

# MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 11th day of February, 2019, 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 2019 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, February 7, 2019 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 11:04 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	John Fidler	Member
	David Burrage	Chairman
	Dan Overland	Member
	Greg Love	Member
	Todd Huckabay	Secretary
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Brad Burgess	Vice Chairman
	Bob Peterson	Member
<b>Absent:</b>	None	
<b>Presiding:</b>	David Burrage	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of February 11, 2019. 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 thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: John Cox from TRUST, Bobby Stem, Executive Director of the AOGC, Baylee Lakey, Press Secretary for Governor Stitt, Former Secretary of Transportation, Gary Ridley; and the new Secretary of Transportation, Tim Gatz.

He then said with the consent of the board, I'd like to have a moment of silence in recognition of Bill Burgess, a long, long time public servant to this state. If we all gave what the Burgess family has given in dedication and time to make our communities and our state and nation better, we would all be better off. With the Commission's consent and hearing no objection, we will have a moment of silence. Thank you.

He then recognized Director, Mike Patterson for his announcements and presentations.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Director Patterson said for the past 38 years, Poe and Associates and the Department of Transportation have jointly worked to honor scholars at both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. Last year was the first year we had our scholarship winners in to be recognized by the Commission; and let you see what the future of Civil Engineering looks like, particularly in transportation. I would like to introduce Jim Benson from Poe and Associates who will come up and recognize our 4 scholarship winners. I'm so proud of these young people for what they have done so far; not just in their academic arena, but what they are going to do in the future once they get out into the world and begin to make a difference.

Mr. Benson said I'm proud to introduce our 4 scholarship winners from this year. As Director Patterson has said, we have partnered with the ODOT for the past 38 years in awarding these scholarships. I would also like to introduce Jim Hemphill from our Tulsa office. Jim takes care of the orange part of this procedure and I take care of the Crimson part. So as you can see, it's bipartisan; the 4 winners are:

1. Austin Cratty, OSU Senior from Ft. Worth, Texas
2. Madeline Beichler, OSU Senior from Owasso, Oklahoma (a repeat winner from last year)
3. Jim Devers, OU Senior from Tulsa, Oklahoma
4. Kevin Lepissier, OU Senior from Mbabane, Swaziland

I want to say, as we have looked back at the list of our past awardees. We have got a lot of prominent people in the industry, including a lot of people that are currently employed by ODOT or have actually retired from ODOT; the most notable of whom is sitting at the table right here, Ms. Dawn Sullivan; back in the day she was an ODOT/Poe Scholarship Awardee. As Mike said, if this is the future of Civil Engineering, I think the future is very bright. We are real proud of these kids; they all have outstanding records, high grade points, involved in a lot of activities and they all work hard to provide part of their education. We are very proud of them and we are very, very happy to award them these scholarships.

## **ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION**

### **12. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of January 7, 2019**

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

## **CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

### **13. Transportation Safety Improvement Projects – Mr. Glabas**

- a) Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, Okmulgee and Wagoner Counties - District I - installation of guardrail at the following various locations:
1. One (1) location on SH-10 beginning approximately 7.7 miles north of the Junction of SH-10 and US-62, extending north approximately 0.2 mile in Cherokee County;
  2. One (1) location on SH-80 beginning approximately 0.4 mile southeast of the Junction of SH-80 and SH-251A, extending east approximately 0.1 mile, in Cherokee County;

3. One (1) location on US-59 approximately 6.6 miles north of the Junction of US-59 and SH-51, in the town of Stilwell, in Adair County;
4. One (1) location on SH-72 approximately 1.3 miles north of the Muskogee County line, in Wagoner County;
5. One (1) location on SH-52 approximately 2.9 miles north of the Junction of US-266 and SH-52, extending north approximately 0.1 mile, in Okmulgee County;
6. One (1) location on SH-9 approximately 4.2 miles east of the Junction of SH-2 and SH-9, in Haskell County;
7. Two (2) locations on SH-82 beginning approximately 8.5 miles north of the Junction of SH-31 and SH-82, extending north approximately 2.0 miles, to the town of Stigler, in Haskell County.

