BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 6th day of August, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the Transportation Commission met in the Commission Meeting Room of the ODOT Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOTICE of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2018 having been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda having been posted in a prominent public view at or before 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018, prior to the meeting, on the Atrium Informational Monitor in the ODOT building, and on the glass doors on the north side of the ODOT Building in accordance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. David Burrage called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Fidler Member
David Burrage Chairman
Dan Overland Member
Brad Burgess Vice Chairman
Pete Regan Member

Absent: Greg Love
Todd Huckabay
Bobby Alexander

Presiding: David Burrage

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of August 6, 2018. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Burrage recognized Special Guests: Rusty Rhoades, DPS Commissioner.

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED recognized by the Secretary to the Commission

95. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of July 2, 2018

ACTION: Overland moved and Fidler seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Huckabay, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander
CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

96. Transportation Safety Improvement Projects – Mr. Pendley

   a) Choctaw, Leflore, Marshall, McCurtain and Pushmataha Counties - District II

We have received a request from the Division II Engineer for the installation of pavement markings, centerline and shoulder rumble strips at the following locations:


2. US-70: Beginning at the Junction of US-259, SH-3 and US-70, in the city of Broken Bow, extending east approximately 6.1 miles and then beginning approximately 9.7 miles east of the Junction of US-259, SH-3 and US-70 extending east approximately 6.0 miles to the Arkansas State line, in McCurtain County;

3. US-259: Beginning at approximately 4.6 miles north of the McCurtain County line extending north approximately 11.2 miles to the Junction of SH-63 and US-259, in Leflore County;


5. US-59/SH-9: Beginning at the Haskell County line extending east approximately 8.5 miles to the Junction of US-271, US-59 and SH-9, in Leflore County;

6. US-70: Beginning at the Junction of US-70 and SH-93, in the City of Hugo, extending east 18.8 miles to the McCurtain County line;

7. SH-93: Beginning at the Junction of US-70 and SH-93, in the City of Hugo, extending north approximately 7.0 miles to Griffin Rd./Coker Rd./E2010Rd., in Choctaw County;

8. US-70: Beginning at the Choctaw County line extending east approximately 23.8 miles to the Junction of US-70, US-259 and SH-3, in the City of Idabel, in McCurtain County;


12. US-259/US-70/SH-3: Beginning approximately 2.7 miles north of the Junction of US-259, US-70 and SH-3, in the City of Idabel, extending north approximately 3.0 miles Craig Rd./E 2080 Rd., in the City of Broken Bow, in McCurtain County;

13. SH-3: Beginning approximately 0.5 mile east of the Junction of SH-93 and SH-3, in the Town of Rattan, extending east approximately 15.1 miles to the McCurtain County line, in Pushmataha County;
14. SH-3: Beginning at the Pushmataha County line extending east approximately 10.3 miles to approximately 0.8 mile east of N4555 Rd./Old SH-98, in McCurtain County;

15. SH-3: Beginning at the Junction of SH-98 and SH-3 extending southeast approximately 11.1 miles to the Junction of US-259, US-70 and SH-3, in the City of Broken Bow, in McCurtain County;

16. SH-120: Beginning at the Junction of SH-112 and SH-120 extending east approximately 3.0 miles to the Arkansas State line, in Leflore County;


The project is estimated to cost $975,000.00

b) **Oklahoma County – District IV**

We have received a request from the Division IV Engineer for the installation of pavement markings on US-77(Broadway Ext.) beginning at approximately Wilshire Blvd., in the City of Oklahoma City, extending north approximately 3.8 miles to just north of the John Kilpatrick Turnpike interchange, in Oklahoma County - The project is estimated to cost $326,000.00

