

**MINUTES OF THE 555<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**  
**September 21, 2009**

**Chairman:** (10:05 a.m.) Good morning, will the meeting come to order? Will the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer please call the roll?

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Chairman Balog

**Mr. Balog:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Regula

**Mr. Regula:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Dixon

**Mr. Dixon:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Ms. Teeuwen

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Kaplanov

**Mr. Kaplanov:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Jerse

**Mr. Jerse:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Senator Patton

**Mr. Patton:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** I didn't read Mr. Kidston or Hagan, obviously not here.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Teeuwen is here from ODOT, Ed Jerse is here from the Department of Development and Nikos Kaplanov is here from the Ohio Budget and Management. As Mr. Distel indicated Representative Robert Hagan is unable to be here today because he's out of the country and Ed Kidston, Commission Member, is also unable to be here today.

We have a number of guests here today and in keeping with past practices I'd like everyone to introduce themselves starting with Mr. Steiner.

**Those in attendance:** Jim Steiner, CFO/Comptroller, Ohio Turnpike; Eric Erickson, Fifth Third Securities; Dave Miller, Director of Audit and Internal Control, Ohio Turnpike; Jennifer Diaz, Legal Department, Ohio Turnpike; Heidi Jedel, Executive Office, Ohio Turnpike; Lt. Chris Zurcher, Ohio State Highway Patrol; Kathy Weiss, Director of Contracts Administration, Ohio Turnpike; Michael Swan, Omnipro Services; Frank Bronzo, KCI Associates of Ohio; Tim Ujvari, Maintenance Engineer, Ohio Turnpike; Tony Yacobucci, URS; Chris Hopkins, Key Bank; Karen Farkas, Plain Dealer; Lauren Hakos, Public Affairs & Marketing, Ohio Turnpike; Don Taggart, Operators Union Local 18; Tom James, Operators Union Local 18; Nick Spinabelli, DCK Worldwide; Toby Furz, DCK Worldwide; Tom Travis, HMS Host; Frank Lamb, Huntington Bank; Glen Stephens, G. Stephens; Daniel Van Epps, West Virginia University; Bill Keaton, Telecommunications, Ohio Turnpike; Bob Ball TransCore; Larry Halko, TransCore; Dennis Golem, Wells Fargo Security.

**Chairman:** Thank you. This is the 555<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and we are meeting here at the Commission's headquarters as provided for in the Commission's Code of Bylaws for a regular meeting. Various reports will be received and we will act on several resolutions, draft copies have been previously sent to the Members and updated drafts are also in the Members' folders. The resolutions will be explained during the appropriate reports. May I have a motion to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2009 Commission Meeting?

**Mr. Dixon:** So moved.

**Chairman:** Is there a second?

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Second.

**Chairman:** Please call the roll.

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Chairman Balog

**Mr. Balog:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Dixon

**Mr. Dixon:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Regula

**Mr. Regula:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Ms. Teeuwen

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Yes

**Chairman:** If there are no questions we will proceed with the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Dixon.

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The following items have been sent to the Members since the last scheduled meeting of the Commission on July 20, 2009. They are as read:

1. Minutes of the July 20, 2009 Commission Meeting
2. Financial Statement, July and August, 2009
3. Traffic and Revenue, July and August, 2009
4. Total Revenue by Month and Year, July and August, 2009
5. Investment Report, July and August, 2009
6. Traffic Crash Summary Report, July and August, 2009

That completes my report Mr. Chairman. Any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them.

**Chairman:** Any questions for Mr. Dixon? Thank you very much. We've been provided, as we talk about Mr. Dixon, we've been provided from the State of Ohio, Office of the Governor, the Governor has reappointed Commission Member George Dixon III, for a full term commencing on August 13, 2009 through the close of business on July 29, 2017. Congratulations! We look forward to serving with you.

