

# Center Line

## Harold Beaver Named Engineer of the Year

The Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers recently named Harold Beaver, AHTD District 4 District Engineer, the 2003-2004 Engineer of the Year for the State of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers is a state chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers. It is the only engineering society that represents individual engineering professionals and licensed engineers across all disciplines. Founded in 1934, the Society strengthens the engineering profession by promoting engineering licensure and ethics, publishing news of the profession, providing continuing education opportunities and much more.

The *Engineer of the Year* award is presented annually to a society member who has shown excellence in several areas including engineering experience, engineering achievements, continuing education, professional society activities and civic activities, among others. Beaver was recognized at the Society's statewide banquet and awards ceremony held in February in Little Rock.



"It is certainly an honor to be recognized by one's peers in the engineering profession," Beaver stated. "It is a pleasure to work and interact with the many fine engineers I know, both within and outside of the Department, and particularly those who are members of ASPE and NSPE."

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Dalli Chivers celebrated her first birthday March 24, 2004. Her parents are Danielle and Chris Chivers. Her grandparents are Ron Price, Construction Section Head - Contract Estimates and Linda Price, Administrative Assistant I to Assistant Chief Engineer.

Bridge Division would like to welcome a new employee, Dale Heft, Bridge Design Engineer. Dale came from West Virginia DOT. Bridge also welcomes back two engineers, Jessie Jones and Joshua Davis. Jessie is returning from getting her master degree from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Joshua comes back to AHTD after traveling to China to teach for a few years.



JoAnn Graham, Maintenance Aide I (left) receives her service pin and certificate for 10 years of service from Harlon Colbert, Area Maintenance Supervisor for Drew County, District 2.



Linda Mack, (left) Area HQ Attendant in District 2, receives her certificate for 10 years of service. Ezra McFadden, Area Maintenance Supervisor, (right) presents.



Bob Ray, Assistant Storeroom Clerk of District 2, recently retired with 17 years of service. Left to right are District Engineer James House, Bob's wife June and Bob.



Cousins one day apart are Haylie Renae Wyers, (left) 11/02/03, and Dustie Brian Nunley, (right) 11/03/03. Grandparents are Phillip & Anita Jordan. Anita is Area HQ Attendant at Mountainburg in District 4.



Hope District Engineer Don Donaldson (left) presents Richard Wheeler, Pike County Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service certificate.

Allan Holmes, State Construction Engineer (left), presents Ralph Blackwell, Staff Construction Engineer, his service pin for 35 years at AHTD.



Linda Shelton (left), Maintenance Aide II in the Miller County Maintenance Crew, is presented her 10-year service certificate by Kenny Bennett, District 3 Maintenance Engineer.



Hope District Engineer Don Donaldson (left) presents Lonnie Hazel, Miller County Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service certificate.



District Engineer Don Donaldson (left) presents Connie Jones, Administrative Assistant V, with her 30-year service pin.

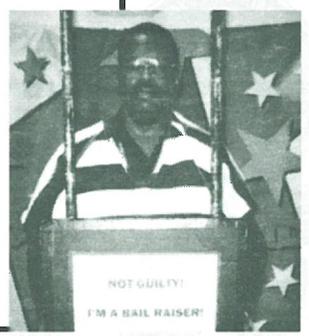


Sergeant Casey Hansen (left) of the Alma AHP Station in District 3, receives his 10-year certificate from Captain Glen Holloway.



Sergeant Jack Stepp (left) of the Alma AHP Station in District 3, receives his 15-year certificate from Captain Glen Holloway.

Alvin Vaughn, Area Maintenance Supervisor for Howard County, raised the highest amount for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Howard County. Alvin raised a total of \$1,099 for MDA.





Weldon Garrison, Area Maintenance Supervisor in Little River County, received a Public Service Award from the Little River Chamber of Commerce. He uses his airplane to assist the

Sheriff's Dept. in search and rescue for Little River County.



Teresa Maze, Resident Office Technician in RE 43, receives her 25-year service pin.