97. **Land Sale – Mr. Phillips**

a) Okmulgee County – District I – Land Sale – located at the NE corner of the intersection of US-75-Alt and Brooks Street, North of the Town of Beggs - $4,001.00

b) Canadian County – District IV – Land Sale – located at the NE corner of the intersection of SH-3 and Frisco Road - $15,050.00

c) Custer County – District V – Land Sale – located on the west side of US-183, between Modelle Avenue and Terrace Avenue in the City of Clinton - $7,500.00

d) Grady County – District VII – Land Sale – located on the north side of US-62, approximately 2 miles Westerly of the City of Blanchard - $39,500.00

e) Rogers County – District VIII – Land Sale – located at the NW corner of the intersection of SH-167 and Pine Street in the City of Catoosa - $160,736.00

f) Rogers County – District VIII – Land Sale – located approximately 3 miles east of US-169 on the north side of SH-20 (E. 116th St. N.) - $36,151.00

g) Rogers County – District VIII – Land Sale – located approximately 3.5 miles east of US-169 on the north side of SH-20 (E. 116th St. N.) - $55,800.00
ACTION: Burgess moved and Regan seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

98. Engineering Contract
   Cleveland County – District III – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-9: from east end of Pecan Creek Bridge, east 5.55 miles to SH-102
   EC-2011  C.H. Guernsey & Company  $694,624.00
   ACTION: Overland moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
   MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
   AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
   NAYES: None
   ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

99. Engineering Contract Supplements
   a) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Demand Land Surveying Services
      EC-1872C  Supplement 1  Keystone Engineering & Land Surveying, Inc.
      The total aggregate increase for this contract is $250,000.00
   NOTE: Mr. Tegeler said Item 99. Part b) below needs to be removed from the Agenda.
   b) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Demand Site Adaptation Engineering Services
      EC-1516  Supplement 5  CEC Corporation  $7,713.36
      ACTION: Fidler moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented, noting the removal of Item 99. Part b)
      MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
      AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
      NAYES: None
      ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

100. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of $75,000.00 or Less – Information Only
   a) Beaver County - SH-3 - SSR-204N(026)SR / 31291(04), $0.01, -0.00% Underrun
   b) Carter County - SH-53 - ACSTP-110C(189)(192)SS / 24104(04), $55,682.99, 0.71%
c) Cimarron County - US-56 - BSAP-213N(015)FM / 31688(04), $58,311.26, 1.98%
d) Cimarron County - US-287 - SSR-213N(022)SR / 33398(04), $66,000.00, 3.97%
e) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-214A(074)AG / 31508(04), $26,323.20, 8.96%
f) Cleveland County - SH-39 - SSR-214N(083)SR / 31828(04), $48,759.14, 21.75%
g) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - SAP-214N(085) / 33309(04), $61.00, 0.13%
h) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04) #2, $12,685.82, 0.15%
i) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04) #3, $4,688.64, 0.06%
j) Comanche County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-216D(062)RB / 28426(04), $222.20, 0.03%
k) Craig County - SH-10 - ACSTP-218C(054)SS / 27069(04), $48,365.99, 1.03%
l) Garvin County - SH-74 - STP-225C(063)SS / 28942(04), $4,379.89, 0.51%
m) Latimer County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-239C(021)RB / 28611(04), $9,129.20, 0.39%
o) Latimer County - Co. Rd. - STP-239D(032)CI / 29946(04), $31,600.00, 7.63%
p) Latimer County - SH-2 - STP-NBIP(519)3B / 33217(04), $31,421.52, 0.03%
q) Love County - SH-32 - ACSTP-143C(063)SS / 10147(05), $30,823.18, 0.39%
r) Love County - Co. Rd. - STP-243C(022)CI / STP-243C(005)CI / 29342(04), $6,534.75, 0.94%
s) Lincoln County - US-81 - NHPP-249N(044)3P / 31354(04), $0.00, 0.00%
t) Love County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-242B(054)RB / 31354(04), $42.00, -0.00% Underrun
u) Mayes County - SH-69 - STP-254C(035) / 29924(04), $42,548.13, -4.76% Underrun
v) McCurtain County - Co. Rd. - STP-259D(033)CI / 29924(04), $42,548.13, -4.76% Underrun
w) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - CIRB-155C(917)CO / 28767(04), $1,171.15, 0.02%
x) Osage County - SH-20 - SSR-157C(185)SR / 28284(05), $0.00, 0.00%
cc) Pawnee County - Co. Rd. - STP-259D(033)CI / 29924(04), $42,548.13, -4.76% Underrun
dd) Pittsburg County - SH-7 - STP-254D(033)SS / 14999(04) #6, $8,000.00, 0.06%
e) Custer County - US-69 - NHPP-249N(044)3P / 27055(04), $119,065.96, 2.10%
f) Custer County - US-75 - NHPP-274N(015)3P / 30535(04), $48,512.28, 3.93%
io) Osage County - SH-20 - SSR-157C(185)SR / 28284(05), $0.00, 0.00%
pp) Woodward County - US-412 - HSIPG-277F(026) / 27005(06), $415.72, 0.17%

101. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than $75,000.00

a) Atoka County - SH-7 - STP-203C(063)(064)SS / 24066(11) #1, $157,332.95, 13.42%
b) Atoka County - SH-7 - STP-203C(063)(064)SS / 24066(11) #2, $48,257.07, 4.11%
c) Beckham County - I-40 - SSP-4000(041)SS / SBR-4000(038)SB / 27023(04) #7, $119,065.96, 2.14%
d) Beckham County - I-40 - SSP-4000(041)SS / SBR-4000(038)SB / 27023(04) #8, $419,587.58, 4.36%
e) Canadian County - I-40 - NHPPP-0040-4(441) / 29257(04), $60,907.01, 0.36%
f) Cleveland County - SH-39 - ACSTP-114B(185)SS / 24112(04), $21,300.00, 0.22%
g) Coal County - US-75 - SSR-115B(105)SR / 28201(04), $6,769.07, -0.19% Underrun
h) Creek County - SH-48 - STP-219B(054)SS / 27925(04), $23,793.50, 0.27%
i) Custer County - Ct. St. - ACSTP-220B(040)SS / 27911(06) #8, $3,888.50, 0.08%
ACTION: Fidler moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION MANAGER – Ms. Hilmes

102. Lettings
a) Final October 2018 Bid Opening
b) Tentative November 2018 Bid Opening

ACTION: Overland moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Saliba


Resurface (Asphalt) on US-75 from SH-3, extend north near Colgate in District 3 - Project No.: SSR-115B(105)SR, 28201(04) - $3,600,028.59

NOTE: Commissioner Burgess asked how long of delay before this contract will be rebid.
Mr. Saliba asked if he meant the delays incurred in the project or the delay before we redo the plans?
Commissioner Burgess said before we redo the plans

Mr. Saliba said that will kind of be up to Division III and the management of their budget; but it is an important project. So I'm sure that they'll get it redesigned and back on a bid opening at the appropriate time.

ACTION: Burgess moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

104. Highway Construction Contractor Prequalification
Amendment of OAC Rule No.: 730:25-3-1 Prequalification Procedure

ACTION: Fidler moved and Overland seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

NOTE: Commissioner Burgess said my understanding is that this is just the beginning of the process.

Mr. Saliba said, yes sir. Your approval today allows us to initiate the process, which is very deliberate, and very time consuming. In fact, our goal is to have this process certified under the new Administrative Codes with a lot of procedures to go through, hopefully, in June or July.

Commissioner Burgess said and the public will get a chance to look at these rules and comment on them; and there’s even a Public Hearing as I understand it.

Mr. Saliba said that is correct.

Commissioner Overland said his understanding is that no documents presented today are the final words. This is just to get the process started and it will be reviewed and revised through public meetings, changes and discussion with your Senior Staff and the industry itself.

