



Center Line

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Governor Beebe Calls for Special Election on Highway Bonds

Governor Mike Beebe announced on August 29th the issuance of a proclamation calling for a special election on highway bonds for a new Interstate Rehabilitation Program. To be held on November 8th of this year, the special election will ask Arkansas voters to authorize the Arkansas Highway Commission to issue \$575 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonds.

“With the support of voters on November 8, the new Interstate Rehabilitation Program would finish the job started by the successful 1999 program,” Governor Beebe said. “Approving these bonds will create thousands of jobs, recon-

struct 300 miles of Interstate highways, and do it without raising taxes.”

The key elements of the program will be to use GARVEE Bonds financed by future federal funds and the existing state 4-cent diesel tax passed in 1999 for this purpose to create a nearly \$1 billion construction program, without any new taxes or raising any existing taxes. The new program will rehabilitate nearly 300 miles of existing Interstate highways, including many that were not included in the 1999 program.

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Governor Mike Beebe has set a November 8th date for an election asking voters to renew \$575 million in highway bonds to improve the Interstate system.

Tudor Is Named New Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning

Lorie Tudor has been named Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning effective September 22, 2011. She replaced Scott Bennett who was named AHTD Director this past summer.

Tudor was Division Head of Programs and Contracts prior to being named Assistant Chief Engineer. She has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Memphis. She is a Registered Professional Engineer.

Tudor began her career with the Department in 1981 as a Clerk Typist. In 1983, she was promoted to Statistical Assistant in Programs & Contracts, and became a Programming Analyst in 1984. In 1987, she was promoted to DBE



Program Specialist and transferred to Fiscal Clerk/Federal Aid one year later. Tudor advanced to Program & Scheduling Specialist in 1990. In 1995, she resigned to return to school to obtain a degree in Civil Engineering. She was re-employed in 1998 as a Civil Engineer I in the Planning & Research Division. Later that year, she was promoted to Engineer II and advanced to Programs & Contracts Engineer I in 1999. Tudor was promoted to Federal Aid Project Coordinator in 2000, and became a Civil Engineer IV in 2001. She obtained the position of Assistant Division Head of Programs & Contracts in 2002 and became Division Head in the summer of 2011.

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If authorized by Arkansas voters, work may begin in late 2012 or early 2013.

“The 1999 program modernized over 350 miles of Arkansas Interstates,” said Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Madison Murphy. “A large portion of the work we’re proposing under this new program will be on sections of Interstate that we weren’t able to address in the 1999 program. Once again, we’ll be able to address about half the system.”

Murphy added that much more information will be provided to the public by the Move Arkansas Forward Committee. Made up of organizations including the State Chamber of Commerce, Municipal League, Association of Arkansas Counties, Arkansas Trucking Association, Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors and the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council, the Move Arkansas Forward Committee will immediately launch a statewide information and education campaign. The purpose of the campaign will be to promote the benefits of modernizing Interstate highways through the continuation of the bond program passed by Arkansas voters in 1999 by a 4-to-1 margin.

“More must be done to make sure all of our Interstates are smoother and safer, and doing the much needed work sooner rather than later,” Murphy added.

Also on hand for the announcement was Robert Moore, Speaker of the House for the 88th General Assembly.

Speaker Moore emphasized the importance of highway funding during the most recent legislative session.

“Highway funding was a priority during the 88th legislative session,” Moore commented. “A good highway system is absolutely critical to future growth and economic development in the state of Arkansas. This program is a big step forward. Now is the time to get the job done.”



Commission Chairman Madison Murphy addresses the media at the State Capital.

The Staff Minute



Employee: Doris Phillips, District 5

Job Position: Area Headquarters Attendant
White County (1)

Length of Service: 7 Years

Job Duties: I prepare time reports, post data and balance reports. I am also responsible for the inventory of fuel, materials and supplies needed for the area lot. I do the routine maintenance of AHP patrol cars. I also maintain the meeting room, the shop and the area lot. I answer the phone, try to help the caller, record any issue or concerns the caller may have, and relay them to my supervisor to be resolved in a timely manner. I work closely with my supervisor, crew leader and crew to ensure they have what they need to make their job easier and give assistance whenever needed.