Missie & Krissie Nunley turned 3. Grandparents are Phillip & Anita Jordan. Anita is Area HQ Attendant at Mountainburg in District 4.



Jacob Kirby & Zackery Loyd, age 9 months. Nephews of Chris & Mary Johnson. Chris is Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 5.

2004 District 5 Safety Team: (left to right) John Cia, Safety Officer; Raymond Ratton, Crew Leader Cleburne County Crew; Kenny Bowren, Assistant Resident Engineer, RE #52, Batesville; Ronnie Caraway, Crew Leader, District Maintenance Crew; Paul Matthews, Permit Officer; Joe Trantham; District Construction Engineer.



Madilyn Zuber, or "Bubble Britches" as called by her granddad, Jerry Zuber, Maintenance Job Superintendent, District 6.



Steve Lawrence (left), Resident Engineer, RE #92, presents 25-year service certificate to Paul Lasater. Lasater also recently retired.



Joseph AndrySCO, Sealing Crew - Dist. 9, announces the birth of new grandson, Lance Gabriel Gaven Meny, born 03-11-04. He is pictured with big brother Joseph Darrell Drake Meny, age 3



Joy Brooks was recently promoted to Senior Internal Auditor. (Left to Right) Mike Hyde, Chief Auditor; Brooks; Johnnie Parks, Assistant Chief Auditor.

Doyle Hughes, Senior Internal Auditor, receives his 30-year pin. (Left to Right) Mike Hyde, Chief Auditor; Hughes; Johnnie Parks, Assistant Chief Auditor.



Robert Arman (left), Right of Way Engineering Plans Designer I, with wife Carri, holding daughter Belle, and son Dylan (right). Carri's 6.5 lb. rainbow trout was caught on March 20, 2004, at Gaston's White River Resort.



Randy Reed, Right of Way Engineering Plans Designer II, holds his first grand-daughter Emma Grace. Born January 18, 2004.



Congratulations to Sharon Middleton who made the Dean's List for Fall 2003 at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Sharon is a sophomore with a Television/Radio major. Her mother is Margaret Middleton, Roadway Designer.

## Cole Named Division Head of Human Resources

Crystal Cole, Human Resources Officer, has been promoted to the position of Division Head of Human Resources.

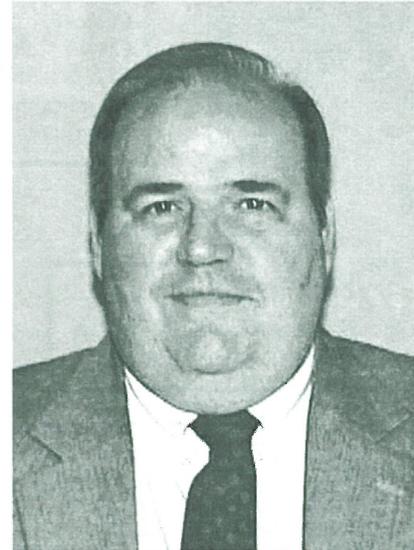
Cole has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Human Resources.

She began her career at the Department as a seasonal employee in the Personnel Section of the Human Resources Division in May of 1990 and continued in part-time status until completing college in 1993. Upon graduation, she was hired as a General Clerk in the Training and Safety Section. In 1995, Cole became an Administrative Aide V to the Chief of Administration and Public Affairs. She was promoted to Administrative Assistant II in the Training and Safety Section in 1996 to assume training responsibilities. Her title changed to Training Specialist in June of 1999. In March 2000, Cole was promoted to Section Head of Training and Safety. She obtained her position as Human Resources Officer in April 2000.

The Human Resources Division will continue to have the responsibility for the following areas: Personnel, EEO, Records Management, Buildings Management, Mail & Supply and Grounds Maintenance. In addition, the Training & Safety Section will be placed under this Division.



## Joe Shipman Named District 4 Engineer



Joe Shipman, District Construction Engineer in District 4, has been named District 4 Engineer in Fort Smith.