Mr. Saliba said that is correct.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

105. Awards
July 19, 2018 – Regular Letting

ACTION: Overland moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

NOTE: Commissioner Burrage said that Item 106 will be moved to after the Director’s Report.
ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson

107. Director’s Report

Secretary Patterson said before we get started I wanted to wish Sherry, “Happy Birthday”.

Secretary Patterson said I have got kind of a long list here. I'm really excited about some of the stuff on here; but this one, I'm not. Today is the last Commission Meeting for our Chief Engineer, Casey Shell. Casey has been the proverbial right arm/left arm for me and we have waded through a lot together. We have been to Lexington/Purcell several times; and as Casey will tell you it's further down there than you think it is; and takes a lot longer than you think it would. We've been all over the state together. He has been a huge asset for me, but Casey's career didn't start when he became the Chief Engineer, he has had a lustrous career. We have a 3P program where we can use federal funds to do some things that we couldn't used to do, and it's now done nationally, and he invented it right here in Oklahoma. Casey started as an EIT from the University of Arkansas; and he has been with us 32 years and if you can come to his retirement party at the end of the month, that would be great. At this time I would like to invite Casey up here because I know that he wanted to say a few things to the Commission.

Mr. Shell said this was not an easy decision, it was very difficult. This agency is such a professional agency, professionally run, and managed, and that was the only way that I could feel good about leaving, is knowing there is staff here that can easily take my place, and keep the momentum going for the Department. It causes you to start looking back at your career, and Mike, thank you for the kind words. One of the things that I'm particularly most proud of in my career is the development of the 8 Year Program which you all were a part of. We developed it, implemented it, and we perpetuate it. Every year we get together, and I personally have looked forward the whole time to the 8 Year Program; meeting with the Division Engineers, and all the thoughts and all the work that goes into that, and getting that in a manageable state, in order when we come meet with you all, and throw it out in front of you, and let you all comment, and look at it, and see what you think. But I think that is a milestone in my career that I think will serve the Department forever. It's something that is so very important, and the Department really, really changed when that happened, and it changed for the better. I just want to say thank you for your support of me, personally, and of the Department. You all are a big part of why this agency is what it is, and the fact that we are, I'll say it again, in my opinion, the best state agency in the State of Oklahoma because of the efforts of the folks that work here, my friends, I'm going to miss them terribly, and you all. Thank you very much.

Secretary Patterson said Casey talked about the 8 Year Plan; and he was one of those Division Engineers when we started the 8 Year Plan that we had to sit down, and take some projects out of his construction program to fit it into a fiscally constrained 8 Year Plan; not an easy task. Speaking of the 8 Year Plan, as Casey said, we're in the midst of it. I know we have meetings with each one of the Commissioners this month so we can bring it to the full Commission next month. So I appreciate the time that you've carved out for us in the coming weeks, so we can sit down with you, and get your individual final thoughts before we bring it to the full Commission in September.

This last Thursday, something that I've been working on for 2-3 years, Casey's been working on it with me; is that we held our first Autonomous Connected Vehicle Task Force Meeting in this room. This Task Force is going to go about and be looking at what the future of transportation looks like and the future of transportation is going to involve many things, we believe. Some level of autonomy of vehicles, trucks that are connected so that they're electronically connected as they drive down the highway. It will be efficient for them; there will be fuel savings; but there are laws that have to be changed and adapted rules and regulations, not only federally, but here in the State of Oklahoma. We are not the first task force in the country, but we are one of the first. I have purposely waited this long, listening to counsel from some of my colleagues from around the country, obviously. Michigan and California are on the forefront because of Detroit and Silicon Valley, but we have positioned ourselves; we're one of the first 10 to have a Task Force to really begin to look at what needs to be changed. Commissioner Rhoades, who's sitting at the table, is part
of that Task Force, along with other State Agencies, Legislators, Universities, so that we can come to some resolution of what the future might look like, and how we had to adapt and change to the technology of the vehicles, and what the users of the system will demand in the future. We know it's not tomorrow, but it's going to be within 30 years, and you know, based on your experience, that the things we're designing today are designed for 30 years. So we have to begin looking at these types of suggestions and conversations.