Favorite Part of the Job: One of my favorite parts of my job is the people, ranging from those that I work with, to the people at the District Office, and the many that come by our lot. Our lot is close to Highway 67, so I get to meet many AHTD workers from across the state that stop here. I enjoy just about every part of my job. Every day is different and some days can be more challenging than others.

Background: I started working for the Department in September of 2004 as a General Laborer and advanced to Single Axle Truck Driver in December of that year. In 2007, I was promoted to Maintenance Aide I. I am currently the Area Headquarters Attendant, and have held this title since 2008.

Hobbies/Interests: Anyone who knows me would say watching NFL Football is one of my favorite things to do, especially the Indianapolis Colts! Go Colts Go!! I have been called a football fanatic! I also enjoy watching the Hogs play, Woo Pig Sooiel! Can't forget Fantasy Football too!!!! Spending time outdoors is another favorite pastime of mine, including fishing, hunting, camping, waterskiing and working in my flowerbeds. I also enjoy a day out shopping!

CONSTRUCTION CORNER DISTRICT 5



A project is underway in Ash Flat that will widen Highway 167 (N. Ash Flat Drive) to five lanes. The job is approximately one mile in length, extending from East Main Street northward to T & C Boulevard. The work was awarded in January of this year to White River Materials, Inc. of Batesville for \$4,469,053.47. The job is 25% complete and should be finished in October of 2012.



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what's COOKING

This month's "What's Cooking" recipe is from...

Karen Strunk • District 4

MILLIONAIRE PIE

Ingredients:

- 3 egg whites
- 21 crushed Ritz crackers
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 large can crushed pineapple (drained)
- Cool Whip
- Chopped pecans

Instructions:

Beat egg whites until stiff. Mix in sugar and vanilla. Stir in crackers. Place in well greased large pie pan and bake at 350 for 25 minutes. Sit crust out to cool.

Mix cream cheese and powdered sugar thoroughly and spread into crust. Spread pineapple on as the next layer. Finally, spread Cool Whip on top and sprinkle pecans. Serve immediately or keep refrigerated.

Please submit your recipe for possible publication in the CenterLine to: Shelli Russell, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203 or shelli.russell@ahtd.ar.gov.



Insurance Meetings for 2012 Enrollment

Please make plans to attend one of the Insurance Meetings listed below this year in order to hear about any potential changes in policies. Staff will be present at the meetings to answer any questions you may have, or contact the AHTD Insurance Office at 501-569-2417.

Central Office (AHP-D1)

Mon., Oct. 10, 8:30 & 1:00
Auditorium
10324 I-30, Little Rock

District 3 (AHP-D4)

Thu., Oct. 6, 9:00 & 1:00
Fair Park Community Center
Hwy. 178 South, Hope

Central Office (AHP-D1)

Tue., Oct. 18, 8:30 & 1:00
Auditorium
10324 I-30, Little Rock

District 5 (AHP-D2)

Wed., Oct. 12, 9:00 & 1:00
District Office
1673 Batesville Blvd., Batesville

District 1 (AHP-D5)

Tue., Oct. 11, 9:00 & 1:00
District Office
2701 U.S. Hwy. 64, Wynne

District 6 (AHP-D1)

Mon., Oct. 3, 8:30 & 1:00
Central Office Auditorium
10324 I-30, Little Rock

District 2 (AHP-D1)

Tue., Oct. 4, 1:00
C & L Electric Co-op Corp.
900 Church St., Star City

District 7 (AHP-D4)

Wed., Oct. 5, 9:00 & 1:00
District Office
2245 California Av., Camden

District 2 (AHP-D1)

Tue., Oct. 4, 8:30
Southeast Arkansas College
1900 Hazel St., Pine Bluff

District 10 (AHP-D5)

Thu., Oct. 13, 9:00 & 1:00
District Office
2510 Kingshighway, Paragould

Want your photo in "Around the Department?"

Submit it to your Division or District "Reporter" (Usually the DH/DE's assistant) along with a description of who's in the photo, titles of any employees and other info if needed. Submission deadlines in the Public Affairs Office are always on the 1st of the month to appear in that month's CenterLine. Ex: If Public Affairs receives your photo (by email, office mail or in person) by October 1st, it will appear in the October CenterLine. Please send high quality photos!