Shipman has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

Shipman's career with the Department began in 1977 as a Civil Engineer I. In 1980, he was promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer in the Little Rock Office. He was promoted to Resident Engineer for the Waldron Office in 1985. He obtained his current position as District Construction Engineer in 1995.

## BEAVER (Cont.)

Beaver is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in Civil Engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer. His career at AHTD began in 1965 as an Engineering intern in the Searcy Resident Engineer's office. After receiving his degree in 1969, he began working full time for the Department in the Batesville Resident Engineer's office.

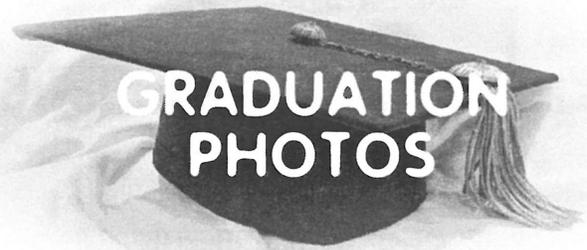
His career with AHTD was interrupted for a while when he spent four years in the Air Force as a student pilot and then a T-37 instructor pilot at Webb Air Force Base in Texas.

In 1974, he returned to the Department, again in the Batesville Resident Engineer's Office. He worked as a job inspector, Assistant Resident Engineer, and was promoted to Resident Engineer at Batesville in 1975. In 1985, he transferred to the Central Office in Little Rock where he served as Staff Construction Engineer, Staff Construction and Maintenance Engineer, and then became Assistant District Engineer in District Six in Little Rock in 1989. Beaver was promoted to his present position as District 4 Engineer in at Fort Smith in 1990.

"Harold certainly deserves this recognition," states AHTD Director Dan Flowers. "He has performed exemplary in his service to the Department and has provided outstanding leadership in the construction of many important highway projects. Harold's knowledge, ability and skills were significant in the successful construction of Interstate 540 between Alma and Fayetteville. I want to congratulate Harold on his outstanding professional achievements."

Beaver will be retiring from the Department in June of this year with over 35 years of service to the Department.

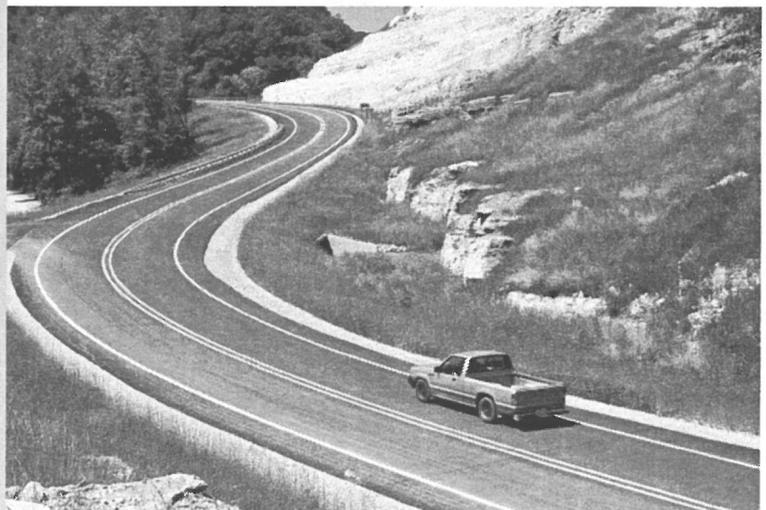
Outside of the office, Beaver is active in the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Fort Smith Commissary Kiwanis Club and is active as an overseer and a deacon at Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith.



**Thank you to all the employees who submitted a graduation photo. These photos will be published in a special glossy pull-out section of the May issue of the CenterLine.**

## Where Is This?

Can you identify this highway? See answer, bottom of last page.



