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## Record Bond Sale Followed By Record Setting Contract

July 10 and 11 were record-setting days for the AHTD and Highway Commission.

The historic events began on the morning of Tuesday, July 10, when bids were received for the largest sale of bonds in the Commission's 88-year history. \$185 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles, or GARVEE bonds, were sold in a competitive bidding process. This amount eclipsed the \$175 million in GARVEE bonds sold in March 2000.

While the results of the March 2000 bond sale surpassed all pre-sale estimates, the July 10 sale was even more impressive. The Commission's Financial Advisor, Evenson Dodge, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, predicted an interest rate of about 4.76% prior to



Commission member Carl S. Rosenbaum, left, congratulates other Commission members Jonathan Barnett, Buddy Benafield, Prissy Hickerson and John Lipton, on a successful bond sale.



AHTD Chief Legal Counsel Robert Wilson, center, confers with Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton and AHTD Director Dan Flowers.

the sale. When the bids were tabulated, a syndicate led by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter submitted the low bid of 4.3739%, considerably lower than the estimate.

To make matters even better for the Commission, the bonds sold at a premium, meaning Morgan Stanley Dean Witter actually paid a little more than \$194.7 million for the bonds.

"I can assure you we will put the money to good use on the roads," commented Commission Chairman John Lipton. So far, the sale and use

of bonds to finance much-needed Interstate improvements has proved to be very beneficial for the people of Arkansas. I'm very pleased."

The proceeds from the GARVEE bonds are being used to fund projects in the Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP), a five-year program to rehabilitate or reconstruct over 60% of our state's Interstates.

The Tuesday record bond sale was followed by another record-setting day on Wednesday. The Commission took bids on 56 jobs which totaled \$92.3 million. Nearly half of that total dollar amount was for one job – an IRP project near West Memphis. A low bid of \$42.7 million was submitted for the 13-mile project, making it the largest single contract ever awarded by the Commission. The previous largest contract was \$37.1 million for construction of the Bobby Hopper Tunnel on I-540 in Washington County.

Gilbert Central Corporation of Omaha, Nebraska was the low bidder for the project, which includes rehabilitating the existing travel lanes, reconstructing ten pairs of bridges, and increasing the clearance on five existing overpasses. The project will take over two years to complete.

"It's been a very successful week for the Department," commented AHTD Director Dan Flowers. "We're right on track with the IRP projects so far, and this successful bond sale will help keep us that way."

## Commission Authorizes 2.6% Pay Raise

The Highway Commission, at its June meeting, authorized a 2.6 percent salary increase for all AHTD employees who receive a satisfactory recommendation from their supervisor. The increase was effective beginning June 28, 2001 and is reflected in the paycheck you receive today. A new AHTD Salary Schedule is included in this newsletter.

The Fiscal Services Division reminds all employees that beginning with the July 19 paycheck, employees not using direct deposit will receive their check by mail.

## Ralph Hall, Jim Chaney Re-elected To Retirement Board of Trustees

The active members of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System have re-elected Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees. His term will end June 30, 2003.

Jim Chaney, retired District 5 Engineer, was re-elected as the retiree member of the Board of Trustees. His term will also end June 30, 2003.



Ralph Hall



Jim Chaney

The AHTD

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DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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## "Arkansas Highways" Magazine Deadline

The deadline for submission of pictures for the Fall 2001 issue of the Arkansas Highways magazine is Tuesday, August 21, 2001. This issue will include high school and college graduates of Department employees. Please submit the photographs and information to your Division or District magazine reporter before the deadline date.