Programs & Contracts: Tammy Goshien's boyfriend, Dane Abels, proposed marriage in the lobby of the Central Office, August 5th. She said "yes!" Tammy is a P&C Specialist I.



Highway Police: The 14-year-old All-Star Baseball Team from Texarkana won the Dixie Baseball State Championship. 2LT Nancy Harmon is wife and mom to (l. to r.) Ray Harmon, coach, and son, Hunter.



District 1: Cynthia and Randall Yarnold, parents of Therese Yarnold, Personnel Clerk, recently celebrated Cynthia's retirement. Randall retired in 2010 and they celebrated 40 years of marriage in 2009.



District 2: (l. to r.) Clyde Robinson, Distributor/Roller Operator, receives his 10-year service award from Harlan Colbert, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 2: (l. to r.) James Harvest, Rest Area Attendant, receives his 10-year service award from Ezra McFadden, Sr., Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Charlotte McCarty, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, with her 15-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Rusty Serigne, Motor Patrol Operator, with his 10-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Timothy Nolen, Maintenance Aide I, with his 20-year service award.



District 3: Steve Morrow, District Equipment Supervisor, recently retired with 35+ years service.



District 3: Henry Maxfield, Senior Mechanic, recently retired with 18+ years of service.



District 3: (l. to r.) Karen Erren, Exec. Dir. of Ronald McDonald House, accepts soda tabs from Reginald Easter, Lowboy or Float Truck Driver. The tabs go to help cancer patients at Ark. Children's Hosp.



District 4: Ryder Gas Robinson was born July 1st, weighing 7 lb., 11 oz. He is the son of Kara Belt, Construction Materials Inspector.



District 5: (l. to r.) Beau McBride graduated from Salem High May 12th and Dr. Julia McBride graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic Aug. 20th. They are the children of Russell McBride, Single Axle Truck Driver.



District 6: (l. to r.) Jerry Denley, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, receives his 10-year service award from Janet Bogle, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 6: (l. to r.) Miles Carroll, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, receives his 15-year service award from Hobort Watson, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 8: (l. to r.) David Pruitt, Bridge Repairer I, receives his 10-year service award from Kenny Jones, Bridge Job Superintendent.



District 9: (l. to r.) Mark Grozis, Ferry Supervisor, receives his 30-year service award from Jeffrey Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 9: (l. to r.) Greg Howerton, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 35-year service award from Jeffrey Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 9: Myla Anne Janes was born on August 25th, weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 20 inches. She is the granddaughter of Jack Janes, Single Axle Tr. Dr.

new employees

CONSTRUCTION • TIMOTHY COTTON, CONSTRUCTION HELPER, RE 84 • STEPHANIE DOYLE, FIELD CLERK I, RE 62 • BRIAN MILES, CONSTRUCTION HELPER, RE 43

RIGHT OF WAY • LYNZI MOSIER, OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III

DISTRICT 1 • FREDRICK ADKINS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • RICHARD HARPER, GENERAL LABORER • STEPHEN SMITH, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 3 • KEVIN HEARD, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 7 • CURTIS BEARDEN, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • JAMES MEDLIN, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • CARLOS SMITH, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 8 • CLINT DUNLAP, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • JORDAN MCGUIRE, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 9 • M. KENT, JANITOR

DISTRICT 10 • CAMELIA JOHNSON, SGL. AXLE TR. DR.

promotions

BRIDGE • BRYAN FREELING, STAFF BRIDGE DESIGN ENGINEER

HIGHWAY POLICE • PFC MARK BARNES • PFC CHRISTOPHER DAVIS • PFC ERIC EVANS, JR. • PFC TRACEY JACKSON • PFC STEPHEN JONES • PFC CORTNEY KOCOUREK • PFC MATTHEW MOORE • SAMANTHA NELSON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. III • PFC MICHAEL SMRT • PFC WILLARD WEIHE, JR.

HUMAN RESOURCES • PATRICK THOMAS, SAFETY INSPECTOR OFFICER

MATERIALS • KEITH POWELL, LABORATORY COORD. • KHARI WITHERS, MATERIALS TECHNICIAN IV

PLANNING & RESEARCH • JENNIFER JACKSON, PLANNING CONTRACT SPECIALIST

DISTRICT 1 • RICKY BENSON, CONST. AIDE II, RE 13

DISTRICT 2 • DAWN BOYD, CONST. AIDE II, RE 23

DISTRICT 3 • TIMOTHY DOUGAN, SHOP SUPERVISOR • MATTHEW EMBERTON, CONSTRUCTION FIELD ENGINEER II, RE 32 • BRIAN MAROON, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, HEMPSTEAD CO.