# ROADEO RESULTS

## DISTRICT 6 CENTRAL OFFICE

March 25, 2004

## DISTRICT 1

April 1, 2004

## DISTRICT 8

April 8, 2004

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Mike Wingfield  
SECOND: Ken Barbian  
THIRD: Rita Watson

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Tim Garrison  
NO OTHER ENTRANTS

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Russell Curbo  
SECOND: Danny Stevens  
THIRD: Wayne Andrews

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

FIRST: Paul Charton  
SECOND: Darrell Barnes  
THIRD: Jay Rankin

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Wade Basewell  
SECOND: Jerry Denley  
THIRD: Derrick Marshall

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Josh Higginbottom  
NO OTHER ENTRANTS

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Johnny Light  
SECOND: Jimmy Pulley  
THIRD: James Poindexter

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Kenny Howard  
SECOND: Tommy Houghton  
THIRD: Brenda Cullum

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Joe Scarborough  
SECOND: Wayne Manning  
THIRD: Johnny Hadley

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: David Kraft  
NO OTHER ENTRANTS

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Darrell Myers  
SECOND: Jeremy Rogers  
THIRD: Virgil Walton

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

FIRST: Joe Villalobos  
SECOND: Randy White  
THIRD: Steven Pierce

### TRACTOR/MOWER

FIRST: Dustin Davis  
SECOND: Tom Minnie  
THIRD: Shane Arndt

### TRACTOR MOWER

FIRST: Brian Gilliam  
SECOND: Tim Garrison  
NO OTHER ENTRANTS

### TRACTOR/MOWER

FIRST: Eugene Farrell  
SECOND: Taylor McDaniel, Jr.  
THIRD: Joey Henson

### TRACTOR/MOWER

FIRST: Josh Bryant  
SECOND: Randy Tankersley  
THIRD: Lesia Reeves

### BACKHOE

FIRST: Ronnie Veazey  
SECOND: Bobby Gold  
THIRD: Rusty Bornemeier

### BACKHOE

NO ENTRANTS

### BACKHOE

FIRST: Michael Howard  
SECOND: Jerry Gorman  
THIRD: Michael Courtney

### BACKHOE

FIRST: Larry Brazil  
SECOND: Dennis Langston  
THIRD: Scott Craig

### MOTOR PATROL

FIRST: Harry Jobe  
SECOND: Curtis Aud  
THIRD: David Orr

### MOTOR PATROL

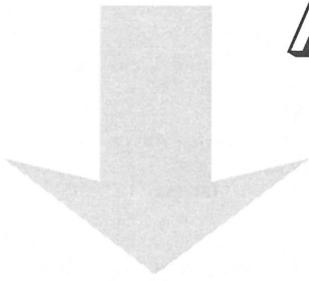
NO ENTRANTS

### MOTOR PATROL

FIRST: Robert Gray  
SECOND: Rommie Harris  
THIRD: Joey McClanahan

### MOTOR PATROL

FIRST PLACE: Calvin Brannon  
SECOND PLACE: Danny Duvall  
THIRD: Darrell Carter



# MORE ROADEO DATES

2004 AHTD SEMIFINALS	DATE	DISTRICT	CITY
	April 15	05	Batesville
	April 22	04	Fort Smith
	April 29	10	Paragould
	May 06	03	Hope
	May 13	09	Harrison
<b>2004 AHTD FINALS</b>		June 10, Little Rock, AR	
<b>2004 REGIONAL COMPETITION</b>		October 20-21, Gulfport, MS	

## AHTD People

### NEW EMPLOYEES

#### BRIDGE

Joshua Davis Inspector

#### COMPUTER SERVICES

Richard Brightop Computer Technician II

#### EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Charles Drees, Jr. Station Attendant

#### MATERIALS

Carl Hanson District Laboratory Technician

#### RIGHT OF WAY

Bill Wells Administration Aide I

#### DISTRICT 2

Marcus Robinson General Laborer

#### DISTRICT 3

Larry Cook Construction Helper II

James Jones General Laborer

Brenda Marcum General Laborer

Michael McKinnon General Laborer

#### DISTRICT 4

Monte Mainard Single Axle Truck Driver

Clint Mullis District Caretaker

Jennifer Ross-Salazar General Laborer

Glen Stengel General Laborer

#### DISTRICT 6

Matthew Creppel Single Axle Truck Driver

#### DISTRICT 7

Kathy Daniel District Receptionist

Jerry Henderson General Laborer

Dewayne Torrence Single Axle Truck Driver

#### DISTRICT 8

Steven Duncan Single Axle Truck Driver

Justin Green Single Axle Truck Driver

Tina Maynard General Laborer

### PROMOTIONS

#### CONSTRUCTION

Chad Davis Civil Engineer

Atara Lowe Field Clerk I

#### HEAVY BRIDGE

Kevin Rogers Bridge Painter I

#### PLANNING & RESEARCH

Elisha Wright-Kehner Civil Engineer II

#### SURVEYS

Phillip Rye Automated Surveys System Engr.