The project is estimated to cost \$210,000.

**b) Logan, Garfield and Noble Counties – District IV - installation of guardrail at the following various locations:**

1. Six (6) locations on SH-33 beginning approximately 3.3 miles west of the Junction of SH-33 and US-77, in the city of Guthrie, and extending east approximately 1.0 mile in Logan County;
2. One (1) location on SH-74 approximately 8.6 miles north of the Junction of US-412 and SH-74, in Garfield County;
3. Six (6) locations on US-177 over US-412 (Cimarron Turnpike), in Noble County.

The project is estimated to cost \$320,000.

**14. Speed Zone Revision – Mr. Glabas**

Sequoyah County – District I – various locations along SH-141 in the City of Gans

**15. Land Sale – Mr. Phillips**

Garvin County – District III – Land Sale – located approximately 0.50 miles south of the Town of Paoli on the Westerly side of US-77 at Owl Creek - \$20,152.00

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

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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**ITEM PRESENTED BY CHIEF OF R-O-W & UTILITIES – Mr. Blackwell**

**16. Disclosure of Acquisition of Right-of-Way from an ODOT Employee, Greg A. Marston**

Ellis County – on SH-15, from 5.8 miles east of US-283 JCT., extend east approximately 2.7 miles

**Information Only;** No Commission action required.

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler**

**17. Programming Item**

Pontotoc County - District III - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to NB SH-1 over SH-3 located 1 mile southwest of Ada in Pontotoc County - \$170,000 - Party responsible for the damage is known.

**NOTE:** *Commissioner Love said Tim and Steve Jacobi do you talk with other states; this is just happening too much. Maybe we are doing all we can do; but I would encourage you to benchmark with other states to see if they are having the same problem.*

Mr. Tegeler said, yes we had discussion this morning; and we will continue that discussion and see if we can come up with anything else to help slow these down.

*Commissioner Burrage said it does seem like it is increasing in frequency.*

ACTION: Overland moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

**18. Engineering Contracts**

**a) Statewide – All Districts – Off System Truss and Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections (CI-2063)**

CI-2063A	Burgess and Niple, Inc.
CI-2063B	H.W. Lochner, Inc.
CI-2063C	Infrastructure Engineers, LLC

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these three (3) contracts is \$4,457,012.00

**b) Statewide – All Districts – On-System Truss and Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections (CI-2064)**

CI-2064	Burgess and Niple, Inc.
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The not to exceed amount for this contract is \$1,994,656.00

**c) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand Engineering Services for ADA Improvements (CI-2065)**

CI-2065A	Atkins North America, Inc.
CI-2065B	Cabbiness Engineering, LLC
CI-2065C	EST, Inc.
CI-2065D	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
CI-2065E	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC
CI-2065F	Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these six (6) contracts is \$1,500,000.00



**19. Engineering Contract Supplements**

- a) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand State Bridge Rehabilitation to provide On-Demand Engineering Services.

CI-1991B	Supplement 2	Garver, LLC
CI-1991C	Supplement 1	HNTB Corporation
CI-1991D	Supplement 2	Infrastructure Engineers, Inc.
CI-1991E	Supplement 2	Poe and Associates, Inc.
CI-1991F	Supplement 2	White Engineering Associates, Inc.