# AHTD SALARY SCHEDULE

Effective 6-28-2001

Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
I	412.00 10,712.00	549.00 14,274.00	587.00 15,262.00	636.00 16,536.00	684.00 17,784.00	734.00 19,084.00	794.00 20,644.00	816.00 21,216.00
II	553.00 14,378.00	616.00 16,016.00	645.00 16,770.00	693.00 18,018.00	747.00 19,422.00	798.00 20,748.00	860.00 22,360.00	887.00 23,062.00
III	580.00 15,080.00	651.00 16,926.00	688.00 17,888.00	739.00 19,214.00	791.00 20,566.00	846.00 21,996.00	904.00 23,504.00	976.00 25,376.00
IV	642.00 16,692.00	724.00 18,824.00	766.00 19,916.00	819.00 21,294.00	876.00 22,776.00	938.00 24,388.00	1,000.00 26,000.00	1,071.00 27,846.00
V	707.00 18,382.00	802.00 20,852.00	848.00 22,048.00	903.00 23,478.00	964.00 25,064.00	1,030.00 26,780.00	1,103.00 28,678.00	1,176.00 30,576.00
VI	783.00 20,358.00	882.00 22,932.00	938.00 24,388.00	994.00 25,844.00	1,063.00 27,638.00	1,132.00 29,432.00	1,208.00 31,408.00	1,281.00 33,306.00
VII	865.00 22,490.00	971.00 25,246.00	1,030.00 26,780.00	1,098.00 28,548.00	1,171.00 30,446.00	1,239.00 32,214.00	1,320.00 34,320.00	1,398.00 36,348.00
VIII	950.00 24,700.00	1,069.00 27,794.00	1,137.00 29,562.00	1,208.00 31,408.00	1,280.00 33,280.00	1,356.00 35,256.00	1,438.00 37,388.00	1,518.00 39,468.00
IX		1,176.00 30,576.00	1,246.00 32,396.00	1,322.00 34,372.00	1,398.00 36,348.00	1,478.00 38,428.00	1,563.00 40,638.00	1,644.00 42,744.00
X		1,280.00 33,280.00	1,359.00 35,334.00	1,437.00 37,362.00	1,516.00 39,416.00	1,605.00 41,730.00	1,694.00 44,044.00	1,777.00 46,202.00
XI		1,400.00 36,400.00	1,487.00 38,662.00	1,567.00 40,742.00	1,651.00 42,926.00	1,740.00 45,240.00	1,837.00 47,762.00	1,924.00 50,024.00
XII		1,520.00 39,520.00	1,612.00 41,912.00	1,697.00 44,122.00	1,783.00 46,358.00	1,881.00 48,906.00	1,981.00 51,506.00	2,058.00 53,508.00
XIII		1,649.00 42,874.00	1,755.00 45,630.00	1,842.00 47,892.00	1,933.00 50,258.00	2,028.00 52,728.00	2,135.00 55,510.00	2,202.00 57,252.00
XIV		1,783.00 46,358.00	1,894.00 49,244.00	1,987.00 51,662.00	2,079.00 54,054.00	2,184.00 56,784.00	2,286.00 59,436.00	2,357.00 61,282.00
XV		1,925.00 50,050.00	2,043.00 53,118.00	2,137.00 55,562.00	2,233.00 58,058.00	2,339.00 60,814.00	2,446.00 63,596.00	2,516.00 65,416.00
XVI		2,067.00 53,742.00	2,196.00 57,096.00	2,294.00 59,644.00	2,395.00 62,270.00	2,495.00 64,870.00	2,613.00 67,938.00	2,670.00 69,420.00
XVII		2,222.00 57,772.00	2,356.00 61,256.00	2,454.00 63,804.00	2,556.00 66,456.00	2,666.00 69,316.00	2,777.00 72,202.00	2,830.00 73,580.00
XVIII		2,378.00 61,828.00	2,521.00 65,546.00	2,621.00 68,146.00	2,724.00 70,824.00	2,842.00 73,892.00	2,953.00 76,778.00	2,993.00 77,818.00
XIX		2,639.00 68,614.00	2,738.00 71,188.00	2,846.00 73,996.00	2,951.00 76,726.00	3,066.00 79,716.00	3,095.00 80,470.00	
XX		2,829.00 73,554.00	2,931.00 76,206.00	3,039.00 79,014.00	3,149.00 81,874.00	3,165.00 82,290.00		

# AHTD PEOPLE



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## NEW EMPLOYEES

### COMPUTER SERVICES

Sergey Makogonov, Software Analyst II

### MAINTENANCE

Richard Newcomb, Communication Maint. Spec.  
Tony Lomma, Heavy Bridge Skill Trades Trainee  
Byron Heron, Sr., General Laborer

### DISTRICT ONE

Robert Kilpatrick, Skyla White, Ernest Brown,  
General Laborers  
Wonda Cal, Curtis Burnett, Single Axle Truck Drs.