#### ROADWAY DESIGN

Keli Higginbotham Design Engineer

#### DISTRICT 2

Earnest Parker Multi-Axle Truck Driver

#### DISTRICT 3

Joseph Carlton Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

Larry Smith Maintenance Aide I

#### DISTRICT 4

Carrie Boyd Personnel Clerk

Dustin Brown Multi-Axle Truck Driver

Joseph Eyerman Street Sweeper Operator

Steve Hunt Distributor/Roller Operator

#### DISTRICT 5

John Kent Area Headquarters Attendant

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## PROMOTIONS (cont.)

### DISTRICT 6

**Richard Odom** Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer

### DISTRICT 7

**Peggy Dow** Single Axle Truck Driver  
**Raymond Garcia** Distributor Operator  
**John Melson** Street Sweeper Operator

### DISTRICT 8

**Billy Sampley** Senior Inspector  
**Tamara Wright** Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT 10

**Nancy Robinson** Roller Operator  
**David Rorex** Maintenance Aide I  
**Michael Wood** Civil Engineer

## SERVICE

### 40 YEARS

**William Harrod** Senior Traffic Investigator  
**Arvin Shuffield** Construction Project Coord.  
**Charles Vance, Jr.** District Bridge Inspector

### 35 YEARS

**Roy Andrews** Area Headquarters Attendant  
**Harold Beaver** District Engineer

### 30 YEARS

**David Anderson** Data Collection Technician  
**Gary Anderson** Right Of Way Engineering Spec.  
**Ronald Andrews** Lowboy Or Float Truck Driver  
**Lester Cupp** Surveys Crew Chief  
**James Fincher** AHP Sergeant  
**Gordon Hite** Resident Engineer  
**Leslie McSwain** Structural Detailing Spec.  
**Lyndal Waits** District Engineer

### 25 YEARS

**William Beach** Crew Leader  
**Ammon Belcher** Bridge Repairer II  
**Robert Cagle** Data Collection Supervisor  
**Laura Carter** Adv. Prog. & Contracts Spec.  
**Billy Cater** Dozer Operator - Finish  
**Arlis Daniels** Single Axle Truck Driver  
**Carl Imler** Crew Leader  
**Jerry Maples** Inspector  
**Marvin Risley** Motor Patrol Operator-Finish  
**Ronnie Southerland** Assistant Resident Engr.

### 20 YEARS

**John Baber** Environmental Scientist I  
**Ross Martin** AHP Sergeant  
**Odell Moody** Maintenance Aide II  
**James Ketchum** AHP Patrol Officer 1st Class  
**James Newton** AHP Patrol Officer 1st Class  
**David Williams** Data Collection Technician

### 15 YEARS

**Joe Haynie** AHP Patrol Officer 1st Class  
**Michael Howard** Area Headquarters Attendant  
**Randy Reynolds** Beautification Coord. I  
**Paul Vulner** Maintenance Aide II  
**Steven Ward** Materials Technician IV

### 10 YEARS

**Jacky Baldwin, Jr.** Construction Aide I  
**Donald Berry** Maintenance Aide II  
**Donald Fisher** Hydraulic Engineer  
**Ricky Ivy** Motor Patrol Operator-Finish

**Joe Henderson** Maintenance Aide II  
**Doris Osborn** Rest Area Attendant  
**Michael Ward** Distributor Operator  
**Glenda Williams** Single Axle Truck Driver

