



**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND OTHER AWARDS:**

Mr. Mark Kalka recognized Mr. Dennis Beaty, Mechanical Systems Technician on the H. E. Bailey Turnpike; Mr. Jeff Hardin, Mechanical Systems Technician on the Will Rogers; and Mr. Scott Morsey, Electrician on the Muskogee Turnpike, as the Maintenance Division Team Players of the month. These gentlemen are responsible for maintaining every maintenance facility, toll plaza, and roadway light in the System. They do an outstanding job of setting priorities allowing them to meet their customer's needs.

Mr. Johnny Melton recognized Mr. Jerry Bohannon, Toll Collector at the Afton Gate on the Will Rogers Turnpike, to receive the Division Customer Service Award for the month. Mr. Bohannon has been employed with the OTA since December 1, 1998. He has received Outstanding Attendance for the past nine years. He also has an excellent attitude and is friendly and professional in his job.

Major Dennis Gann recognized Trooper Sheldon Robinson as the Turnpike Trooper of the Month. He is assigned to the Muskogee Turnpike. On September 5, 2008, Trooper Robinson was off duty and with his family in Tulsa getting his personal vehicle repaired. He dropped his wife and children off at the Burger King while he went across the street to have his personal vehicle repaired. Shortly thereafter, Trooper Robinson's wife called his cell phone advising that there was a man in the restaurant loading a weapon and praying for strength to carry out his mission of murder. Trooper Robinson ran back across the street and entered the restaurant as others were fleeing and identified the suspect. He identified himself as a State Trooper as he confronted the man who was still loading his Glock 40 caliber weapon. After a struggle, Trooper Robinson was able to take the suspect to the ground and handcuff him thus securing the situation. It was later determined that the suspect had previous weapon and assault charges. It is apparent that Trooper Robinson averted a potential crisis situation. He was courageous and professional throughout the situation and his heroic actions undoubtedly prevented the loss of life and/or serious injury.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEM(S)**

**Item 9678. CONSENT DOCKET – Consider and vote for approval or disapproval of all or any portion of the Finance Consent Docket as follows:**

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| TAB 1 | A. | Consider, take action and vote for the approval or disapproval of the Payment Register for the period of October 1, 2008 to and including October 31, 2008.  |
| TAB 2 | B. | Consider, take action, and vote for the approval or disapproval of the Notices of Regular Scheduled Authority and Committee Meetings for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year 2009. |

- TAB 3           C.       Consider, take action and vote for the approval or disapproval to authorize the Director to approve Lease Agreements between OTA and McDonald's USA, LLC to provide food, restroom and related services for patrons on the Turner and Will Rogers Turnpikes.

END OF FINANCE CONSENT DOCKET

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Ms. Wendy Smith presented the Finance Consent Docket stating that it was reviewed by the Finance Committee and staff recommended it for approval as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Clark Brewster and seconded by Mr. Ken Fergeson that the Authority approve the Finance Consent Docket as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:  
YES: Brewster, Burrage, Fergeson, Riebel

**FINANCE ITEM(S) REQUIRING SEPARATE VOTE:**

- TAB 4           **9679.** Consider, take action and vote for the approval or disapproval of a request to reauthorize the Director to approve additional General Technology Consultant projects for a total amount not to exceed \$800,000 from the 2009 General Fund Budget.

Ms. Wendy Smith presented this item stating that it was reviewed by the Finance Committee and staff recommended approval as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Ken Fergeson and seconded by Mr. Clark Brewster that the Authority approve this item as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:  
YES: Brewster, Burrage, Fergeson, Riebel

- TAB 5           **9680.** Consider, take action and vote for the approval or disapproval of the proposed Annual Budget for the Oklahoma Turnpike System for the Calendar Year 2009 in the amount of \$67,627,458 for operations and maintenance of the turnpike system. Also a \$71,662,386 Capital Budget for 2009 is included. Included is \$36,706,000 of current expenses to the credit of the Reserve Maintenance Fund for 2009 in the amounts and purposes for which monies held for the credit of the Reserve Maintenance Fund will be disbursed.

Ms. Wendy Smith presented this item stating that it was reviewed by the Finance Committee and staff recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Clark Brewster noted that the proposed budget had been the subject of a great deal of discussion and work by the OTA staff and he moved for approval of the budget given the amount of discussion they have previously had and the scrutiny the budget had been put under.

It was moved by Mr. Clark Brewster and seconded by Mr. David Burrage that the Authority approve this item as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:  
YES: Brewster, Burrage, Fergeson, Riebel

**ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE ITEM(S)**

**Item 9681. CONSENT DOCKET – Consider and vote for approval or disapproval of all or any portion of the Engineering and Construction Consent Docket as follows:**

TAB 6 A. Change Order(s)/Supplemental Agreement(s) Under \$50,000:

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	HEB-MC-35, S.A. #3 Maintenance and OHP Facility near Chickasha H. E. Bailey Turnpike	Young General Constructors	\$8,156.79	5 Days
2.	IN-MC-37, S.A. #3 Maintenance and OHP Facility near McAlester Indian Nation Turnpike	Helterbrand Builders, LLC	\$8,340.00	0 Days
3.	WR-MC-108, C.O. #2 New Highway Patrol Building Will Rogers Turnpike	Jim Cooley Construction	\$28,878.00	10 Days

TAB 7      B.      Change Order(s)/Supplemental Agreement(s) Over \$50,000:

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	WR-MC-93, C.O. #1 Rehab of Bridge 41.54 and Big Cabin Interchange Will Rogers Turnpike	Becco Contractors	\$288,319.20	42 Days

END OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CONSENT DOCKET

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Mr. Gordon Johnson presented the Consent Docket and stated that it was reviewed by the Engineering and Construction Committee. Staff recommended that Item 9681, Tab 6, A1, A2, and A3 be approved as presented and that Item 9681, Tab 7, B1 be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Ken Fergeson and seconded by Mr. Clark Brewster that the Authority approve Item 9681, A1, A2, and A3 of the Engineering and Construction Consent Docket as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:  
YES: Brewster, Burrage, Fergeson, Riebel

**ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ITEM(S) REQUIRING SEPARATE VOTE:**

**TAB 8      9682. Consider, take action and vote for the approval or disapproval of a request that the Consulting Engineering Services Contract with The Benham Companies be renegotiated for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.**

Mr. Jim Hazeldine presented this item stating that it was reviewed by the Engineering and Construction Committee and staff recommended approval as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Ken Fergeson and seconded by Mr. Clark Brewster that the Authority approve this item as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:  
YES: Brewster, Burrage, Fergeson, Riebel

**TAB 9            9683. Consider, take action and vote for the approval or disapproval of a request to approve the declaration of an emergency and to authorize the Director to award a contract for needed bridge repairs. The Declaration of Emergency and Corrective Action is for immediate repairs to Bridge No. 11.2 on the Turner Turnpike in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes, Title 61, Section 130.**

Mr. Jim Hazeldine presented this item stating that it was reviewed by the Engineering and Construction Committee and staff recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Brewster asked Mr. Tim Stewart to give the Board a brief overview of the emergency action. Mr. Stewart stated that as part of the Consulting Engineer's contract with the Authority, they annually inspect the structures of the Authority to confirm their condition and then report that information both to the Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. During the course of their inspection of this structure, they discovered a crack in a beam that supports the outside portion of this bridge carrying local traffic in the vicinity of Luther. The crack was such that it impaired the function of the bridge, which made it unsafe to continue full traffic on this structure. Mr. Stewart stated that Benham immediately reported that information to him and the Authority. The Engineering and Maintenance Divisions of the Authority began immediate actions to address the safety concerns and minimize those for local traffic as well as turnpike traffic. As authorized by Resolution, Mr. Stewart contacted the Chairman and, in consultation with the Chairman, initiated an emergency and expedited repair plans for this project. Mr. Stewart stated that this item was brought to the Board to ratify his action in declaring an emergency and giving the OTA the authority to move forward with the negotiation of a repair contract.

Mr. Brewster stated that he commended OTA's inspection protocol and how it worked to avert a potential disaster. Mr. Brewster moved for approval of Item 9683.

It was moved by Mr. Clark Brewster and seconded by Mr. David Burrage that the Authority approve this item as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:  
YES: Brewster, Burrage, Fergeson, Riebel

## **REPORTS:**

### **Item #1. Operating Results**

Ms. Wendy Smith stated that the Operations Report had been distributed by the Controller's Division for the month of October 2008. She stated that due to the current economic climate, reduced traffic continued to be a challenge in terms of toll revenue. The OTA is actually 2.5% year-to-date below budgeted projections. However, OTA continues to under spend the operating budget and is 5.7% below budget for operations.

**Item #2. Consulting Engineer Report**

Mr. Riebel echoed Mr. Brewster's comment on the efficiency of the inspections completed by Benham and finding this crack before it became a bigger problem.

Mr. Jimmy Sparks of The Benham Companies presented the Consulting Engineer Report for the month of October 2008. Concerning the trust requirements, Mr. Sparks stated that Benham had begun inspection of the turnpike bridges on the 2009 inspection cycle. He stated that they have completed inspections on the Turner, Chickasaw, Cimarron and Creek Turnpikes. The Muskogee Turnpike would be the next turnpike on this year's cycle.

Benham was also in the process of designing emergency repairs to Bridge No. 39.40 on the Will Rogers Turnpike, which was struck by a contractor's dump truck. The damage was minor, but does warrant repairs.

The capital plan project summary was provided in the Consulting Engineer's monthly report.

**Item #3. Highway Patrol Report**

Mr. Riebel welcomed Major Gann back from his extended leave.

Major Dennis Gann presented the OHP Report for the month of October 2008. Troopers made 10,921 violator contacts, assisted 754 motorists, and investigated 87 motor vehicle collisions. There were three fatalities reported on the Turnpike System in the month of October. A double fatality occurred on the Will Rogers Turnpike and the Turner Turnpike reported one fatality.

Special emphasis troopers worked three shifts (not eight as indicated on the report) and had zero contacts. The troopers were not working traffic, but they were working a casino concert that was stopping the flow of traffic.

He reported that turnpike aircraft flew a total of 53 hours during the month of October with 341 enforcement contacts. In addition, troopers dedicated 929 hours toward toll enforcement, which resulted in 240 citations, 1,399 warnings, confiscation of 40 PIKEPASSes, and 153 toll violation letters issued.

Size and weights troopers worked 272 hours on the system with 20 arrests, 19 warnings, 97 inspections, and placement of 30 commercial vehicles out of service.

Major Gann also reported that troopers confiscated drugs with an estimated street value of \$1,126,326 and took \$110,280 of illegal drug currency off the System in the month of October.

**Item #4. Director's Report**

Mr. Tomlinson had nothing further to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On behalf of the Authority, Chairman Riebel wished everyone a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. until January 21, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, Neal A. McCaleb Building, at 3500 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**ATTEST:**

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Ken Fergeson  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Doug Riebel  
Chairman