### DISTRICT TWO

Thomas Austin, Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT THREE

Martha Tatom, Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT FOUR

Paul Cooper, Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Roger Drummond, Construction Helper I

### DISTRICT FIVE

Brad Langston, Construction Aide II

### DISTRICT SIX

Steven Teichman, Ronald Blackman, Jerry  
Denley, Marshall Jenkins, Michael Watson, Rita  
White, Single Axle Truck Drivers  
Dwight Frazier, General Laborer  
Blake Morgan, Construction Helper II  
Regina Durham, Construction Helper I

### DISTRICT SEVEN

Kenneth Wagoner, Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT EIGHT

Ilie Stefan, Ellen Williams, Single Axle Truck Drs.  
Keith Goff, Civil Engineer

## PROMOTIONS

### HIGHWAY POLICE

Marcia Zeno, Permits Administrative Assistant III

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Johnna McCallum, Personnel Clerk  
Beverly Beck, Mail & Supply Storeroom Asst. I

### MAINTENANCE

James Fields, Bridge Painter I

### MATERIALS

Reggie Cobb, Terry Hardison, Jerry Stacks, Ellie  
Watson, Laboratory Coordinators  
Phillip Temple, Testing Equipment Spec.

### DISTRICT 1

Robert Bateman, Calvin Parker, Single Axle Truck Drs.  
Jeff Kaiser, Brian McElyea, Construction Aide I  
Bruce Murray, Maintenance Aide II  
Dwayne Pritchard, Crew Leader

### DISTRICT 2

Charlie Morrison, Bridge Repairer II  
Lori Thomas, District Bookkeeper  
Michael Willhite, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
Johnnie Winfield, Crew Leader

### DISTRICT 3

William Eubanks, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

### DISTRICT 4

Belinda Canada, Single Axle Truck Driver  
Donald Buchta, Maintenance Aide I  
Pamela Kerivan, Construction Aide I  
Dolph Mathis, Maintenance Aide II  
Leroy Oliver, Senior Mechanic  
Russell Payne, Hydraulic Excavator Opr./Finish  
Robin Tune, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

### DISTRICT 5

Billy Barker, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator  
Thomas Fife, Area Maintenance Supv.  
Michael Lassiter, Crew Leader  
Dennis St. John, Sr. Body Repairer and Painter

### DISTRICT 6

Stacy Black, Norman Edge, Billy Hill, Hickey Hill,  
Single Axle Truck Drivers  
Brian Bratcher, Ronald Johnson, Const. Aides II  
Dwayne Cale, Civil Engineer I  
Robert Nelson, Robert Phillips, Backhoe/Front End  
Loader Operators  
Ronald Nordman, Maintenance Aide I  
Charles O'Neal, Senior Inspector

### DISTRICT 8

Joe Henderson, Brian Johnson, Backhoe/Front End  
Loader Operators  
Dawn Biggs, Maintenance Aide II  
Kerry Blair, District Bridge Inspector  
William Shipp, Crew Leader

### DISTRICT 9

Christine Kolb, Street Sweeper Operator

### DISTRICT 10

Linda Adams, John Wamock, Single Axle Truck Drs.  
Pamela Bunch, Maintenance Aide I  
Brad Fultz, Station Attendant II  
Jerry Reeves, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

## SERVICE

### 45 YEARS

Fidelis Koelzer, D3 Construction Project Coord.

### 40 YEARS

James Briley, D2 Engineer  
Dan Morgan, P&R Admin. Officer II

### 35 YEARS

Dale Gossien, Materials Area Engineer  
Floyd Harrell, Jr., D1 Construction Aide II  
Freddy Everhart, D1 Inspector  
William Tyler, D3 Engineer  
Benny Bagley, D6 Hydraulic Exc. Opr./Finish  
Billy Karber, D7 Area Maintenance Supv.  
Dick Williamson, D8 Multi-Axle Truck Dr.