The total aggregate increase for these supplemented contracts is \$1,250,000.00

- b) Cleveland County – District III – to perform preliminary engineering for US-77 from the east end of the Canadian River bridge extending east through Lexington, Oklahoma

EC-1456	Supplement 4	Garver, LLC	\$277,835.00
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ACTION: Burgess moved and Peterson seconded that the Items be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard**

**20. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$75,000.00 or Less – Information Only**

- a) Adair County - Co. Rd. - STP-201C(032)CI / 29823(04), \$5,692.84, 0.56%
- b) Alfalfa County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-202D(024)RB / 29749(04), \$49,263.76, 11.29%
- c) Atoka County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-203D(034)RB / 31169(04), \$72,610.62, 5.67%
- d) Caddo County - SH-152 - ACSTP-208C(041)SS / 01817(09), \$111,795.27, -1.21% Underrun
- e) Cherokee County - SH-51 - STPY-011B(377)SS / 10006(12), \$5,778.50, 0.03%
- f) Cimarron County - US-385 - STP-113C(034) / 23273(04), \$34,711.00, -0.85% Underrun
- g) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-114C(255)AG / 26836(04), \$30,000.00, 0.61%
- h) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04), \$2,555.42, 0.03%
- i) Garvin County - Co. Rd. - STP-225C(071)CI / 31426(04), \$1,249.91, 0.09%
- j) Haskell County - Co. Rd. - STP-131D(051)CI / 21381(04), \$22,335.80, 3.47%
- k) Haskell County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-231C(036)RB / STP-231C(033)CI / 31194(04), \$18,333.36, 0.98%
- l) Kingfisher County - US-81 - NHPP-237N(041)SS / 29842(04), \$15,686.65, 0.45%
- m) Lincoln County - Co. Rd. - STP-241D(053)CI / 30018(04), \$8,569.97, 0.94%
- n) McCurtain County - US-259 - SBR-245N(036)SB / 29735(04), \$15,048.50, 0.70%
- o) McIntosh County - Co. Rd. - STP-246C(030)CI / 29374(04), \$27,372.02, 2.47%
- p) Murray County - SH-7 - HSIPG-250C(016)AD / 32934(04), \$14,302.28, 3.19%
- q) Oklahoma County - I-40 - HSIPG-255F(449)TR / 33255(04), \$0.00, 0.00%
- r) Okmulgee County - SH-56 - STP-256C(047)PM / 10465(04), \$13,750.00, 0.46%
- s) Osage County - SH-20 - SSR-157C(185)SR / 28284(05), \$2,154.59, 0.26%
- t) Payne County - US-177 - HSIPG-260B(031)AD / STPY-260B(035)3P / 32746(04), \$295,096.12, -20.24% Underrun
- u) Pittsburg County - US-69 - ACNHPP-261N(080)3P / 32781(04), \$43,896.21, 3.99%
- v) Pottawatomie County - Ct. St. - HSIPG-263E(056)AD / TAP-263D(051)TP / 33015(04), \$12,710.67, 6.32%
- w) Seminole County - SH-9A - STP-267C(061) / 28924(04), \$36,142.92, 1.46%

- x) Sequoyah County - US-64 - NHPP-268N(048)SS / STP-NBIP(515)SS / STP-268C(045)SS / SBR-268N(047)SB / 28974(04), \$6,294.32, 0.11%
- y) Tulsa County - SH-11 - STP-172C(365)SS / 24365(04), \$1,728.44, -0.06% Underrun
- z) Tulsa County - CITY STREETS - TAP-272B(238)IG / 33037(04), \$3,943.10, 0.78%
- aa) Wagoner County - SH-51B - MC-273B(046) / 33661(04), \$19,940.97, 1.67%
- bb) Washita County - SH-152 - STP-275C(043)PM / 27001(04), \$4,615.61, 0.20%
- cc) Washita County - SH-152 - STP-275C(042)3P / 30406(04), \$34,438.80, 2.36%
- dd) Woods County - SH-11 - SBR-276C(023)SB / 29467(04), \$24,745.00, 2.99%
- ee) Woodward County - SH-50 - SBR-277C(036)SB / 29475(04), \$1,062.19, 0.11%
- ff) Woodward County - Ct. St. - ACSTP-277C(043)(044)UR / TAP-277D(041)TP / 29799(04), \$1,302.50, -0.02% Underrun

