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First Projects Let To Contract Under Interstate Rehabilitation Program

The Arkansas Highway Commission held the largest bid letting in its 87-year history on May 17, 2000, according to AHTD Director Dan Flowers. The letting included the first projects awarded using proceeds from the recent sale of Interstate rehabilitation bonds.

The \$154.7 million bid letting nearly doubled the previous largest letting, which occurred in November 1994. That letting totaled \$80.4 million on 50 construction projects, many of which were associated with the construction of Interstate 540 in northwest Arkansas. The May 17 letting included 57 projects.

Six interstate rehabilitation projects totaling approximately \$88.2 million made up the majority of the May 17 letting. "The total for the interstate projects alone would have set a new record," said Highway Commission Chairman Herby Branscum, Jr. "The fact that improvements will be made to roughly 60% of Arkansas' interstates over the next five years is a significant undertaking," commented Branscum.



AHTD Director Dan Flowers, center, and Commissioners

During the 1999 legislative session, with strong support from the Commission and the Govern-



Programs & Contracts Division Head Frank Vozel, right, reads the bids at the May 17 letting.

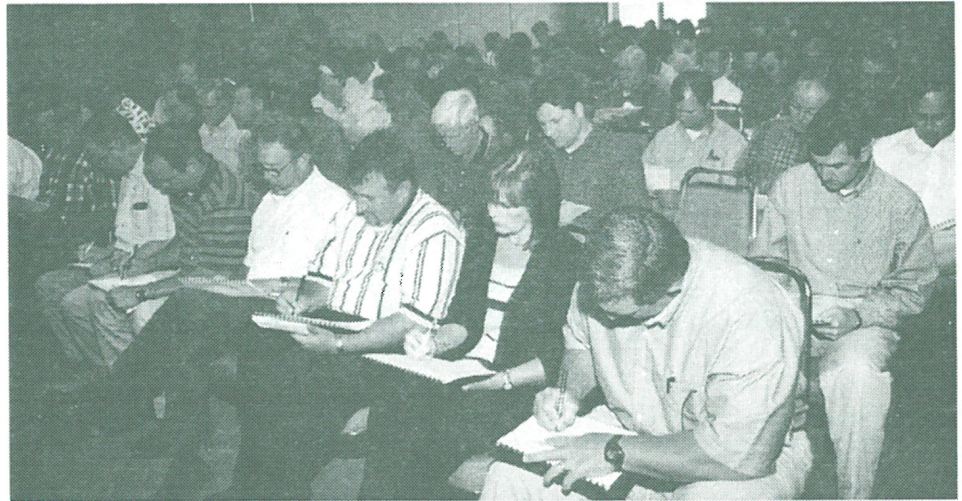
nor, the General Assembly passed legislation authorizing the sale of up to \$575 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue (GARVEE) bonds subject to a vote of the people. On June 15, 1999, the citizens voted to approve the proposal by a 4 to 1 margin.

"This sizable bid letting is a result of the Commission's decision to actively pursue innovative financing to fund improvements to our interstates. In fact, Arkansas is among the first states in the country to use GARVEE bonds as a funding mechanism for highway con-

struction," added Branscum.

Prior to the bond program, the Department awarded contracts totaling an average of 15 miles of interstate rehabilitation work per year, Flowers noted. With the infusion of funds from the bond program, Flowers said about 125 miles of interstate rehabilitation should be awarded annually over the next three years. Completion of the interstate rehabilitation projects is expected in five years.

"The availability of the funds for the Interstate Rehabilitation Program will allow the Department to improve more miles of interstate per year than what



Contractors, interested parties, and the media were in attendance at the record setting bid letting held May 17.

we've been able to in the past. It presents a great challenge to our Department, but it gives us the opportunity to provide the citi-

zens of Arkansas with the quality interstates they need and deserve," Flowers added.

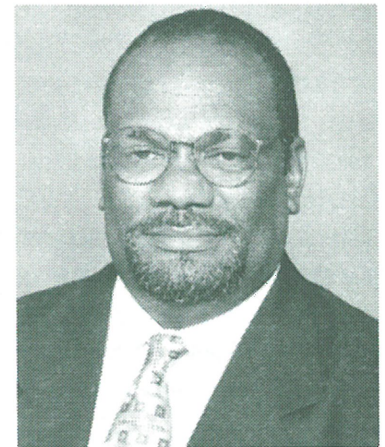
Ken Jordan Named To Head AHTD Training & Safety Section

Ken Jordan, Safety Inspection Officer, was promoted May 18, 2000, to Section Head of Training and Safety. Jordan replaces Crystal Cole who was promoted to Human Resources Officer.