**Mr. Dixon:** Oh boy did he stick you guys.

**Chairman:** Next report will be the Executive Director.

**Executive Director:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission. I'm happy to report that as we sit here 10 days away from October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Turnpike will be operational for E-ZPass electronic tolling on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have processed nearly 8,000 orders to date and issued about 11,000 transponders. I have a bet with Mr. Steiner that we get to 20,000, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do. Out of our 239 toll plazas 238 of them have been commissioned. We have one test lane still at 140 that needs to be done and I see Mr. Ball in the back. I believe that will be done this week, so we will be ready. I can't say enough about the staff and our integrators from TransCore what a wonderful job they have done to get us to this point. Obviously, in front of you, or I've handed you an envelope that has your non-revenue transponder, those will be able to be used on the main line starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have delayed our back gates, so you still want to keep your non-revenue card for about another two weeks, maybe three weeks, you will still have to use that. We've delayed that back gate in order to get operational. Mr. Chairman with that I hope that everybody will be able to attend our dedication ceremony at 10 a.m.; I believe you're going to mention that, on October 1<sup>st</sup>. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Chairman:** Any questions for the Executive Director? Thank you. Next go to the Chief Engineer and resolutions, Dan.

**Chief Engineer:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have two resolutions this morning for your consideration. First is the awarding of a contract for Telecommunications Service

Maintenance Provider at all of our facilities. On June 30, 2009, we issued an RFP to bring on board our Telecommunications Maintenance Service Provider. The contract has an initial term of three years with mutual agreement extension two additional three year terms. On August 18<sup>th</sup> we received two responses to the RFP and the evaluation team consisting of staff members from the Telecommunications and the Information Services Department reviewed the technical submissions of both firms and awarded the highest technical score to TransCore, Inc. of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania. This bidder has performed satisfactorily in the past for the Commission and is the Commission's current Telecommunications Systems Provider. As a result of the price proposals, when they were unsealed the overall best cost performance index was also achieved by TransCore at the price quoted of \$83,000.00 per month. The evaluation team is recommending an award to TransCore of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania subject to the standard provisions of the five day objection period. General Counsel, if you would please read the Resolved.

**General Counsel:** RESOLVED that the proposal submitted by **TransCore, Inc. of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania** is, and is by the Commission determined to be, the best of all proposals received in response to the Commission's RFP for a Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider and is accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director and Director of Contracts Administration hereby are authorized to: 1) execute a Contract with TransCore to serve as the Commission's Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider, which shall provide for an initial term of three (3) years commencing on or around October 1, 2009; 2) to direct the return to all respondents of their proposal guaranties at such time as the TransCore has entered into a Contract in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid RFP; 3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said RFP and said Contract; and 4) determine whether to renew the Contract for either of the two (2) additional three-year periods pending satisfactory performance evaluations by the Telecommunications Manager.

**Chairman:** May we have a motion to adopt the resolution before us?

**Mr. Regula:** So moved.

**Chairman:** Is there a second?

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Second.

**Chairman:** Discussions, questions on the motion? Senator Patton.

**Mr. Patton:** I know that nine of the 15 or 16 bidders were Ohio bidders. In this particular bid do we show any Ohio preference? Do we weigh that in the final evaluation before the bid is awarded?

**Chief Engineer:** Mr. Chairman, I do know TransCore does have an Ohio office, Director of Contracts Administration was that part of the scoring tabulation?

**Director of Contracts Administration:** Mr. Chairman and Senator Patton, for our RFP's our Buy Ohio and Domestic Preference Policy is not applicable. However, we do state a very strong preference for an Ohio firm and an Ohio office *inaudible*.

**Mr. Patton:** This firm as I understand it is in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**Director of Contracts Administration:** Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, Senator Patton, yes. However, they do have a significant Ohio presence and having served as our Telecommunications Service Provider in the past they have a significant number of employees based here in Ohio.

**Mr. Patton:** Thank you Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Any further questions?

**Mr. Dixon:** I had actually asked the same question of George a couple days ago about the Ohio presence. I'm a little disappointed in that. We went on and had some discussion about our telecommunications and my question is and the way George kind of explained it to me, how specific our system was and I know this area, electronics it changes every day. I know there are some windows here for us to maybe open up to maybe give another Ohio company a chance to get this contract. So I was wondering how old is our Telecommunications system as it is and do we look into updating and maybe into integrating it so it's not so specialized that only a few because it's my understanding that out of 15 RFP's we only had two responses. Is that correct?