DISTRICT 4 • DAVID LAWSON, BRIDGE REPAIRER II • SAM SALINAS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 5 • EARNEST RUSSELL, ROLLER OPERATOR

DISTRICT 6 • MICKEY CHANDLER, BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OPERATOR, SALINE CO. • RICKEY GAY, DISTRIBUTOR/ROLLER OPERATOR, LONOKE CO. • BRENT JENKINS, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR, LONOKE CO. • SCOTT YORK, EQUIPMENT MAINT. SUPERVISOR

DISTRICT 8 • SHAWN BOSTIAN, DISTRIBUTOR/ROLLER OPERATOR, PERRY CO. • RICKY HAMMON, II, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, CONWAY CO. • ZACHARY POWELL, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, MONTGOMERY CO. • MARIO TALAMANTES, ROLLER OPERATOR • MARVIN WHITE, MAINTENANCE AIDE I, VAN BUREN CO. • JACOB WHITMIRE, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, MONTGOMERY CO.

DISTRICT 9 • GREGORY NORTON, CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COORDINATOR, RE 92

DISTRICT 10 • JIMMY BRUCE, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, MISSISSIPPI CO. • FRANKLIN HENDRIX,

SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, POINSETT CO. • DONALD KEMMETT, ROLLER OP. • MARK LOWTHARP, CONSTRUCTION AIDE II, RE 06 • PERRY MASON, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, GREENE CO. • JENNIFER POWELL, CONSTRUCTION AIDE II, RE 06 • SIM RICE, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, GREENE CO. • DALLAS THURMAN, MOTOR PATROL OP. - FIN., MISSISSIPPI CO.

service

CONSTRUCTION • RYAN BAILEY, CONSTRUCTION AIDE I, RE64, 10 YRS. • JILANNA CALDWELL, FIELD CLERK II, RE 64, 10 YRS. • JOHN CRAIG, CONSTRUCTION AIDE III, RE 76, 15 YRS. • COREY CURRY, CONSTRUCTION AIDE II, RE 23, 10 YRS. • DAVID HIPPI, CONSTRUCTION AIDE III, RE 94, 5 YRS. • LESLI LUMPKIN, SUBCONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, 15 YRS. • JOHNATHON MORMON, ASSISTANT RESIDENT ENGINEER, RE 62, 10 YRS. • TINA READING, INSPECTOR, RE 43, 20 YRS. • CHARLES SMITH, INSPECTOR, RE 24, 20 YRS. • JOY SULLIVAN, CONSTRUCTION AIDE II, RE 04, 15 YRS. • DENISE TALLANT, RESIDENT OFFICE TECHNICIAN, RE 31, 10 YRS.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • CHARLES WINKLER, SENIOR BODY REPAIRER & PAINTER, 35 YRS.

HIGHWAY POLICE • HENRY MCCOY, ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE V, 25 YRS.

HUMAN RESOURCES • ROBERT SHELDON, GENERAL LABORER, 5 YRS.

INTERNAL AUDIT • CAMILLE MOYER, SENIOR EXTERNAL AUDITOR, 10 YRS.

MAINTENANCE • DONALD PALMER, SIGN MAKER II, 10 YRS. • DAVID WESTON, SENIOR TRAFFIC INVESTIGATOR, 5 YRS.

MATERIALS • LAVELLE TERRELL, DISTRICT MATERIALS SUPERVISOR, 30 YRS.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • RICK STANLEY, RESEARCH ASSISTANT, 10 YRS. • DAVIN WEBB, RESEARCH INFORMATION COORDINATOR, 25 YRS.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACT • RONALD STUCKER, SENIOR REPRODUCTION OPERATOR, 5 YRS.

RIGHT OF WAY • INDIA CLARK, OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II, 5 YRS. • PATRICK HOLLEY, UTILITY COORDINATOR II, 20 YRS. • VICKIE WHITLEY, UTILITY COORDINATOR II, 20 YRS.