Jordan began his career at the Department in August 1987 as a Patrol Officer in the Arkansas Highway Police Division stationed at Brinkley. He promoted to Patrol Officer First Class in October 1989 transferring to the Hot Springs area, and to Corporal in September 1991 stationed in Little Rock. In June 1997 Jordan promoted to Safety Inspection Officer in the Training and Safety Section.

Jordan holds numerous instructor training certificates including defensive driving skills; drug classification, evaluation and interdiction; vehicle inspection; and employee supervision.

He has been recognized by the Transportation Safety Institute as one of 50 in the nation to achieve Certified Instructor status. In 1996 Jordan was selected to serve as a member of the Se-



Ken Jordan
Training & Safety Section Head

curity Team for the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jordan has been instrumental in the success of the Department's Equipment Operator's Rodeo since its inception both as a Highway Police Officer and a Safety Inspection Officer.

He attended Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, and is a former member of the Garland County Sheriff's Office. Jordan and his wife Marsha reside in Sherwood, Arkansas.

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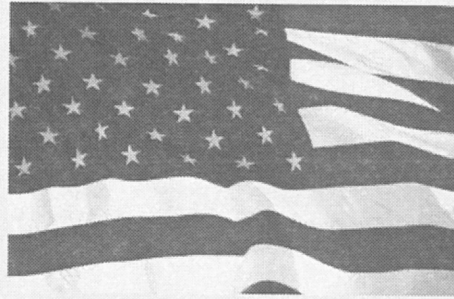
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MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



Monday, May 29, 2000 is a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Memorial Day. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

10th Annual Equipment Operators' ROADEO To Be Held June 1, 2000

The semi-final rounds of competition for the 2000 AHTD Equipment Operators' Roaddeo began in March and are now complete. The first place winners in each event of the semi-finals will participate in the statewide competition scheduled for June 1, 2000 at the Central Shops in Little Rock.

This is the tenth anniversary of the Department's Equipment Operators' Roaddeo and this year's event will include the naming of an *Operator of the Decade* and a *Team Champion of the Decade*. Past State Champions are invited to return and there will be activities for participants' children.

The results of the last District semi-finals are listed below.

DISTRICT FIVE May 11

Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 Donie Bray
- 2 Wesley Hall
- 3 Elvis Garrett

Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Ruth Ferguson
- 2 Terry Stewart
- 3 Kevin Pendergrass

Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Glenn Melton
- 2 Loyal Montgomery
- 3 Kerry Martin

Tractor/Mower

- 1 Debra Smith
- 2 Tony Dorton
- 3 Cavin Hall

Backhoe

- 1 Billy Clemons
- 2 Jason Seaton
- 3 Dusty Westmoreland

Motor Patrol

- 1 Rodney Sutherland
- 2 Daniel Recker
- 3 Tony Matthews

DISTRICT EIGHT April 27

Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 Calvin Brannon
- 2 Lloyd Elkins
- 3 Joe Villalobas

Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Larry Wilson
- 2 Roby Light
- 3 Larry Lay

Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Kenny Howard
- 2 Jeff Lemay
- 3 Tim Honeycutt

Tractor/Mower

- 1 Shawn Goodwin
- 2 (tie) .. Gary Burnett
- 2 (tie) .. Mark Malone

Backhoe

- 1 Larry Brazil
- 2 Johnny Rice
- 3 James Nail

Motor Patrol

- 1 Dennis Langston
- 2 Gordon Parham
- 3 Danny Duvall

DISTRICT NINE April 20

Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 Tommy Jackson
- 2 Charles Christopher
- 3 Christy Kolb

Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Joey Fierro
- 2 Lawrence Drewry
- 3 Don Baker

Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Jackie Villines
- 2 Lowell Cox
- 3 Brion Cray