**Chief Engineer:** That's correct Commission Member Dixon. I'll answer that in two parts first as far as the condition of the system. The condition is fairly well up-to-date over the past five or six years we've done multiple upgrades to the PBX telephone system, our fiber optic system and the replacement of some of the radios. Mr. Dixon, yes, in addition to our normal publishing for this bid we also published it on the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association's website. We issued 15 RFP's to people that we do know that are in the business. Ten individual separate firms attended the pre-bid conference and due to the many facets of this contract, not only the microwave system, the fiber optic systems, portable radios, telephone systems we made it clear that if bidders did not have the complete package that they were free to partner with additional bidders also and none of them took that route. But we did make that available to them.

**Mr. Dixon:** So again, not to belabor the point, but as in a lot of contracts someone who is already in-house with us would have an upper hand on this bid, on this RFP? Sure they would.

**Chief Engineer:** They would surely have the most knowledge of the equipment out here, yes.

**Mr. Dixon:** Okay, when you only got two responses to a bid and you had 15 people you sent that information to that just sends up a red flag to me and that's something we maybe

need to...would it be, can we possibly poll some of the people we sent the package to and ask them why they didn't bid? Just for future reference.

**Director of Contracts Administration:** Mr. Dixon, absolutely, we'd be more than happy to do that. We did receive several notifications from firms that spoke exactly to what Dan just mentioned that they were unable to at this time due to other constraints or other commitments consider joint venturing so that they could partner up and perform in one aspect of the maintenance on the system and I have several e-mails to that affect, but I'll gather those together and we will go back to the ones that we didn't hear from and put together something for the Commission.

**Mr. Dixon:** It's not my intention to give you more work, but I think it's something we need to look into. Thanks. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you.

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions. My understanding is you actually have six employees that work full-time on this correct? They are actually residents of Ohio.

**Chief Engineer:** That's correct. I don't know if it's six, is six the correct number Bill?

**Telecommunications Manager:** Yes.

**Ms. Teeuwen:** And then to that point, have we ever looked at the possibility of bringing that work in-house? I mean if it's six peoples' full-time job to bring that technology, that knowledge to the Turnpike?

**Chief Engineer:** Mr. Chairman, Commission Member Teeuwen, in past years on some contracts like this, yes we have done it in-house, but we've done more reduction of staff and more contracting out.

**Ms. Teeuwen:** I guess looking at the dollars and cents is it cheaper to do it in-house as opposed to contracted out. I don't know, it's just something that maybe in the next contract we might consider looking at.

**Chief Engineer:** I'll do some checking into it.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Please call the roll.

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Chairman Balog

**Mr. Balog:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Dixon

**Mr. Dixon:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Regula

**Mr. Regula:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Ms. Teeuwen

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2009**

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

**Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Telecommunications Service Maintenance Provider at all Ohio Turnpike Commission Facilities**

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2009, the Commission issued its Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to select a Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider for an initial Contract term of three (3) years, which may be extended for two (2) additional three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, expenditures for the Contract to be awarded will exceed \$150,000.00, and, therefore, in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws, Commission action is necessary for the award of said Contract; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2009, two (2) firms submitted proposals to serve as the Commission’s Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Contracts Administration reviewed each Proposal for compliance with the legal requirements of the RFP, and the Accounting Manager reviewed the financial condition of each respondent; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Team comprised of the Telecommunications Manager, the Telecommunications Systems Administrator and the Network Administrator conducted the technical review of the proposals submitted and awarded the highest technical score to TransCore, Inc. (“TransCore”) of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, which firm the Team also noted has performed satisfactorily as the Commission’s current Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider; and