DISTRICT 1 • ALLEN DAVIS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 5 YRS. • LENOX HOLLIDAY, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR, 5 YRS. • OPAL LUSTER, STOREROOM SUPERVISOR, 20 YRS.

DISTRICT 2 • JAMES FERGUSON, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 5 YRS. • SHERMAN FERGUSON, BRIDGE REPAIRER II, 10 YRS.

DISTRICT 3 • GREGORY EDDY, MAINTENANCE AIDE I, 20 YRS. • KENNETH GOLLINGER, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR - FINISH, 30 YRS. • JOHN KING, ASSISTANT BRIDGE INSPECTOR, 10 YRS. • JAMES MARLAR, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 10 YRS. • CHARLOTTE MCCARLEY, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 15 YRS. • KEVIN TOWNSEND, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR - FINISH, 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 4 • PAUL ADAMS, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 5 YRS. • JOHN MILLER, REST AREA ATTENDANT, 15 YRS. • ROBERT REEVES, AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 20 YRS. • FREDDIE RIDENHOUR, CREW LEADER, 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 5 • ROBBIE BRADLEY, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR, 5 YRS. • STACEY CAPLENER, BRIDGE JOB SUPERINTENDENT, 25 YRS. • BELINDA ROGERS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 5 YRS. • DONNIE SCHMIDT, AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 35 YRS.

DISTRICT 6 • JIMMY ABLES, CRANE OPERATOR – FINISH, 10 YRS. • MILES CARROLL, DOZER OPERATOR – FINISH, 15 YRS. • WENDELL COLLINS, WELDER, 20 YRS. • DON DAVIS, AREA HEADQUARTERS ATTENDANT, 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 7 • REX NEWTON, MAINT. AIDE II, 35 YRS.

DISTRICT 8 • DAVID PRUITT, BRIDGE REP. I, 10 YRS.

DISTRICT 9 • WILLIAM GROZIS, FERRY BOAT SUPERVISOR, 30 YRS. • JOE MABERRY, SENIOR MECHANIC, 15 YRS. • REINHOLD MAY, REST AREA ATTENDANT, 15 YRS. • HERBERT SWEET, MAINTENANCE AIDE I, 5 YRS. • RANDALL WILLIAMS, FERRY BOAT PILOT, 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 10 • MITCHELL LITTLE, MAINT. AIDE I, 5 YRS. • MONTE SMITH, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 15 YRS.

retirement

HEAVY BRIDGE • DAVID BOUTWELL, STATEWIDE BRIDGE INSPECTOR, 25+ YRS.

HUMAN RESOURCES • DONNA MARTIN, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 21+ YRS.

MAINTENANCE • MARILYN HEATH, ADM. OFCR. II, 35+ YRS. • BOBBIE KRAEHMER, OFC. ADM. ASST. V, 34+ YRS.

MATERIALS • STEVE HARRIS, TESTING EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST, 31+ YRS.

DISTRICT 1 • JOE HALL, CREW LEADER, 10+ YRS.

DISTRICT 2 • JIMMY BROOKS, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR - FINISH, 17+ YRS.

DISTRICT 4 • ALAN BOGGS, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 5+ YRS.

DISTRICT 6 • ROY ERWIN, MAINTENANCE, 39+ YRS.

DISTRICT 9 • DENVER JENNINGS, AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 33+ YRS.

DISTRICT 10 • BILL WRIGHT, CREW LEADER, 34+ YRS.

memorials

PUBLIC AFFAIRS • DANIEL J. EUTSLER-DELGADO, 8/30/11, ACTIVE

RIGHT OF WAY • MARGARET ANN HELM, 8/29/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 1 • CLAUDE G. DUNNE, JR., 8/2/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 3 • JERRY ALBERT STUART, 8/14/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 8 • JOE R. SHUFFIELD, 8/19/11, RETIRED • KENNETH R. ELLIS, 8/30/11, RETIRED • JAMES WILLIE MCDOWELL, 9/2/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 9 • JAMES WILLIAM SMITH, 9/12/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 10 • GERALD EUBANKS, 9/17/11, RETIRED

active duty

As of 9/19/11, the AHTD had 1 employee serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment date noted.

DISTRICT 9 • DOUGLAS HENRY, SGL. AXLE TR. DR., 10/1/07