Tractor/Mower

- 1 Ashley Hale
- 2 Stacy Casto
- 3 Mike Brasel

Backhoe

- 1 Kenny Riley
- 2 Bobby Kelley
- 3 Tony Parnell

Motor Patrol

- 1 Randall Edgmon
- 2 Howard Farmer
- 3 Lance Baker

DISTRICT TEN May 4

Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 Vincent Bouchard
- 2 David Wagster
- 3 Sammy Parrish

Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 Brad Fultz
- 2 Mike Farrell
- 3 Paul Baker

Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 James Miller
- 2 Todd Clifford
- 3 Kim Tippy

Tractor/Mower

- 1 David Pratt
- 2 Brenda Gause
- 3 Gary Morton

Backhoe

- 1 Rick Hale
- 2 Jimmy McClanahan
- 3 Lenny Fulco

Motor Patrol

- 1 Anthony Williams
- 2 Gerald Ellis
- 3 Burley Ludwig

AHTD PEOPLE



APRIL 2000

NEW EMPLOYEES

Computer Services

Tim Corballis, Computer Technician II

Human Resources

Kathy Campbell, Central Office Receptionist

Maintenance

Ronald Dupriest, Telecommunications Operator

District 1

Christopher Pruitt, Donald Frazier, Single Axle Truck Drivers

Robert Jordan, Construction Helper II

District 2

Gregory Gaines, General Laborer

District 3

Stephanie Banks, Mitchell Gatlin, Single Axle Truck Drivers

District 4

Karon Everett, Single Axle Truck Driver
Keith Chambers, General Laborer

District 6

Melissa Hilton, District Receptionist
Shandale Smith, Anthony Pittman, Albert Burchfield, General Laborers
Pete Wright, Single Axle Truck Driver

District 7

Wilson Sisson, Heather Hurley, David Jarvis, Single Axle Truck Drivers

District 8

Darrell Carter, Single Axle Truck Driver
Marcus Rainwater, Construction Field Engineer I

District 10

Kathy McIlwain, Single Axle Truck Driver
Sondra Jackson, General Laborer

PROMOTIONS

Chief Engineer

Beverly Moore, Office Administrative Assistant V

Construction

Elise Squires, Office Admin. Asst. III

Environmental

Patti Bryant, Office Admin. Asst. V

Highway Police

John Strojek Jr., Permits Admin. Aide IV

Human Resources

Samantha Bart, Admin. Aide V
Crystal Cole, Admin. Officer I
Melissa Doss, Admin. Aide I

Legal

Tara Robinson, Legal Aide

Maintenance

Marcus Johnson, Sign Maker II
Edward Smith, Heavy Bridge Crew Leader

Planning & Research

Tom Doolin, Admin. Officer I
Ed Flanagan, Admin. Officer I
James Key, Trans. Management Analyst II
Velma Smith, Trans. Management Technician I

District 1

Kathleen Cupp, Mike South, Single Axle Tr. Drs.
Tony Palmer, Maintenance Aide II
Raymond Rogers, Maintenance Aide I

District 3

Cathy McCoy, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jason Efird, Resident Engineer
Mary Shaw, Resident Office Technician
William Cheatham, Construction Field Engineer I
Latricia Monk, Maintenance Aide I

District 4

Joshua Riggins, Rita Woolsey, Single Axle Tr. Drs.
Nicky Mings, Crew Leader
Brian Powell, Construction Field Engineer II

District 6

Brad Fryar, Resident Engineer
Douglas Hicks, Crew Leader
Brad Hubbard, Rest Area Attendant
Lester Martin, Maintenance Job Supt.
Will Skillern, Maintenance Aide I

District 7

Allen Autrey, Kenneth Doherty, Senior Mechanics
Jerry Parker, Single Axle Truck Driver
David Wages, Station Attendant II

District 8

Joseph Knight, Civil Engineer
Michael Roberts, Single Axle Truck Driver

District 10

Wilford Heggins, Deanna Meigs, William Putman, Single Axle Truck Drivers
Larry McKinney, Senior Mechanic

SERVICE

35 Years

Lyndell Lyda, D-4 Senior Inspector
Chester Patterson, D-8 Sr. Const. Mat. Inspector
Samuel Ramey, D-8 Construction Project Coord.

30 Years

Doug Nielsen, E&P Division Head
Patsy King, D-8 Resident Office Technician
Thomas Jackson, D-9 Shop Supervisor
Winston Dunn, D-10 Area Maintenance Supv.