**21. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$75,000.00**

- a) Carter County - SH-53 - ACSTP-110C(189)SS / ACSTP-110C(192)SS / 24104(04), \$66,633.84, 0.85%
- b) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-114A(141)AG / STP-114E(299)EH / 28810(04) #10, \$8,699.70, 0.29%
- c) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-114A(141)AG / STP-114E(299)EH / 28810(04) #11, \$13,319.10, 0.44%
- d) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-114A(141)AG / STP-114E(299)EH / 28810(04) #12, \$4,813.71, 0.16%
- e) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-114A(141)AG / STP-114E(299)EH / 28810(04) #13, \$25,461.76, 0.83%
- f) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214C(080)AG / 29289(04), \$881.46, -0.03% Underrun
- g) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214B(077)AG / 30501(04), \$130.08, 0.01%
- h) Comanche County - I-44 - NHPPI-216N(073)3P / 31343(04), \$98,512.03, 4.69%
- i) Grant County - SH-11 - STP-127B(107)(108)(109)(110)SS / 24163(04), \$1,301.80, -0.01% Underrun
- j) Greer County - SH-34 - STPY-128C(069)SS / 24207(04), \$143,723.26, 2.42%
- k) Greer County - US-283 - SSR-228B(013)(014)SR / 29641(04), \$207,723.09, 10.26%
- l) Jefferson County - US-81 - NHPP-234N(015)SS / 28800(04), \$17,691.62, 0.70%
- m) Kingfisher County - Co. Rd. - STP-237C(032)CI / 30461(04), \$317,608.06, 37.01%
- n) Love County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-143C(091)RB / 25447(04), \$85,905.29, 1.30%
- o) Love County - SH-32 - ACSTP-143C(093)SS / 26502(04) #5, \$20,454.10, 0.18%
- p) Love County - SH-32 - ACSTP-143C(093)SS / 26502(04) #6, \$5,390.00, 0.05%
- q) Major County - US-60 - ACNHPP-247N(018)SS / 27009(04), \$45,412.55, 0.58%
- r) Mayes County - SH-20 - STP-249B(035)SS / 28851(04), \$48,000.00, 2.24%
- s) McClain County - I-35 - ACNHPPI-0035-2(339)3P / 33313(04), \$97,913.95, 7.89%
- t) McClain County - SH-74 - STP-244C(062)3P / 33632(04), \$143,305.15, 23.43%
- u) McIntosh County - I-40 - IMG-0040-6(375)262TR / HSIPIG-0040-6(378)256TR / 28958(04), \$95,535.16, 3.59%
- v) Noble County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-252C(043)CI / 31189(04), \$142,238.82, 8.94%
- w) Oklahoma County - I-235 - ACNHPPI-2350-(004)(005)SS / 09033(16), \$1,211,395.99, 1.50%
- x) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - STPY-155C(611) / 24357(04), \$13,860.29, 0.34%
- y) Oklahoma County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400-(027)PM / 29495(04), \$90,000.00, 2.21%
- z) Osage County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-257D(065)RB / 29415(04), \$97,946.05, 14.34%
- aa) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-258D(018)RB / 29401(04), \$92,793.11, 11.37%
- bb) Payne County - Ct. St. - STP-260B(027)MS / 31595(04), \$2,644.66, 0.07%
- cc) Pushmataha County - US-271 - ACSTP-164B(153)SS / 26346(04), \$24,374.27, 0.40%
- dd) Tulsa County - CITY STREETS - SEC1934-272C(223)TI / 23708(06), \$555,310.70, 28.13%
- ee) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-172B(398)(399)IG / STP-172B(456)IG / 25211(04), \$107,763.11, 1.02%
- ff) Tulsa County - SH-20 - SBR-272A(162)SB / 30598(04), \$85,428.21, 5.59%
- gg) Washington County - US-75 - NHPP-274N(016)SS / 27077(04), \$28,336.17, 1.53%

**hh)** Woods County - US-64 - STP-276B(032)PM / 27923(04), \$69,059.45, 1.65%

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION – Ms. Hilmes**

**22. Lettings**

- a) Final April, 2019 Bid Opening
- b) Tentative May, 2019 Bid Opening
- c) Tentative June, 2019 Bid Opening

**NOTE:** *Commissioner Burrage said I want to point out that, I believe we have our Grant Project in the final April letting.*

Ms. Hilmes said yes \$132 million; \$62 million is a vast land grant, \$44 million is additional federal funds and \$26 million are state funds.