One of the things that we're going to talk about, and it came up the other day in our Task Force Meeting, was electric vehicles and the electrification of the system; and what that means to transportation funding as automobiles appear to be going more electric, and getting away from the internal combustion engine. So we're going to have to have further discussion with the Task Force about that, and what we might suggest to the Legislature. But on the row that you park on, down at the end of that row, I suspect by the time you come here next time, there will be a fully operational electric vehicle charging station. You can already see we've got the pole there, we've got the electric run, and we just need the pedestal.

So we're embracing this technological change, and what that might mean. I don't think any of you have an electric vehicle yet. I'd love to have a Tesla; anybody have a Tesla; if so I just want to touch it. So we're going to put that in. It's being donated by a local company here that wanted to put one in the Capitol area, and Dawn Sullivan asked if I wanted it, and I said yes, please put it in. So we're going to have that for you.

A few months ago, we had a project that you awarded, that I-35, I-235, and I-40, commonly referred to as the Dallas Junction. If you recall, westbound to southbound is 1 lane, northbound to eastbound is 1 lane; traffic backs up, congestion, primary accidents with secondary accidents; really a bad thing. You awarded a contract to allow us to put an additional lane on both of those movements, and I think I made the statement that will be the best money we spent this year. It's open, and I'm being told that it's working just as we had hoped. The traffic is flowing through there better than it has in probably since the thing was built. So we're excited about that. If you have a chance, go through it; I did the other day and it works great. Congratulations to the Contractor; fabulous job!

Something that I mentioned in 1 of our Sub-Committee Meetings, I'm old enough to have a bucket list. This next item has been on my bucket list for a decade, and that's the introduction of motorist assist vehicles to the Department of Transportation. When we adjourn this meeting, you will be able to go outside, and see our new GO-DOT Vehicles. I want you to take a look at them; I want you to see what it looks like, what it will mean to transportation on our heavily traveled thoroughfares. Initially, the GO-DOT Vehicles (there is 2 of them) were going to be working the I-235 project over here at I-44. In conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, we were able to purchase these as part of our project cost, and so we're going to be working that project. So if somebody runs out of gas, which is amazing how you can run out of gas not 5 miles before or 5 miles after, but right there in the work zone, or if you have a flat tire, we're going to get onto your vehicle, and get you serviced with enough gas to get you on your way, get you pulled out of the way so that we don't have those backups, and all those accidents behind, and then secondary accidents behind that. We're really looking forward to this opportunity. We're going to do the same thing in the Tulsa area. Initially, as I said, it's going to start at this construction zone; once that's completed, then the GO-DOT Vehicles will be in other work zones, other parts of the city, and we'll be able to help people get out of the way so that their not the cause of backups and collisions. So I get to check a box today, and I'm really excited about that. So take time out after the Commission meeting, and take a look at it, and I would advise everybody behind me to go look at those vehicles. At this time Commissioner Rhoades would like to come and speak about the GO-DOT Vehicles.

Commissioner Rhoades said if I can have just a quick moment of privilege, I would like to say thanks to Casey as well on behalf of the Department of Public Safety. Working with him and his staff throughout all these years has been a true pleasure for us. The knowledge and the kindness he's brought to the table, and the partnership that he has helped us maintain throughout all these years has been a huge positive for us. And secondly, I do want to point out too, I didn't realize that Casey was kind of at ground level of the 8 Year Plan. I am going to throw this out there so you guys are going to have the scoops on this little bit. I actually have a Press Conference in Tulsa as soon as I leave here, and as part of that Conference, I'm going to
announce that we are adopting that model to get our ranks of the highway patrol up to speed where it needs to be. As well as that same model which will mirror all of that to get our DL staff and our DL Service Division up to speed as well. So not only has it done a great thing for transportation, but it's done a great thing for service throughout the state. So thank you for that.