25 Years

J. Colbert, D-2 Crew Leader
Danny Lawson, D-2 Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Ronnie Phillips, D-2 Bridge Repairer II
Billy Turner, D-7 Area Headquarters Attendant

20 Years

Vicki Simmons, AHP Patrol Officer First Class
Michael Schiffli, P&R Computer Mapping Spec.
George McDaniel, D-1 Crew Leader
Jerry Stuart, D-3 Distributor Operator
Gary Currier, D-4 Rest Area Attendant
Michael Turner, D-4 Hydraulic Excavator Opr./Finish
Donna McGehee, D-8 Office Manager
Calvin Adney, D-8 Crew Leader
Hank Duvall, D-8 Bridge Repairer II
William Dunn, D-8 Maintenance Aide I

15 Years

David Williamson, Environmental Analyst I
Theadore Walton, D-2 Motor Patrol Operator
George Patterson, D-2 Senior Mechanic
John Daniel, D-3 Crew Leader
Curtis Christopher, D-3 Single Axle Truck Dr.
Jerrold Taylor, D-3 Bridge Inspector Helper
Patricia Mowrey, D-4 Maintenance Aide I
John Falwell, D-5 Resident Office Technician

Edward Erick, D-6 Construction Aide I

Christie Ham, D-7 Field Clerk II

Gail Smith, D-9 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

Thomas Rorex, D-10 Elec., Pl., & Mech. Repairer

10 Years

Mark Willis, AHP Patrol Officer First Class
Boyd Dickey, Maintenance Striping Crew Supv.
David Kraft, Materials Geotechnical Drill Party Chief
Velma Smith, Trans. Management Technician I
Kim Staton, Surveys Helper
Roland Leslie, D-1 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
James Tucker, D-1 Caretaker
Ginger Haire, D-2 Janitor
Michael Purtzer, D-3 Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Orval Hudson, D-3 Maintenance Aide II
Lester Martin, D-6 Maintenance Job. Supt.
Anthony Breedlove, D-9 Dozer Operator
Brad Fultz, D-10 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

5 Years

Hedley Davies, Computer Services System Support Tech. I
Ronnie Womack Jr., D-2 Finish Carpenter
Phelix Price, D-2 Single Axle Truck Driver
Kelley Fields, D-2 Elec., Pl., & Mech. Repairer
Darrell Aikens, D-3 Single Axle Truck Driver
Earl Scott, D-3 Distributor/Roller Operator
Mark Lebourgeois, D-3 Senior Mechanic
Donna Gorham, D-3 Field Clerk I
Cheril Knox, D-4 Field Clerk I
Shawn McClellan, D-4 Distributor/Roller Operator
Michael Sibley, D-6 Maintenance Aide I
Ginger Crain, D-7 Construction Aide I
Kerry Powers, D-8 Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Ronnie Dunbar, D-10 Dozer Operator/Finish
Brenda Gause, D-10 Maintenance Aide I
Lenora Wilson, D-10 Construction Helper I

RETIREMENTS

Rebecca Roberts, Highway Police Data Collection Technician, retired April 7 with 10+ years

James Sanders, Planning & Research Study Coordinator, retired April 26 with 26+ years

Debra Andry, Roadway Design Traffic Investigator, retired April 6 with 21+ years

Houston Caldwell, District 1 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired April 10 with 16+ years

R. Brown Jr., District 3 Multi-Axle Truck Driver, retired April 21 with 21+ years

James Walters, District 4 Maintenance Aide II, retired April 25 with 11+ years

Paul Banzhaf, District 4 Area Headquarters Attendant, retired April 27 with 22+ years

Harold Anderson, District 4 Senior Inspector, retired April 3 with 35+ years

James Brinkley, District 5 Motor Patrol Operator, retired April 17 with 26+ years

Randy Tomlinson, District 5 Construction Aide II, retired April 14 with 28+ years

Ansel Reasons, District 9 Maintenance Aide I, retired April 26 with 20+ years

Jackie Pharis, District 9 Crew Leader, retired April 18 with 33+ years

Charles Harvill, District 10 Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, retired April 27 with 23+ years

David Washam, District 10 Maintenance Aide II, retired April 5 with 28+ years