bid for the combination of the two. It was more economical to award the package.

RFC has done work for us before. They did the modifications to this room and also built our communications building across the parking lot.

Williams: Any further questions – please call the roll.

Roll: Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution awarding Contract No. 53-00-02 and 53-00-03 is adopted.

Zomparelli: Moving right along. The next draft resolution in your packet relates to the Award of Contract No. 59-01-01 (Part A and B). This draft resolution was prepared in connection with a contract for repairs, resurfacing and guardrail improvement of the westbound roadway (Part A) and the eastbound roadway (Part B) at MP 118.80 to 127.23 in Erie County.

The Commission received three bids for the performance of said contract. The bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's new Deputy Executive Director/Chief Engineer. The low bid was submitted by Gerken Paving, Inc. of Napoleon, Ohio. I'll read the Resolved:

“RESOLVED that the combination bid of **Gerken Paving, Inc.** of Napoleon, Ohio, in the total base amount of **\$4,118,783.75**, using crushed slag in the surface course, for the performance of Contract No. 59-01-01 (Part A and Part B), 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 chairperson 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. 59-01-01 (Part A and Part B) is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement.”

Again the bid tab is attached and I recommend the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Williams: Motion for adoption?

Greenwood: Mr. Chairman, I move we adopt the resolution awarding Contract No. 59-01-01.

Strnisha: Second.

Williams: We have properly moved and seconded, any questions?

Strnisha: Gino or Dan, could you just, I'm not following it's Monday morning. The low bid is Gerken.

Williams: Yes it's on the second sheet of the bid tab.

Castrigano; Actually on the bid tab it's on the third sheet. This was a similar situation where the bidder could bid on the eastbound or westbound roadway or both and again, this was a combination bid.

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Members, we purposely separated that out to keep it competitive and create more opportunities in the event there was more than one successful bidder.

Williams: Any further questions, secretary please call the roll.

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Blair-yes and Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution adopting Contract No. 59-01-01 (Part A and B) is adopted.



Zomparelli: The next resolution draft relates to the Award of Contract No. 59-01-02. This resolution was drafted for the repairs and resurfacing of the eastbound and westbound roadways from Milepost 230.55 to 241.26 and guardrail improvements of the eastbound and westbound roadway from MP 223.30 to 241.26 in Mahoning County.

The Commission received bids from two bidders. Again the bids were reviewed by Asst. DED now DED/Chief Engineer. The Resolved reads:

“RESOLVED that the base bid of **Northern Ohio Paving Company** of Twinsburg, Ohio, in the amount of **\$5,380,860.66** (using crushed slag in the surface course), for the performance of Contract No. 59-01-02 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 chairperson 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. 59-01-02 is designated a System Project under the Commission’s 1994 Master Trust Agreement.”

This bidder has performed for the Commission in the past satisfactorily and again the bid tab is attached and I recommend the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Greenwood: I move we adopt Resolution awarding Contract No, 59-01-02.

Blair: Second.

Williams: I’m wondering there’s a big difference between the two bids received and the estimate. How do we account for that?

Castrigano: Basically, our estimate was overly conservative. This project was done by our staff engineer, who is relatively new on staff. Looking

back on it now, he took an overly conservative approach to the estimate of the project. The bids have been reviewed by myself and the Asst. Chief Engineer. Northern Ohio has worked for us in the past and we are comfortable with the bid amount.

Williams: Any other questions, roll, please Mr. Secretary.

Roll: Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Blair-yes, Mr. Strnisha-yes and Mr. Williams-yes.

Resolution adopting Contract No. 59-01-02 is adopted.

Greenwood: Could I ask an out of order question, just because it deals with this part of the Turnpike. Has ODOT finished the work that it's doing out there. I complained last year when I was traveling westbound from PA. Being a Turnpike Commissioner, I wanted to use the Turnpike and took all my navigational skills to find the Turnpike.

Blair: I'll have to get back to you Tim, I don't know the answer to that.

Greenwood: I had a nice little trip through two-lane roads in eastern PA. Is that done yet since Bob said it was all part

Blair: You didn't like the scenic route?