And having said all that, now about the GO-DOT Vehicles, I have to concur with Secretary Patterson. What a great idea; this is going to save lives; there's not a doubt in my mind! I've been a trooper for 27 years; I've been on those motorist assist stalled vehicles in the construction zones. I've been on those crashes that happened because the roadway is shut down. I've seen lives changed; I've seen lives end because we couldn't get someone through to them quick enough to resolve that issue. So thank you for your foresight on this; it is a great idea! My troopers are excited about it; I've already been telling them about it. We can't wait till they get out there, and I certainly hope someday, we can even partner on this to see a fleet of these to get out there, and not only take care of the people in our state, but to protect your employees and my employees as well, to keep everybody safe. So thank you, again, for your foresight, and I look forward to this opportunity. Thank you again.

Commissioner Burrage thanked Commissioner Rhoades and told him there is a statement that accompanies that 8 Year Plan that you need to adopt at the same time; and it's the “Truth Will Set you Free”, that what we connect to the 8 Year Plan.

Secretary Patterson presented a short video on the GO-DOT Vehicles. He said, I can't tell you how much we appreciate Allen Contracting for continually working to get these 2 trucks outfitted where we could get them on the road. So congratulations to Allen Contracting, who is also going to be operating these vehicles until this project is completed.

Commissioner Burrage said well, we need to move on to a very important item, and I'll say something about Casey in a minute; but we've got 2 guys leaving us today. We've got another guy leaving us today that we need to give the floor to, and I'll make some comments after he has a chance to talk, and Commissioner Regan, you have the floor.

Commissioner Regan said, thank you Mr. Chairman. It is with mixed emotions that this will be my last meeting. My work load has made it more difficult to attend these meetings and I'd have to miss 3 of the next 5 and that's just not acceptable; you can't hit the pause button here. So it is, again, with mixed emotions that I'll be leaving the Commission. I want to thank Governor Fallin for having her confidence and support in submitting my name to the Senate. I want to thank Chairman Stanislawsky for carrying the nomination; and most importantly, I want to thank everybody on the ODOT Team; you are my family and my friends for life. I appreciate working with the City of Tulsa, the Council of Government, Department of Public Safety; it's just been a true honor of my life. One of my favorite quotes, because it's probably the only one I can remember, it's a Teddy Roosevelt quote; "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are". And that's what I think we've done here, managing scarce resources to create and sustain a safe and efficient transportation system; and props go out to the ODOT Team, I really appreciate it. Randle White, I want to thank you for all the service you've done, and I'll miss it greatly.

Commissioner Burrage said, well for you guys that don't know Commissioner Regan, it's because he's very much understated. No, his public service in a lot of instances has been very, very understated, and you may not hear his name, but chances are he was behind guiding, helping, doing whatever he could to see that something happened the right way; and he's been doing that for a long time. He's given his time, not only to ODOT; to many other causes. He also brings a little humor to everything he does, and we appreciate that. He's still a young man, so he's got a lot of time left, but 1 thing about Commissioner Regan, he has spread himself so thin, and we've been the beneficiaries of that. And for those of you that do know him, you know how important he's been not only here, but in a lot of other places in this state, and in these communities. So if you're looking for a public servant, that's the only place you got to look because this is an example of one sitting down here at the end of the table.
Casey, we are going to miss you. You've done great things, and you helped make the 8 Year Plan what it is, along with your cohorts here, and we are proud of it, and we are proud of you, and we wish you all the luck. You’re going to a great place, and we know we’ll see you in the future.

Secretary Patterson said, Commissioner we have a kind of a tradition around here that you don't know about. People that have been as impactful as Commissioner Regan we like to retire their number. The only way we have to retire a number is to present them with a Route 66 Brick. So, Commissioner Regan if you and your fellow Commissioners could come down, I'd like to get a photograph with you and this brick, and we hope you accept this, and all the affection that it comes with.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

NOTE: Commissioner Burrage said that Item 106 will be heard now.