*Commissioner Burrage said I appreciate the extraordinary effort that the Department has gone through and participated in to get that project to the finish line. Also want to thank the Commissioners for all their work on this.*

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce**

**23. Awards**

January 17, 2019 – Regular Letting

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson**

**24. Director's Report**

Director Patterson said before I give my report, I want to recognize a young man who is attending his last commission meeting as an ODOT employee. Craig Moody, if you would stand up please; I would like to thank you for your 31 years of service; Craig is retiring at the end of February. The last few years, he's been in charge of our Rail Programs Division, provided that leadership, but I want to take you back to what that looked like. That looked like selling a major railroad between here and Tulsa; leading the effort to provide

additional rail crossings safety programs to the State of Oklahoma; continuation of fathering, mothering, the Heartland Flyer to make sure it operates on a daily basis, dealing with Amtrak and the BNSF. So Craig, after 31 years I just want to offer my deep appreciation in front of the Commission for what you've done for the Department of Transportation and the State of Oklahoma. Thank you!

Chelley was up here talking about the upcoming lettings. Last month we talked about the Continuing Resolution, but at the time we were in the middle of a government shutdown. At the end of this week on Friday, the current Continuing Resolution expires. Certainly, we hope beyond all hope that we would have a fully funded for the balance of the federal fiscal year budget; I don't think that's going to happen. Our next best effort would be to get another Continuing Resolution. As we look at Continuing Resolutions, it's become the new normal; but let me talk about Continued Resolutions in this case that we are dealing with. The Highway Trust Fund has lots of cash. It doesn't always have lots of cash, but it has lots of cash in it. So as we continue to do our daily work and we send the bill to the Federal Highway Administration, they have the cash to reimburse us. What we do not have is the budget authority from Congress, the authorization to use any more of the cash. And so that's why we continue to come up here and Chelley and her team juggling projects, tried to get around the barn swallows. So we got issues we are dealing with, environmental issues getting crops to market and we've got school district issues. So we're all trying to time all this, and we're pretty good at timing this until we don't have any money to time it with. So there's part of our dilemma right now. I'm just hoping that next Friday we get a good Continuing Resolution. I don't think we're going to get the budget, but I just hope we get a good Continuing Resolution, not a less than a month, 6 months would be nice, and that would get us to the end of the fiscal year. Now, we would like to have something we could really work with and get some of these projects let.

You recall a few months ago we unveiled our GO-DOT vehicles, and we were using them on our I-235 project. Allen contracting, Jeff Allen's in the room as well, but Jeff helped us get those first GO-DOT vehicles with the cooperation of the Federal Highway Administration; and I know Basharat Saddiqi is sitting in the audience as well. So we got our first 2 GO-DOT vehicles, and they stayed in the confines of the I-235 project that we just opened a few months ago. Well, on the 14th of January, we set them free; in essence, they are now outside the confines of that 1 particular project. We now have 8 operators and a full time dispatcher, and our 8 operators are the guys that you really want to be the operators. We have 3 of them in the room, you guys please stand. See, these are firemen and retired firemen, when they get out of the truck, they bring comfort to whoever is stranded. That's the kind of guys that we wanted for our GO-DOT team, and that's the kind of guys we got. We currently operate from 6:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. We've had more than 200 motorist contacts where we've pulled over and helped somebody out. And the nice thing about that and we've talked about this, but it's so important, because if somebody is stranded on the side of the road, everybody wants to slow down to look at them and see who it is. Well, then that causes other problems on the main way so we want to get that cleared up and get people on their way. As I said, we have 2 vehicles here in Oklahoma City; and we are working on acquiring 2 more vehicles for the Tulsa area. And then we are just going to expand this on out; because it is something that we think that could really benefit the traveling public, not only for safety but for convenience. On top of that, we have been involved for a number of years with Traffic Incident Management (TIMS). We have become one of the preeminent national leaders in our TIMS. This is where we're working with other first responders, ambulances, law enforcement, fire, and we're setting up a protocol that we can safely go in and secure an area, get it cleaned up, and get it moved as quickly as possible. ODOT, as I said, has become a leader in the nation in this effort; all for the same reasons that we have the GO-DOT; for the convenience and safety of the traveling public.