Greenwood: Well the reason I brought it up instead of talking about it afterwards is if we're going to resurfacing and ODOT doing it's thing, it could be a real mess out there. Am I the only one who couldn't find the Turnpike?

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Member Greenwood, I'm not aware, but Mr. Arlow probably would receive some questions or maybe our Public Affairs Dept. may have received some questions about traffic controls in that area. We would have referred them to the ODOT representative. But as far as the Turnpike operations, our resurfacing zones should adequately handle the traffic flow of our traffic. Again, our traffic getting off onto the other roads is a separate question, but as far as the Turnpike, we'll be able to manage.

Greenwood: This won't include any off-ramps – just strictly resurfacing roadway.

Zomparelli: A lot of the questions we get about the third lane in the past related to the traffic. The third-lane has made resurfacing a much easier process and a lot safer to get the work completed both for our maintenance work forces and the contractor's work forces. We maintain two lanes for traffic when in the old two-lanes areas, when we resurfaced we were down to one lane of traffic in each direction. It should lessen the impact.

The next draft resolution relates to how we finance all the resolutions that the Commission just adopted. The next draft is captioned "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Commission's 2001 Request for Proposals for Underwriting Services"

A copy of the draft RFP is also included with the draft resolution for your review. The Commission's financial advisor from Fifth Third Securities, formerly known as The Ohio Company, and the Commission's CFO/Comptroller, Mr. Steiner, and myself have worked on drafting this resolution with General Counsel. It was drafted in connection with the need to borrow approximately \$100-M in additional funds to continue our Capital Improvement Program on the Ohio Turnpike.

The Capital Improvement Program includes, but is not limited to, the construction of the new interchanges, renovations of the toll plazas, improvements to our bridges throughout our system and largely the addition of the third lane to the Ohio Turnpike between Toledo and Youngstown. The Commission's financial advisor recommends that we issue a new money revenue bond in the year 2001 in the approximate amount of \$100-M and the Commission be in a position to advance refund all or a portion of the outstanding 1994, 1996 Series A Revenue Bonds if the market conditions permit. Resolved reads:

**"RESOLVED** that the Commission's executive director and general counsel are authorized and directed to prepare and issue Request(s) for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from those companies interested in furnishing underwriting services in connection with the proposed issuance of 2001 Revenue Bonds and the potential advance refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding 1994 and 1996 Revenue Bonds and to take such other

actions as are necessary to proceed with the proposed 2001 bond issues and to keep the Commission apprised of developments.

RESOLVED FURTHER that Resolution No. 63-1998 adopted by the Commission on November 9, 1998 is hereby repealed.”

The Commission’s financial advisor, Eric Erickson, is present to answer any questions the Commission Members may have. I’d recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Williams: Do we have a motion to adopt?

Greenwood: I move we adopt this resolution authorizing the issuance of the 2001 Request for Proposals for Underwriting Services.

Blair: I’ll second.

Williams: Discussion on the resolution? Eric do you have anything you’d like to contribute – the status of the market, what the projections might be and so forth?

Erickson: The only comment I might have mainly for the audience is the rough schedule we have included in here. We’ll send the RFP out approximately the first part of March and give the investment banking firms and banks approximately a month to respond. The proposals will be due back April 2 and we have established a time for oral interviews at the week of April 23. We expect to have a selection done by the Commission Meeting on May 14. Presumably, we’ll have a financing sometime in June based on this schedule. We hope the interest rates will still be fairly attractive at that time.

Strnisha: There has been some discussion about a little more aggressive schedule. Is there any thinking why we’re taking a little bit more time?

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Member Strnisha, we are still waiting to receive back from Moody’s. We thought we’d get a call last week regarding our rating. That’s one reason why we have not been as aggressive and went with a longer timetable. The second reason is market conditions seems to be improving from the

Commission's perspective and Mr. Erickson, you may want to comment more on that.