### 5 YEARS

**Lance Baker** Motor Patrol Operator  
**Michael Courtney** Motor Patrol Operator  
**Carl Davis** Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
**Jennifer Davis** Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
**Thomas Dohn** Dist. Bridge Inspector Helper  
**Terry Dildine** Roller Operator  
**Royce Edmondson** Mechanic  
**John Pruett, Jr.** Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
**Vance Moudy** Distributor Operator  
**Reginald Smith** Electronics Technician

## RETIREMENTS

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

**Robert Dunn** AHP Corporal 22+

### MAINTENANCE

**Ronnie Henderson** Striper Helper 24+

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

**Meribeth Heye** Federal Prog. Coordinator 35+

### DISTRICT 1

**Lois Turner** Construction Materials Insp. 15+

### DISTRICT 2

**Don Buell** Maintenance Aide II 20+

### DISTRICT 4

**Gene Holloway** Area Maint. Supervisor 35+

### DISTRICT 5

**William Crow** Senior Mechanic 15+  
**Phyllis Taylor** District Bookkeeper 28+

### DISTRICT 6

**Ronald Nordman** Maintenance Aide I 28+  
**Alvin Reaves** Maintenance Aide I 18+

### DISTRICT 10

**Connie Baine** Construction Aide II 20+

## MEMORIALS

### DISTRICT 2

**Dennis Henley (Ret.)**, 03/26/04  
**Loranza J. Bishop, Jr. (Ret.)**, 03/31/04

### DISTRICT 4

**Jessie T. White (Ret.)**, 04/02/04

## ACTIVE DUTY

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

**James Clark** Sergeant 11/1/02  
**Shawn Foust** Sergeant 2/15/03  
**Henry Lewis** Permit Technician 1/28/03  
**Jack Stepp** Sergeant 10/12/03

### ENVIRONMENTAL

**Bart Dudley** Environmental Analyst I 10/13/03

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

**Reggie Smith** Electronics Technician 2/10/03

### REPRODUCTION

**Mark Green** Reproduction Tech. 10/13/03

### MAINTENANCE

**Michael Brown Sr.** Traffic Investigator 1/28/03  
**Kennedy Ezell** Bridge Repairer I 10/13/03  
**Bishop Terrell** Sign Maker II 10/13/03

### DISTRICT 1

**R.M. Ferrell** BH/Front End Loader Opr. 1/20/04  
**Lamaris Mitchell** Single Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03  
**Gary Morton** Motorist Asst. Provider 1/30/03  
**Lenora Wilson** Motorist Asst. Provider 10/4/02

### DISTRICT 2

**Larry Crow** Multi-Axle Truck Driver 2/11/03  
**Andrew Maddox** Motor Patrol Opr. 1/30/03  
**Leoyd Robinson** Single Axle Truck Dr. 10/8/03

### DISTRICT 5

**Greg Hellman** Const. Aide III Insp. 10/6/03

### DISTRICT 6

**Andre Jackson** Single Axle Truck Dr. 2/12/03  
**J.W. McDorman** Dist. Bridge Insp. Hpl 1/20/04

### DISTRICT 8

**Michael Bunton** Single Axle Truck Dr. 10/13/03  
**William Fales** BH/FE Loader Opr. 10/13/03

### DISTRICT 9

**Nathaniel Day** Multi-Axle Truck Driver 1/28/03  
**Ashley Hale** Ferry Boat Pilot 3/15/04  
**Steven Halsted** Hydr. Excav. Opr.-Fin. 3/15/04

### DISTRICT 10

**Rufus Mitchell** Rest Area Attendant 2/11/03  
**Willie Mitchell** Area Hq. Attendant 2/11/03  
**Elvis Richmond Sr.** Const. Mat. Insp. 2/10/03  
**W.C. Tobar** Maintenance Aide I 2/11/03

## The CenterLine



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### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

**J.W. "Buddy" Benafield**, Chairman  
**Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson**, Vice Chairman  
**Jonathan Barnett**, Member  
**Carl S. Rosenbaum**, Member  
**R. Madison Murphy**, Member

**Dan Flowers**, AHTD Director