### 30 YEARS

Mike Thompson, D2 Resident Engineer  
Bobby Bearden, D4 Dozer Opr./Finish  
Raymond Covey, D5 Inspector  
Steven Anselmi, D5 Const. Project Coord.  
Loy Phillips, D9 Senior Mechanic

### 25 YEARS

Danny Briggs, Heavy Bridge Maint. Supt.  
Paul Simms, P&R Staff Planning Engineer  
Melvin Yates, D5 Senior Inspector  
Elmer Inman, D6 Crew Leader  
Harry Jobe, D6 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish  
Michael Bryant, D7 Crew Leader  
Greg Criner, D9 Distributor Operator

### 20 YEARS

Jane Wilson, Chief of Administration & Public Affairs  
Jon Annable, Materials Section Head  
Sam Johnson, Jr., Staff Surveys Engineer  
Billy Dunlap, D6 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish

### 15 YEARS

Jeff Ingram, Environmental Beautification Coord. II  
Ron Sirickland, P&R Trans. Study Coord.  
Robert Ray, D2 Storeroom Asst. II  
Brian Wells, D2 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish  
Donald Harwood, D5 Roller Operator  
Kenny Bowren, D5 Asst. Resident Engineer  
Norman Freeman, D7 Bridge Repairer II  
Dawn Briggs, D8 Area Hdqtrs. Attendant

William Alvey, D8 Area Maintenance Supv.  
Randall Edgmon, D9 Crew Leader

### 10 YEARS

Dickie Branch, AHP Patrol Officer First Class  
Marcia Zeno, AHP Permits Admin. Asst. III  
Melissa Doss, HR Office Admin. Asst. III  
Thomas Baker, P&R Data Collection Tech.  
Elbert Fobbs, D1 Guard  
Christopher Hunthorp, D2 Senior Mechanic  
Carlton Cottingham, D3 Single Axle Truck Dr.  
Timothy Nolen, D3 Maintenance Aide I  
Edith McGee, D4 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.  
David Bailey, D5 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish  
Bobby Ward, D8 Construction Aide I  
Archie Carter, D9 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.  
Nickey Kimes, D9 Guard  
Ernest Leonard, D9 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.

### 5 YEARS

Ronald Porter, Maintenance Sign Crew Supervisor  
Travis Evans, Maintenance Pavement Profiler Opr.  
Billy Marlin, Maintenance Striping Machine Dr.  
Danny Chidester, P&R Trans. Planner  
Robert Astin, D1 Street Sweeper Opr.  
Stanley Tripp, D2 Distributor Opr.  
Tim Kelly, D2 Asst. Resident Engineer  
Ethan Gordon, D4 Station Attd.  
Brian Powell, D4 Const. Field Engineer II  
Kenneth Bearden, II, D4 Construction Helper II  
Glen Doss, D7 Construction Aide I  
Brian Johnson, D8 Single Axle Truck Dr.  
Kenneth Jackson, D8 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
Joe Villalobos, D8 Distributor Opr.  
Chester Sanders, D10 Distributor/Roller Opr.

## RETIREMENTS

Kay Fisher, ROW Court Order & Research Coordina-  
tor, retired June 14 with 28 years

Charles Bragg, Jr., Arkansas Highway Police Sergeant,  
retired June 6 with 22+ years

Guy Scudder, Arkansas Highway Police Pfc., retired June  
13 with 11+ years

Ray Whitfield, Maintenance Heavy Bridge Repairer II,  
retired June 5 with 6+ years

Buel Lofland, Materials Section Head, retired June 22  
with 33+ years

Loyal Montgomery, D5 Bridge Repairer I, retired June  
27 with 10+ years

John King, D5 Hydraulic Excavator Opr./Finish, retired  
June 25 with 31+ years

Robert Poole, D5 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish, retired June  
13 with 22+ years

David Zimmer, D5 Distributor/Roller Opr., retired June  
29 with 27+ years

Alfred Lee, D5 Area Maintenance Supv., retired June 21  
with 31+ years

Lamar Coyle, D6 Area Maintenance Supv., retired June  
27 with 37+ years

Charles Purifoy, D7 Bridge Repairer II, retired June 13  
with 13+ years

Timothy Honeycutt, D8 Maintenance Aide II, retired  
June 13 with 22+ years

James Nail, D8 Maintenance Aide II, retired June 13  
with 20+ years

Samuel Kizer, D8 Construction Project Coordinator,  
retired June 27 with 37+ years

Jerry Morrow, D10 Maintenance Aide II, retired June  
29 with 16+ years