Erickson: Third thing is they really don't need the money until the fall. This gives plenty of time to get everything done, and I guess the next meeting will be in May as well. It ties in pretty well with those things.

Williams: Thank you Mr. Erickson. Any further questions? Secretary, please call the roll.

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Williams-yes.

Resolution authorizing Issuance of the Commission's 2001 Request for Proposals for Underwriting services is adopted.

Zomparelli: Continuing with the financial needs of the Commission, the next draft resolution is captioned, "Resolution to Authorize and Issue a Declaration of Official Intent with Respect to Reimbursement of Temporary Advances Made for Capital Expenditures to be Made from Subsequent Borrowings"

It is a fairly lengthy Resolved, I'll read a couple pertinent sections of the Resolved and Mr. Steiner, our CFO/Comptroller is present to answer any questions the Commission Members may have pertaining to this Declaration of Official Intent. On the second page, Section 2. Declaration of Official Intent:

"(a) The Ohio Turnpike Commission declares that it reasonably expects that the Capital Expenditures described in Section (b), which were paid no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof, or which will be paid prior to the issuance of any Obligations intended to fund such Capital Expenditures, will be reimbursed with the proceeds of Obligations, representing a borrowing by the Ohio Turnpike Commission in the maximum principal amount, for such Reimbursements, of **\$51,000,000.00**; and

(b) The Capital Expenditures to be reimbursed are to be used for construction, reconstruction, land acquisition and related costs incurred in improving the System (as defined in Article I of the

Master Trust Agreement dated as of February 15, 1994 between the Ohio Turnpike Commission and The Huntington National Bank, as supplemented, the "System") and all facilities integral to the System.

**Section 4. Open Meeting.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Ohio Turnpike Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Ohio Turnpike Commission; and that all deliberations of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.”

I'd recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution. It's more of a formality relating to the use of a future bond issue.

Williams: May I have a motion to adopt this resolution?

Strnisha: I move for approval.

Greenwood: Second.

Williams: Secretary, please call the roll.

Roll: Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes and Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution authorizing the issuance of a Declaration of Official Intent is adopted.

Zomparelli: The next draft resolution related to a Resolution Adopting and Promulgating Amended Rules for the Control and Regulation of Traffic on the Ohio Turnpike.

Our General Counsel, Mr. Amato, worked with our legal consultant, Mr. Peca, in adopting and promulgating these rules bringing the Commission's administrative rules up to date. I'll read the Resolved of this resolution:

“RESOLVED that the Commission hereby adopts the aforementioned Amended Rules, New Rules and No Change in

accordance with Section 111.15 and 119.032 of the Revised Code;  
and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the general counsel is hereby instructed to certify copies of the aforementioned rules, to file the appropriate copies with the Director of the Legislative Service Commission, the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and the Ohio Secretary of State, which certified copies shall designate an effective date of March 1, 2001 and a review date of October 1, 2005, and to cause said rules to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Franklin County, Ohio.”

I'd ask General Counsel to comment on the status of the rules.

Amato: You will recall that the rules were distributed to the Commission Members in May. They were submitted to the Joint Counsel of the Joint Committee in June. On December 11 we went down to Columbus for a hearing at which time all rules were adopted as amended. Most of them just bring the rules up to date. The last time they were revised was in the 50's and 60's. We brought them up to date with the third lane and we fortified some of the provisions concerning the transportation of hazardous materials. But the 60 days elapsed this month actually. We'd like to have them effective March 1, 2001 with the next rule revision date or review date of 5 years from then pursuant to the statute.

Zomparelli: Thank you, Mr. Amato. I'd recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Williams: Motion to adopt this resolution?

Blair: I'll move.

Greenwood: Second.

Roll: Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes and Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution adopting and Promulgating Amended Rules for the Control and Regulation of Traffic is adopted.

Zomparelli: That's all the resolutions I have to report to the Commission Members. The last item I'd like to report on relates to the status of our concession contracts at the Portage and Brady's Leap Service Plazas.

In your packet, you'll see a small chart entitled, "Contract TR-8C, Portage and Brady's Leap Service Plazas". It shows what action we have taken so far in the award of the concession contracts. You also have a little map to familiarize you with the site or floor plan.

Unit #1 was awarded to HMS Host; food concept is Starbucks, gross percentage of sales to be paid to the Commission is 9.25%

Unit #2 was awarded to HMS Host as well, concept is a Travel Mart, gross percentage of sales to be paid to the Commission is the same 9.25%

Unit #3 was awarded to McDonalds Corporation. Food concept is McDonalds; gross percentage of sales to be paid to the Commission during the initial term of 7 years is 10.01% and during any option year that is exercised, McDonalds will pay the Commission 11% of gross sales.

Unit #5 which is in the main lobby area was awarded to HMS Host. Their concept is Fossil/Bijoux Turner; gross percentage of sales to be paid to the Commission is 9.25%.

McDonalds Corp. and HMS Host have agreed to the terms and specifications of our RFP and our proceeding. Our Engineering Dept. is preparing construction plans to start construction of their build-out units.

The remaining unit, #4, was awarded to Advanced Restaurant Concepts, Inc. (ARCI) with a Denny's concept. However, we have been unable to execute a contract with ARCI. We've had numerous negotiation sessions with them – documents and proposals submitted by them. Each one was unacceptable to the Commission in that it changed some of the terms of the RFP. The intent of the RFP was limited to only negotiation of the gross sales percentage to be paid to the Commission. To simply put it, they are unwilling to stand up to their bid and do not want to proceed with an award on that contract.



We have had conversations with ARCI as late as Friday, February 9, 2001, and it doesn't look like we'll be in a position to agree to their terms for Unit #4 and it may be necessary for the Commission to either re-bid Unit #4 or work with one of the other vendors working in that facility. I will need more time to evaluate and will report back to the Commission on what will happen with Unit #4 or how we should meet. I'll report that at our next Commission Meeting on the status of Unit #4. We haven't submitted any written correspondence to ARCI regarding Denny's concept either than awarding them the contract. They haven't really stated that they were not going to go forward with their Denny's concept but it appears that they would like us not to proceed with the award. That's an update on the Portage and Brady's Leap Service Plazas. It's not an easy facility. We are working with the existing vendors, McDonalds and HMS, to hopefully have most of the operations in service prior to Memorial Day so we can be prepared for the Memorial Day holiday traffic as well as getting into the peak periods in the summer.

The retail units and coffee unit are easier units to build-out compared to the McDonalds vending unit, but we are going to be limited with our time frame with the response we received from the Ohio Building Dept. on permits that can be received. Our government liaison, Mr. Patton, will work diligently to help the vendors get their permits as quickly as possible. But that's just part of the process and even though they would be ready to start construction, the permitting process with the State does take some time. If there are no other questions, that concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

Williams: Are there any questions regarding this report on the service plazas? Thank you Mr. Zomparelli. Next we'll have a report from the Deputy Executive Director regarding the status of the construction projects and new interchanges.

Castrigano: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Commission Members. Work has slowed down on the road obviously throughout the winter months. Although work is beginning at Exits 3, 16 and 16A as our toll plaza reconstruction program continues. At Exit 10 the utility building is complete. The contractor is currently working across the lanes working on the toll booths and lanes. Minimal work has

been going on at our two current third-lane projects – one in Sandusky County and the second in Cuyahoga County. Work continues on the Cuyahoga River Bridge. Throughout they have been setting the concrete beams on the new eastbound structure. You might have noticed that when you came over the bridge.

The one project that has been going hot and heavy is Portage/Brady's Leap Service Plaza project. Work has continued throughout the winter. The buildings are basically up, complete under heat. The interior work continues and we are still currently on schedule for an opening on or about April 9<sup>th</sup> – prior to the Easter holiday. That concludes my report.

Williams: Any comments or questions regarding the report? Thank you. Our Financial Advisor, anything at this time, Mr. Erickson?

Erickson: No additional comments, Mr. Chairman.

Williams: Mr. Lamb, Huntington Bank?