WHEREAS, after the Price Proposals were unsealed by the Purchasing Manager and tabulated, it was determined that the best overall best Cost Performance Index was achieved by TransCore, which quoted **\$83,000 per month (or \$996,000 per Contract year)** for staffing under the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by the Director of Contracts Administration that all legal requirements have been performed and that the aforesaid Proposals

were solicited on the basis of the same terms, conditions and specifications with respect to all respondents; that TransCore has provided evidence of its ability to provide the required insurance and performance bond as set forth in the RFP; and that the Commission may legally enter into a Contract with TransCore; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has made his recommendation to the Commission predicated on the Evaluation Team's and the Director of Contracts Administration's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the proposal submitted by TransCore, Inc. of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania is, and is by the Commission determined to be, the best of all proposals received in response to the Commission's RFP for a Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider and is accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director and Director of Contracts Administration hereby are authorized to: 1) execute a Contract with TransCore to serve as the Commission's Telecommunications Systems Maintenance Service Provider, which shall provide for an initial term of three (3) years commencing on or around October 1, 2009; 2) to direct the return to all respondents of their proposal guaranties at such time as the TransCore has entered into a Contract in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid RFP; 3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said RFP and said Contract; and 4) determine whether to renew the Contract for either of the two (2) additional three-year periods pending satisfactory performance evaluations by the Telecommunications Manager.

**(Resolution No. 27-2009 adopted September 21, 2009)**

**Chief Engineer:** Thank you. The last resolution I have this morning is modifications to contract TR-8B units 1, 2, 3, and 5 for operation of the concession operations at our Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas. HMSHost Tollroads, Inc., was awarded TR-8B units 1, 2, and 5 when we reopened Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas in 1999. That contract has essentially already been renewed once. Also, the Commission may recall that pursuant to Resolution 53-2003 HMSHost was also awarded Unit 3 at both those service plazas due to the fact that the previous concessionaire in that unit could not fulfill the term of the contract. That contract, Unit 3, had an initial term of five, seven years with a possibility of five, five-year, renewal periods. The first term of the contract expired on June 16, 2009, the Director of Contracts Administration issued some short renewals to that contract, so we could renegotiate that contract. HMSHost requested the renewal of the contract with the provisions that the contract we could do some modifications to the contract. The Commission also would have liked to see some modifications to that contract also. After negotiations with the concessionaire we are coming to the Commission with the following revisions to the contract. The two contracts for all four units would be made co-terminus with an initial expiration date of March



11, 2014, with the possibility of four additional five-year terms. All guaranteed minimums rents for all units will be aggregated. These two provisions we currently do in all new contracts that we issue for the service plazas. We would also have a blended rental rate for all four units at 10.5%, some units would be reduced and others increased. There would also be modifications to the common area maintenance fees and increase to the operating hours. If the General Counsel would please read the Resolved.

**General Counsel:** RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director and Director of Contracts Administration to execute the Contract extension with HMSHost Tollroads, Inc. of Bethesda, Maryland for Contract TR-8B, Unit 3 (Burger King) in accordance with the aforementioned modifications to said Contract, and further to execute an addendum to Contract TR-8B, Units 1, 2 and 5 (Starbucks, Pizza Hut/KFC and Travel Mart), also in accordance with the aforementioned modifications.

**Chairman:** Motion to adopt the resolution that's before us?

**Ms. Teeuwen:** So moved.

**Chairman:** Is there a second?

**Mr. Regula:** Second.

**Chairman:** Discussions on the resolution? Mr. Dixon.

**Mr. Dixon:** One of the disadvantages of being around so long is that some of these companies start running together and you know you're supposed to remember them for some reason and the Compass Group, was that a minority group? Do you know? No, it's not. Why is that?

**Chief Engineer:** I don't think it was.

**Mr. Dixon:** It wasn't?

**Mr. Balog:** They ceased doing business if I remember correctly.

**Chief Engineer:** A minority is the operator in SP-8 in Mahoning Valley, Glacier Hills. And also seven. Yes.

**Mr. Dixon:** And last, just real briefly, so HMSHost they're the majority provider for our system basically aren't they?

**Chief Engineer:** Right now HMSHost has quite a few of the operations, Hardees has the entire SP-3 operation, Covelli Enterprises has a presence in SP-4 and 5. Who is in 7?