ITEM PRESENTED BY GENERAL COUNSEL

106. Proposed Executive Session: Director's Performance Evaluation and Discussion of Director Patterson's Salary

a) Vote on Executive Session

ACTION: Overland moved and Burgess seconded that the Item be approved as presented; and that the Commissioners enter into Executive Session.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

NOTES: The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.
The Commissioners exited Executive Session at 12:31 p.m.

b) Vote to End Executive Session

ACTION: Fidler moved and Regan seconded that the Commissioners end Executive Session and reconvene with Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

NOTE: Chairman Burrage said I make a motion that we raise director Patterson's pay to $185,000 in recognition of several things. As I make the motion, I would remind everybody that Secretary/Director Patterson, has been a vital part of the Department for not just a few years, but many years. Many things that's happened at the Department of Transportation take a long time from the idea to the completion of the project, and it's not just building roads, it's building professionals, it's building the organization, it's making the organization an example in the Country of what a Department of Transportation should look like, and an example to other State Agencies of how to glue together a group of people with a mission, and accomplish it. Some of the things that have happened since Secretary/Director Patterson took over is a smooth transition in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation that has been guided in the past by 2 icons, Neal McCaleb and Gary Ridley. I feel sorry for executives that come in behind someone that has had a large measure of success, and some predicted that Mr. Patterson would have a difficult time following the acts of Secretary McCaleb...
and Secretary Ridley; we have not seen that. We would congratulate him on being 1 of the architects of the 8 Year Plan and “The truth will set you free”. We will congratulate him on the effort that the Governor gave us with improving our situation on bridges’ where we were, to where we are now, is something that’s quite remarkable. We all have our challenges, and 1 of the challenges that he’s had was dealing with the failure of the bridge in Lexington, and how the Department worked with the public, and how we’ve now not only solved that bridges’ problems, but have a new bridge on the way.

One of the big challenges of our time is the brain drain, the staff drain that we’re seeing at this Department. When you have a booming economy, and when you’re a Department of Transportation, and you have a lot of construction going on, then the logical place to pick your professionals if you’re in the private sector is at the Department of Transportation in your state; and we’ve seen more than our share of that. We have Casey leaving today, and we’ve seen several key people leave the Department, yet the transition has been seamless.

I don’t think you could find a better hand on our cooperation with the Governor’s Office, with the Legislative Staffs, and with the Legislators themselves, and what we’ve seen out of Secretary/Director Patterson, I have been well pleased, and the Commission has, with how he’s worked with us. How we’ve kept the high standards of auditing, not only internally, but externally. Our efforts in that area are another example. I think how we work with the Federal Highway Administration and just the cooperative spirit and culture that he’s led is admirable.

There are also things that we can improve on like we all know, and we’ll be talking with the Secretary/Director and giving him our ideas of areas we’d like to see some improvement on. I can tell you that the raise that I am making a motion on today is far inadequate of what he could receive in the private sector, and what I personally would recommend if I was in the private sector for his accomplishments, and the responsibility that he is undertaking for the State, and for this Department.

What I’ve proposed is still underpayment for the job, and I hope that our gesture gives him some confidence in what kind of job we think he’s doing, however inadequate the pay that we’re proposing. Most of the guys that are leaving leave easily from the Department of Transportation from a financial standpoint. The decision has not been hard for them.

c) Motion on Salary of Executive Director Patterson’s salary be raised to $185,000

ACTION: Burrage moved and Burgess seconded that Director Patterson’s salary be raised to $185,000.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

108. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Overland moved and Regan seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love, Huckabay and Alexander

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.
Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting August 6, 2018.

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David Burrage - Chairman

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Brad Burgess – Vice Chairman