Lamb: No report Mr. Chairman.

Williams: Capt. Farris from the OSHP? Welcome and come forward please.

Farris: Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, Commission Members and Director Zomparelli. First I would like to start by congratulating Mr. Castrigano on his new appointment. I'd like to give a brief re-cap of the year 2000 as far as the Highway Patrol's operation on the Ohio Turnpike.

2000 was a very difficult year for us – a challenging year. As you all recall in May 2000 Trooper Robert Perez was involved in a crash on the Ohio Turnpike which eventually led to his death. That was a very difficult situation for our troopers and me personally.

In June 2000 Officer Wayne Leon of the Cleveland Police Dept. was killed in the line of duty. That was very difficult for us to handle because it was a grim reminder of Trooper Perez's death. It was also difficult for us in light of the fact when Trooper Perez was hospitalized at the Metro Health Center in Cleveland, the Cleveland Police Dept. was very supportive for us and for the

Perez family.

On December 30, 2000 two of our troopers, Rudy Zupanc and Christopher Barnes were placed in an unenviable position of having to take a human life. I think it is incumbent upon me to state that I think there is some misconception that law enforcement officers go to work with the desire or intent of harming people or depriving people of their rights and liberties. That simply is not true and particularly not true of my people. Our concern is to protect the lives and safety of the people using the Ohio Turnpike and the people working on the Ohio Turnpike. Our efforts are directed in that direction and with that end in mind.

During the year 2000 troopers on the Ohio Turnpike assisted 60,698 patrons using the Turnpike. We answered 66,710 phone calls, investigated 2,446 crashes, investigated 11 fatal crashes with 12 fatalities. Unfortunately that was an increase over 1999. In 1999 we had 7 fatalities which was an outstanding year and certainly one that is difficult to duplicate.

Our troopers who are especially trained in commercial vehicle enforcement inspected 1,613 commercial vehicles over the year. We arrested 256 persons on the Ohio Turnpike for drug-related offenses and one of our emphasis over the years has been the security and safety of the patrons on the Ohio Turnpike and also the people using the travel centers. During the year 2000, we conducted 5,928 security checks of the travel centers.

Also during the year 2000 we had a 4% decrease in commercial involvement in traffic crashes. That's significant in light of the fact that we had 1.4% increase in commercial traffic on the Turnpike. Also, during 2000 our alcohol fatalities decreased. We had 11 fatal crashes we investigated and only two of them involved alcohol.

During the year 2000 and we will continue in 2001, our efforts will be focused on traffic safety as usual and keeping people alive on the Turnpike. We worked on our "Stay Awake/Stay Alive" program which we will continue to do in 2001. We have also partnered with Roadway Express and the Turnpike to conduct "no zone" displays at the service plazas which we will continue to do.

Our enforcement focus will be on crash-causing violations which include unsafe speed, following too close, driving under the influence and improper lane changing. Also included in that we will focus on enforcement in construction sites.

During the year 2000 we had a number of personnel changes within the district. In September, Lt. Dicken who was the post Commander at the Swanton Post transferred to Columbus. He was replaced by Lt. Kocab.

In December of 2000 Lt. Voelker retired from the Highway Patrol and he was replaced by Lt. Engle.

In August of 2000, Lt. Del Vecchio retired from OSHP and he was replaced by Lt. Morgan. Lt. Del Vecchio was in charge of our investigation unit which assists our troopers on the Turnpike with criminal investigations.

In May 2001 Lt. Matheny, our Milan Post Commander will retire from Highway Patrol service. That will mean that the senior Commander in the District will have ten months of experience.

I also want to inform you that I have informed Colonel Morckel, Mrs. Leever and Director Zomparelli that effective March 20 I will also retire from Highway Patrol Service. Any questions?

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Members, I'm not retiring, I'm going to be here for a while I hope. In the short time that Captain Farris – will be Capt. or Mr. (reply – just Ed) Captain Farris has done the job with the highest level of pride and duty and we were very lucky to have him for the time that he has been here. I have come to know he is a very honorable man, and he wears his uniform with high distinction. I think he will be an excellent citizen as well when he becomes a non-patrol person. He is a high quality individual. It's hard to find fine people like that. Hopefully he can help with the replacement of our next Captain or make some positive recommendations for the next Captain of the Highway Patrol on the Ohio Turnpike. I wish him well in his retirement. I'm a little jealous that he is getting ready to retire when he is still a fairly young man, but at the same time, we wish him the best and we do appreciate your dedication and hard work to the Turnpike. I know that the Chairman is not here because of an illness in her

family, but she would express those same thanks and gratitude. We'll give you an applause and wish you well. Thank you.

Williams: Additionally, Captain, I would just like to say that your reports have been informative. They have been done in a very concise manner, and we certainly appreciate your tenure here and what you have done in terms of keeping us informed in terms of what is happening. Thank you very much.

Farris: I would also like to state that I consider it an honor and privilege to end my career with the Highway Patrol where it started on the Ohio Turnpike.

Williams: Mr. Schipper? Any report from you?

Schipper: No report, Mr. Chairman.

Williams: General Counsel's report?

Amato: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have a single resolution which concerns a piece of property at the I-77 Ohio Turnpike and Route 21 interchange. Recently we had filed an appropriation action concerning the Liptak property. It was done at a time when we were close to resolution and just recently we have come to an agreement rather than a purchase of the parcel property, we are going to switch parcels of land with the Liptaks. They give us a part of vacant land on the side of their property and we give them the frontage which is additional frontage to their parcel. I have a resolution which authorizes the release of interest in the piece of property that we are giving up. It reads as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the executive director and general counsel are authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary on behalf of the Commission or by or through the appropriate officers of the State of Ohio to convey a portion of Parcel No. 11-19 WL to Michael C. Liptak, Jr. and Marvine Liptak, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority hereby granted to the executive director and general counsel shall include authority, if deemed appropriate, to execute an interagency transfer of the

Commission's jurisdiction to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for subsequent transfer to Michael C. Liptak, Jr. and Marvine Liptak.”

I recommend that this resolution be adopted.

Williams: A motion to adopt this resolution?

Strnisha: Move to adopt.

Greenwood: Second.

Williams: Moved and seconded. Roll, please.

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Blair-yes and Mr. Williams-yes.

The resolution authorizing release of interest in Parcel No. 11-19 WL is adopted.

Amato: Thank you Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report.

Williams: Any further business? If not, I'd like to accept a motion that we adjourn this meeting until March 26<sup>th</sup> – our next meeting.

Zomparelli: Mr. Chairman, Commission Members, this relates to the Certificate of Achievement Mr. Steiner and the Ohio Turnpike Commission has received in Accounting. We haven't received the plaque yet, but we just wanted to apprise the Commission members that the Ohio Turnpike Commission has once again received that award for excellence in Accounting and financial reporting. When the plaque is received, and we may have it for the next Commission meeting, we will formally present it to the Commission at that time. Again, that's a testament in keeping with the public trust and doing an excellent job with our finances and being fiscally responsible.

Mr. Chairman, I'd like to report, before we conclude, just thinking of Capt. Farris' retirement and the new personnel in OSHP we have had the same kind of situation that we are transitioning with our own employee work forces. That is also a good reason why Dan Castrigano will be an effective Deputy Executive Director

because he is a seasoned veteran. We have seen a lot of our staff retire as well in the supervisory capacities both in the Toll and Maintenance Departments. They comprise a large percentage of our 1100 employees that we have. I'm happy to report to the Commission that I think with the transition and new personnel that we have appointed that we are standing up to the test and should still continue to give the public the same high level of traffic and premium value that they demand and deserve on the Ohio Turnpike.

Lastly, the next tentative date for the Customer Advisory Meeting has been set for February 27. We will report at the March meeting how that went. That concludes my comments.

Williams: OK, may we have a motion to adjourn? Our next meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Greenwood: I move to adjourn.

Strnisha: Second.

Williams: Roll, please.

Roll: Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Blair and Mr. Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.