**Director of Contract Administration:** Select Service Providers.

**Chief Engineer:** There you go. Select Service Providers is in 7.

**Mr. Dixon:** Okay. Thanks.

**Chairman:** Any questions on the resolution before us? Please call the roll.

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Chairman Balog

**Mr. Balog:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Dixon

**Mr. Dixon:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Regula

**Mr. Regula:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Ms. Teeuwen

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-2009**

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

**Resolution Authorizing Modifications to Contract TR-8B, Unit 3 and Contract TR-8B, Units 1, 2 and 5 at the Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 53-2003, adopted on December 15, 2003, the Commission awarded Contract TR-8B to **HMSHost Tollroads, Inc. (“HMSHost”)** of **Bethesda, Maryland** for the operation of Unit 3 (Burger King) at the Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Resolution, HMSHost was awarded the remainder of the Contract that had previously been awarded to the Compass Group for the operation of Unit 3, but which the Compass Group could not fulfill; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Contract was seven years, with the possibility of five, five-year renewals at the sole discretion of the Commission, with the first term of the Contract expiring on June 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, HMSHost has requested renewal of the Contract, but only if the terms of the Contract can be modified to stem financial losses it is incurring from operation of the Burger King units at the Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas; and

WHEREAS, a brief extension of Contract TR-8B Unit 3 was entered into so that discussions could be conducted with HMSHost regarding the financial terms of the Contract, during which Commission staff also expressed the Commission's desire that Contract TR-8B, Unit 3 be made coterminous with Contract TR-8B Units 1, 2 and 5 (Starbucks, Pizza Hut/KFC and Travel Mart) and that there be one blended revenue sharing (rental) rate by HMSHost for all four units; and

WHEREAS, the end result of these discussions was agreement by the parties as follows:

- The two Contracts for all four units will be made coterminous with a new expiration date of March 11, 2014, with the possibility of four additional five-year terms beyond this first extension;
- All guaranteed minimum rents for the four units will be aggregated;
- The rental rate will be reduced from 12% for the Burger King unit and increased from 10% for the Starbucks, Pizza Hut/KFC and Travel Mart units to a blended rate for all four units of 10.5% of sales;
- The Common Area Maintenance ("CAM") Fees for Unit 3 Burger King will be reduced to 7.5% of the total CAM for the Plazas;
- In exchange for HMSHost extending the operating hours for Unit 1 Starbucks to midnight (and 2:00 a.m. in the busy seasons) and adding seating to this unit, the Common Area Maintenance ("CAM") Fees for the unit will be reduced to 3% of the total CAM for the Plazas, and the price cap raised to 12.5%; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been pleased with the services rendered by HMSHost at all four units it operates at the Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Chief Engineer, Director of Contracts Administration and Director of Service Plaza Operations have extensively reviewed the proposed contract modifications, and believe that they are reasonable in light of their view that losing the Burger King unit at this time would result in a far less favorable revenue sharing bid for said 24-hour quick-serve operation at the Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Director of Contracts Administration has advised the Executive Director that the Commission has full authority to enter into the modified proposed Contract extension with HMSHost for the operation of Unit 3, Burger King, and further to modify the rental rates and CAM fees for Units 1, 2 and 5 (Starbucks, Pizza Hut/KFC and Travel Mart); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has considered the recommendations of the Chief Engineer, and the Director of Contracts Administration and concurs that the Commission should agree to the modified terms for Contract TR-8B Unit 3 and Contract TR-8B, Units 1, 2 and 5; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director and Director of Contracts Administration to execute the Contract extension with HMSHost Tollroads, Inc. of Bethesda, Maryland for Contract TR-8B, Unit 3 (Burger King) in accordance with the aforementioned modifications to said Contract, and further to execute an addendum to Contract TR-8B, Units 1, 2 and 5 (Starbucks, Pizza Hut/KFC and Travel Mart), also in accordance with the aforementioned modifications.

**(Resolution No. 28-2009 adopted September 21, 2009)**

**Chairman:** Anything further Dan?

**Chief Engineer:** That's all I have this morning Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, report from General Counsel?