**NOTE:** *Commissioner Alexander asked who funds the GO-DOT vehicles.*

Director Patterson said the Department of Transportation does. Additionally, we used some of our federal funds to purchase the first 2 vehicles, but here on out it's going to be funded with state funds.

Commissioner Burrage thanked the GO-DOT guys for being here today; and thank you for what you do and what you've done in the past. We know you guys have all been in this business a while of helping people.

Director Patterson said I know the next agenda item talks about my replacement. It is a decision that I contemplated on for a number of months. I privately told the Commissioners at the last Commission Meeting of my plans; and then I told the ODOT team shortly after that. So I want to thank you if you're able to find a Director at this Executive Meeting or perhaps the next one. I look forward to working with the next Director to get some transition going, so that as I walk out the door, the new person knows what's going on. Thank you.

**NOTE:** *Commissioner Burrage said we won't go into your long list of accomplishments and how long you've been here, but it's been a long time. There have been so many things that you've been a part of and led; and you done an excellent job in leading this Department; we just don't have time in this meeting to list them. We cannot express our appreciation enough for your service. Very few devote their lives and handle it in the manner that you have in your public service. Director Patterson you are an example to others, and many have watched how you've handled yourself and have modeled themselves after you. You know ODOT has a history of people staying and working here and doing great things, and you're going to fall right in line with that group.*

*Commissioner Burgess said when I showed up 16 years ago, I remember what the Department was like and how many bridges were functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. I remember you and Gary Ridley working so hard with the Governor and the Legislature to fix these problems. To see it now, is just unbelievable and you guys have every right to be so proud of yourselves. We are just so proud of you and Secretary Ridley for what you and your team have done. Oklahoma is in a much better place than we were 2 decades ago, and for that we thank you.*

*Commissioner Love said my company operates in 42 states; and one of the things that I personally do is develop the locations, and probably the hardest this we do is to get the driveway permits. And many times, I have to go all the way up the top the food chain in California, Arizona, Illinois, and I would talk to Director Patterson. He would give the Director from that particular state a heads up that I would be calling. It was very apparent in talking to those head of DOT's that Mike has a great reputation within that world; and I think that kind of speaks volumes.*

*Secretary Ridley said Mike you have done so much during the time that I've been here. The success that I've had is because of the hard work you have done. I just want to tell you how much we appreciate not only the work that you've done here but also the work that you do in the Community. You will always be a friend of everybody here and I just want to wish you well.*

**Information Only:** No Commission action required.

#### **ITEM PRESENTED BY GENERAL COUNSEL – Mr. Hill**

#### **25. Executive Session Discussion of Appointment and Salary of ODOT Director**

##### **a) Vote on Executive Session**

**ACTION:** Burrage moved and Peterson 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, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**NOTES:** *The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 11:46 a.m.*

*The Commissioners exited Executive Session at 12:04 p.m.*

##### **b) Vote to End Executive Session**

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

**c) Motion to appoint the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation effective April 1, 2019, and set his salary**

ACTION: Burrage moved and Peterson seconded that Tim Gatz be appointed as Executive Director effective April 1, 2019 at the salary that the current Director is receiving.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

**ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**26. Adjournment Motion**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.**

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting February 11, 2019.

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David Burrage - Chairman

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Brad Burgess – Vice Chairman