**General Counsel:** No report Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Steiner?

**CFO/Comptroller:** Good morning Mr. Chairman, Commission Members. I do have a brief update on our traffic and revenue as of August 31. This first chart shows the monthly passenger car miles traveled on the Ohio Turnpike over the past two years. Since the beginning of April our passenger car traffic has consistently exceeded last year's levels. While passenger car vehicle miles traveled in August were 7/10 of a percent below the total for 2008, this was due to the fact the Labor Day Holiday fell on September 7 this year and on September 1 last year.

While the commercial vehicle traffic continues to lag behind the levels reached last year we have seen gradual improvement every month since April. Commercial vehicle miles traveled in August were 10.2% below the total from 2008.

This chart shows the year-to-date vehicle miles traveled through August during each year this decade. Passenger car miles traveled in the first eight months of this year were 1.2% above the total of 2008 while commercial vehicle miles traveled fell 14.3% during this period.

This chart shows the year-to-date toll revenues through the month of August during each year this decade. Toll revenues for the first eight months of this year were \$11.3 million or 8.8% below the amount from last year.

This final chart shows our total year-to-date revenues from all sources for the first eight months of each year this decade. Total revenues as of the end of August were the lowest this decade and were \$13.6 million or 9.4% below those from the first eight months of last year.

Fortunately this revenue short-fall is being offset by expense savings and debt service savings from the bond refinancing that was completed in May. That completes my report Mr. Chairman. I'll be happy to respond to any questions.

**Chairman:** Thank you Mr. Steiner. Any questions? Thank you. Financial Advisor, Mr. Erickson?

**Financial Advisor:** No report today Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** General Consultant?

**General Consultant:** Mr. Chairman, Commission Members we've completed all of the inspections across the facility; we have no significant findings to report. We have submitted the field note reports to the Commission and we're in the process of compiling the annual report which will be submitted at the end of the month. That's all I have. Any questions?

**Chairman:** Thank you. Trustee?

**Trustee:** No report Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Ohio State Highway Patrol, Lieutenant Zurcher.

**Lieutenant Zurcher:** Thank you. Just briefly, Captain Hannay had knee surgery a couple weeks ago and he's due back next Monday that's why I'm filling in for him today. The bad news unfortunately, the fatalities along the Turnpike have been up significantly from last year. Last year there were six fatalities and year-to-date we have eight so far this year. We did have a rash, I'm sure you're aware of that in the approximately six weeks. That's all I have to report.

**Chairman:** Lieutenant, just a quick question. Am I correct that when the two or three children were in the recent fatality, they were thrown from the vehicle and they were not wearing seat belts or any type of restraints? Is that correct, do you know?

**Lieutenant Zurcher:** That is correct; all three were thrown from the vehicle. Two of them did pass away. That case is actually going to the grand jury this week, so you'll probably see more in the newspaper and media on that.

**Chairman:** It emphasizes the importance of restraints inside a vehicle when you see things of that nature.

**Lieutenant Zurcher:** Right, that was a very survivable crash if you saw the photos of the van. They probably wouldn't even have been injured if they would have been correctly restrained.

**Chairman:** Thank you very much, it's a shame. Any other further comments from the Commission Members? Next Commission Meeting is set for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The next event that we have as Mr. Distel indicated earlier, we are planning on being live with E-ZPass on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The official ribbon cutting ceremony is at Gate 161, which is interstate 71 at 10 a.m. if you would like to participate in that or be at that. We are going to meet at the UPS

breakdown lot and we want everyone there before 9:45 a.m., you'll be bussed over and actually if you could be there at the 9:30 range that would really make the most sense. That's right off the Pearl Road entrance to the Turnpike, so I hope to see everybody there at 9:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Our next idea would be a motion to adjourn.

**Mr. Regula:** So moved.

**Chairman:** Is there a second?

**Mr. Dixon:** Second.

**Chairman:** Please call the roll.

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Chairman Balog

**Mr. Balog:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Dixon

**Mr. Dixon:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Regula

**Mr. Regula:** Yes

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Ms. Teeuwen

**Ms. Teeuwen:** Yes

**Chairman:** Thank everyone for coming.

Time of adjournment: 10:29 a.m.

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

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George F. Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer