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2	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PREVAILING WAGE COMMISSION MEETING
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2	Commissioner Jeff McCord, Chairman	_	I.	Call to Order and Roll Call
3	Commissioner Wayburn Crabtree, TDOT Designee	3	II.	Announcements
4	Ann McGauran, State Architect	4		Conflict of Interest Declaration
١.	Tennessee Department of Treasury	5	IV. V.	Adoption of Agenda
5	Scott Thompson, Industry Representative	6	٧.	Old Business * Review and approve November 13, 2019
6	Talley Construction Company			Prevailing Wage Commission Meeting
7	Stephen Wright, Industry Representative	8		Minutes prepared by the Labor Standards
	Wright Brothers Construction	9		Unit
8		_	VI.	New Business
9	Dan Bailey, Legal Counsel	10		* Set rates for 2021 Prevailing Wage for
"	Tom Herrod, Assistant Commissioner	11		State Highway Construction Projects
10		12	VII.	
	Kenneth Neely, Director	13		for 2020 (if necessary).
11		13		The next regularly scheduled meeting of the
12	Jan Caudill, Administrative Assistant	14		Prevailing Wage Commission will be held
13	Also Present: Kent D. Starwalt			1:00 p.m. (CST) on Wednesday, November 17,
13	Tennessee Road Builders Association	15		2021, at the State of Tennessee, Department
14		16		of Labor and Workforce Development building located at 220 French Landing Drive,
15				Nashville, Tennessee 37243
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: All those in
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                                                                        (No verbal response.)
 2 favor of adoption, say "aye."
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                                                                          CHAIRMAN MCCORD: That motion
                (Affirmative response.)
                                                        3 carries as well.
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: All those
                                                        4
                                                                        In terms of new business, we'll start
 5 opposed, like sign.
                                                        5 that now with the discussion on the prevailing
                (No verbal response.)
                                                           wage rates that we are currently proposing, and
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: The motion
                                                        7 we'll turn that over to Tom to lead that
                                                          discussion.
 8 carries.
                                                        8
                Okay. We'll start with old business.
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Thank you,
10 And that involves with the adoption or the
                                                       10 Commissioner.
11 approval of the minutes from last meeting,
                                                       11
                                                                        My name is Tom Herrod. I'm the
12 November 13. And once again, that was sent out
                                                       12 assistant commissioner for workplace regulations
13 earlier to you to review, so we'll be looking for
                                                           and compliance. We have prepared the data from
                                                       13
14 a motion to approve those minutes.
                                                          the responses that we got from the road
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                  MR. THOMPSON: So moved.
                                                           construction contractors for the 2020 period of
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: We have a first.
                                                           July, August, and September.
17 Do we have a second?
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                                                                        In front of you is an Excel
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                  MR. WRIGHT: Second.
                                                          spreadsheet, front and back. You will note that
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Any discussion?
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                                                           we had 1,654 responses with an overall increase of
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                                                       20 5.1 percent change from last year. This is a
                 (No verbal response.)
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: All those in
                                                       21 weighted average.
22 favor say "aye."
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                                                                        One of the things I wanted to tell
23
                                                       23 you, first of all, we had many more responses than
                (Affirmative Response.)
                                                       24 what we have here. Based on the prevailing wage
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: All those
                                                       25 rates or the wages that they paid over the year of
25 opposed?
 1 construction, if they did not meet that year's
                                                        1 but then we included it in the overall figures.
 2 prevailing wage, those responses were filtered
                                                                        So, Commissioner, one other question.
 3 out. They were not accepted. So there's
                                                        3 Was there -- when you said responses that did not
 4 several -- a few hundred like that, actually.
                                                        4 meet last year's prevailing wage, help me
 5 Also, there were several that were not road
                                                        5 understand what that means.
 6 construction projects. They were airport
                                                                          MR. HERROD: Well, we had responses
                                                        6
 7 projects, and we filtered those out.
                                                        7 that came in from years as far back as 2013. We
                So what you have here are those
                                                          took the prevailing wage for those years. Those
 9 responses for the years where the prevailing wage
                                                           projects had to meet the minimum wage for that
10 was within -- at or above the minimum wage, and
                                                       10 year. So we had prevailing wages from 2013 to
11 they were actual road construction projects.
                                                       11 2020, and the year was also noted on the response,
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                  MR. WRIGHT: If I might, a city
                                                       12 so we filtered that out based upon that particular
13 project that is funded with TDOT funds, is that a
                                                       13 classification. So if the project as old as 2013
14 road project?
                                                       14 did not meet that minimum wage, that was filtered
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                  MR. HERROD: Yes, sir.
                                                       15 out, because we could not skew it to the low side
                  MR. WRIGHT: Then Mr. Summers' data
                                                       16 for that year. It wouldn't be right. Of course,
16
17 should be included.
                                                       17 there were several that were higher than minimum
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                  MS. CAUDILL: It was.
                                                           wage for that year. That's fine. They can pay
19
                  MR. WRIGHT: Okay.
                                                       19 what they want to. But they had to meet that. So
                  MR. CRABTREE: That doesn't include
                                                          that's what I'm talking about for that particular
                                                       20
21 airport projects, Steve, that are funded with TDOT
                                                       21
                                                           year.
22 funds.
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                                                                        We had a another -- you don't see it
                  MR. WRIGHT: I've got an email that
                                                       23 in front of you, but there was a pivot table, if
24 said it wasn't.
                                                       24 you're familiar with Excel, that had all the wages
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                  MS. CAUDILL: It was questioned,
                                                       25 on it and the year for that particular
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 1 classification, that minimum wage classification.
                                                        1 people scared to submit next year.
                  MS. MCGAURAN: And the year was the
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Well --
 3 year the project started or the project ended?
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                                                                         MR. CRABTREE: I think you should.
                  MR. HERROD: Started.
                                                        4 I think you should. I just didn't know if you
                                                        5 ever did that before.
                  MR. CRABTREE: If I understand what
 6 you're saying, if the wage that was submitted
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                                                                        MR. HERROD: Well, this is -- this
 7 doesn't meet the prevailing wage rate for that
                                                        7 may be the first year that we've really delved
 8 classification and for that year, you didn't count
                                                        8 into the responses and gotten accurate results
                                                        9 that meet the --
                                                                          MR. WRIGHT: It's the first time
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                  MR. HERROD: That's correct.
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                  MR. CRABTREE: So what that means
                                                       11 I've heard --
12 is somewhere on the TDOT project, somebody is not
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: -- meet the
13 paid a correct wage.
                                                       13 standards -- I'm sorry?
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                  \ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}. HERROD: That's another problem
                                                                         MR. WRIGHT: It's the first time
                                                       14
15 that we're going to have to deal with. We're
                                                       15 I've heard the word "pivot table" at this meeting.
16 going to have to look into that. Of course, we
                                                       16
                                                                          MR. HERROD: Well, it's the first
17 only have a few weeks to get this together, so we
                                                       17 time I've used a pivot table. But that's outside
18 have to go back and check those companies and
                                                       18 this commission meeting. But --
19 see -- let them know if they did not -- there may
                                                       19
                                                                         MR. CRABTREE: Can you share that
                                                       20 list? Can you give me that list?
20 be some other things that we have to do as part of
21 either a violation that would have to be --
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Yes, sir. Anybody
                  MR. CRABTREE: Well, if there's a
                                                       22 that's interested in that spreadsheet, I'll be
23 violation are you going to follow up on that?
                                                       23 glad to send it to you. Play with it all you
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                  MR. HERROD: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.
                                                       24 like.
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                  MR. CRABTREE: You're going to have
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                                                                        Okay. Secondly, we had -- and as you
                                             Page 12
 1 understand the rules and the law, any
                                                        1 with the lesser of the two for those particular
 2 classification that has zero responses, we have to
                                                        2 years, if you have an option. We'll talk about
 3 base the new prevailing wage on last year's
                                                        3 that in a minute.
 4 prevailing wage, 2020, plus or minus 6 percent
                                                        4
                                                                       Then over in the far right of that
 5 max. That's for zero responses.
                                                        5 prevailing wage calculator, whatever wage you
                Any classifications that are one to
                                                        6 decide upon -- and you have a column that's blank
 7 four responses, you have two options. You can
                                                        7 there that you can fill in -- it has to satisfy
 8 base it upon the last year's prevailing wage
                                                        8 the -- it has to be valid. In other words, one to
 9 exclusively, or you can base it upon the survey
                                                        9 four, you have two options. And it either has to
10 rate plus or minus 6 percent of last year's
                                                       10 satisfy the survey rate or the 2020 prevailing
11 prevailing wage.
                                                       11 wage rate.
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                So you will see on this color-coded
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                                                                        For zero responses, it has to satisfy
13 Column Number 3, the responses that had zero to
                                                       13 the rule 2020 prevailing wage plus or minus
14 four responses, you will notice that you have a
                                                       14 6 percent. For those that are five and above, you
15 couple of options out here as far as survey for a
                                                       15 have to go with the survey rate plus or minus
16 prevailing wage. I've tried to color code this,
                                                       16 6 percent or the 2020 prevailing wage rate.
17 and if you're color blind, I apologize, but it's
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                                                                       So as Ms. Caudill puts in the numbers
18 the only way I can keep up with things when we
                                                       18 for us up here, that will color code change. If
19 have this much data.
                                                       19 we pick a number that's outside the range that's
                You'll see over right in the P -- in
                                                       20 valid, it will show up in red, so we have to redo
21 the area called PW Calculator, Prevailing Wage
                                                       21 it. In the far, right-hand side, the last thing
                                                       22 I'm showing you here is the percent difference
22 Calculator, the base rate is either the survey
23 rate or the 2020 prevailing wage rate. And I put
                                                       23 between 2021 proposed, that I proposed, versus
24 down that base rate assuming -- you can change it
                                                       24 last year's 2020 rate. Now, this is just a
25 if you like -- assuming that you would want to go
                                                       25 proposal. And it's -- the 5.1 percent is based
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Page 14 Page 15 1 upon the overall change. And you'll see that on MR. CRABTREE: I don't see one that 2 the -- if you turn it over, that's the overall 2 has four exactly. THE REPORTER: Does he have his 3 change from last year. And that's a weighted 3 4 average. microphone on? The way they do that calculation is 5 MR. BAILEY: Can you turn your microphone on, please? 6 all the responses that came in, you get a weighted 6 7 average of the overall salary. And then they 7 MS. MCGAURAN: Wayburn, just push 8 apply last year's prevailing wage to those 8 the button on your microphone. 9 salaries, if it was just strictly the minimum, the 9 MR. CRABTREE: I don't see one that 10 prevailing wage, and they come up with an hourly 10 has exactly four responses. 11 wage. And the difference is the number here, 11 MR. HERROD: Correct. 12 5.1 percent. 12 MR. CRABTREE: But if one did have 13 There are some -- I have to tell you, 13 exactly four responses, would it go zero to four, 14 there are some classifications on the second page 14 or --15 that are outside that have been skewed quite a bit 15 MR. HERROD: Yes, sir. Yes. It 16 by a few responses. And so they appear in red in 16 would be. You can pick craft number 20, for 17 Column 6. As we get to those, I can explain that 17 example. If there were four responses and not 18 in better detail. three, it would still follow within the -- on that 18 19 If it suits everyone, we can get range of having two options there. If it went to five, you would only -- it would drop back to 20 started going down the classifications and get 21 some momentum going and see if everybody agrees 21 having only the option of the survey rate. 22 with the process. This is exactly what we did 22 MR. CRABTREE: Is that what we've 23 last year and it seemed to work well. 23 been doing? I was thinking if it was four then it 24 MR. CRABTREE: One more thing. 24 went with --25 MR. HERROD: Yes? 25 MR. HERROD: No, sir. If you look 1 at the very bottom, on the second page, Rule 1 this coming year of \$24.20. That's based upon 2 0800-03-02 --2 last year's rate plus or minus the overall MR. CRABTREE: Okay. It's just 3 increase of 5.1 percent. It's your choice on what 4 that -- I'm just not remembering it right. 4 you would rather do there, but that is kind of MR. HERROD: Okay. All right. Are 5 what we ended up doing last year. So the new 6 there any other questions? You can ask anything 6 prevailing wage, if you approve, would go to 7 anytime you want to. We can kind of get going on 7 \$24.20. That would be an overall increase of 8 this and see if it makes. 8 5.1 percent from last year. Craft Number 1 is a blaster. Last 9 MR. CRABTREE: I move that we 10 year, the 2020 prevailing wage rate was set at 10 approve the \$24.20. 11 \$23.03. That was a new position or a renaming of CHAIRMAN MCCORD: We're just in 12 one, and so that was set at the 6 percent of the 12 discussion right now, so I think we're going to 13 2019. The survey rate for this year, we only had 13 approve these all together. But yeah, I think 14 one response. We checked that with the 14 what Tom would need is a "We're good with that; we 15 contractor, paying 27.11. So it was a 17 percent 15 can move on." 16 increase. So you have two options here. You 16 MR. CRABTREE: We can move on. 17 have -- you can go with the base rate, the 17 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: If there's any 18 prevailing wage rate from last year, or you can go 18 discussion that needs to happen as we move through 19 with the new survey rate plus or minus. I assumed 19 these one at a time, and then we'll approve them 20 that you would want to go with the prevailing wage 20 all at the end if that suits --MR. CRABTREE: I'll withdraw the 21 rate from last year and perhaps add 5.1 percent. 21 22 It's strictly up to you. But in Columns 7 through 22 motion. 23 10 on your sheet, you have the min and max for 23 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Okay. Motion 24 each option that's possible. 24 withdrawn. Yes, sir. 25 25 I propose the prevailing wage for MR. HERROD: Craft Number 2 is a

Page 19 Page 18 1 bricklayer. There were no responses. Last year's 1 would be \$21.44. 2 rate was \$16.60. We can -- we only have the 2 Any disagreements? 3 option of 6 percent either side of the \$16.60 or 3 (No verbal response.) 4 we can leave it at \$16.60, or we can move it up MR. HERROD: Craft Number 4, Class 5 6 percent or down 6 percent, or we can adjust up 5 A Operators, we had 116. The same situation here, 6 the overall 5.1 percent. I had proposed the 6 we had an overall increase of 4.85 percent, which 7 5.1 percent increase, which will take it to 7 was roughly equivalent to the overall increase for 8 \$17.45, and which would satisfy -- validate within 8 all the crafts. That puts it -- if we were to 9 the range of our acceptable limits. 9 increase it slightly, just take that base and move 10 Are you good? 10 it up just a little bit more to get it to the 5.1, 11 the new prevailing wage would be \$23.42. So we MR. WRIGHT: I'm good. CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Tom, I think what 12 12 would increase the prevailing wage from the 13 we'll do is you talk through your proposal, and if 13 previous year from \$22.29 to \$23.42. 14 anybody is not good, they'll let you know they're 14 Any discussion there? 15 not good, and otherwise, we'll just move on. 15 (No verbal response.) 16 MR. HERROD: Thank you, sir. 16 MR. HERROD: Okay. Craft Number 5, 17 Craft Number 3, Carpenter/ 17 Class B Operators, 122 responses. The survey rate 18 Leadsperson, we had 88 responses, a good response. 18 was 3.64 percent above the prevailing wage rate 19 The overall -- that was a 2.65 percent increase 19 for 2020. If we increase it, here again, just 20 from the previous year. So this year's proposal, 20 slightly to get it up to the 5.1 percent overall 21 since we increased it 2.65 over last year with the increase that we've had, it would take the rate up 21 22 responses, the base would be the \$20.94, which is to \$20.89. We would move from \$19.88 to \$20.89. 23 the survey rate, and we would increase that 23 Any discussion there? 24 slightly to get it up to the overall increase of 24 (No verbal response.) 25 5.1 percent. So the new prevailing wage rate 25 MR. HERROD: Moving on to Craft 1 compete in the market with the prevailing wage. 1 Number 6, Class C Operators, 133 responses. The 2 survey rate was a 5.5 percent increase over the MS. MCGAURAN: Yeah. I think it --3 previous year. If we move it to the 5.1 percent, 3 I have a challenge with that many responses of 4 you will see you'll have to move it down 4 having our new prevailing wage lower than the 5 0.4 percent from the survey rate. We can leave it 5 average of those responses. 6 at the survey rate, or we can move it up or we can 6 MR. HERROD: Okay. So you're 7 move it down. I had proposed that we just take it 7 proposing that we take it up to the survey rate of 8 down to an overall 5.1 percent which would make it 8 \$21.81? 9 \$21.72, moving from \$20.66 to \$21.72. 9 MS. MCGAURAN: I would say, yes, at 10 MS. MCGAURAN: I just have a 10 least. I guess that's what I'm looking for, 11 question for that. And I certainly would welcome 11 thoughts, you know. 12 what Scott and Stephen have to say about this. 12 Wayburn, do you have any? MR. CRABTREE: If we're going to 13 But I guess when you have 133 responses, saying 13 14 the prevailing wage is less than the average of 14 deviate from what we are doing here, then we need 15 those 133 responses gives me some concern. Are 15 to draw a new line. You say because there are 16 you guys comfortable with that? 16 133. What if there were 125? Would you say the 17 MR. WRIGHT: I can only speak for 17 same thing? Or if there were 89, would you say 18 myself. We're under wage pressure every day. the same thing? I guess what I'm quibbling about 19 That represents what you can hire people for. 19 is if we're making a new standard here, where are 20 I've personally favored raising them a little bit 20 we going to draw the line between the 5.1 and the 21 more. 21 survey rate? 22 MS. MCGAURAN: Raising it up as 22 MS. MCGAURAN: Well, I mean, I 23 opposed to --23 think anytime you have what is considered to be a, 24 MR. WRIGHT: That's just -- yeah. 24 you know, considerable number of responses, a 25 That only speaks for me. But it is difficult to 25 market rate number of responses -- so certainly,

Page 22 Page 23 1 adjustment is here year to year -- year over year, 1 anything in the top 5 percent of our responses, 2 you know -- it seems like anything in this case 2 and if that's a little bit more than what the 3 that would be kind of over the 100 responses is 3 prevailing wage rate says, it's okay with me. 4 probably something we should look at, whether we 4 MR. THOMPSON: I mean, I would 5 agree. I mean, if we try and attract talent and 5 should go with what people are actually paying. 6 Because I think that's what --6 bring them in, we have to -- we've got to stay MR. CRABTREE: So a hundred? with a -- I call it a wage in which your operators 8 8 can provide for their families and, you know, when MS. MCGAURAN: That's my concern. MR. CRABTREE: I just want to make 9 you look at what we're paying versus what somebody 10 is in a factory, I mean, I look at those. I mean, 10 sure that we're consistent with it. 11 MS. MCGAURAN: Yes. 11 I look at what Amazon is doing. I look at what MR. WRIGHT: Y'all are talking 12 those people are doing, because we don't need to 13 about 0.09 an hour. I will tell you this: The 13 lose skills to those people. So to me, these 14 thing that -- Tennessee, we work in about five or 14 numbers are -- I mean, you know, we pay above 15 six states. Tennessee has the only prevailing 15 this. 16 wage rate that even ever comes into play. These 16 MR. WRIGHT: If you try to hire a 17 operators that we're paying \$18, \$19, \$20, \$21, 17 crane operator out of Atlanta, he will not talk to 18 \$23, if you go to Alabama, that's an \$8 rate. 18 you for \$25 an hour. 19 Nobody pays that scale. So keeping it up and 19 MR. HERROD: Well, since we're only 20 talking 0.09, we can move it to the 5.5 percent 20 current is one of the reasons that the 21 Tennessee -- they have tried to stay in this 21 and still be good. We will take it to what the 22 because it does make us have a valid scale and it survey rate is since we have quite a few responses 23 keeps away other influences, for a better way of 23 here. \$21.81, is that good? 24 MS. MCGAURAN: Yes. I mean, I 24 saying it. 25 So I do think some reasonable 25 think that's the minimum in my mind. Page 25 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: And so, if I may, 1 of sense. 2 I do like the consistency, too. So if there's a MR. HERROD: All right. Concrete 3 high survey participation -- and we've defined 3 Finisher is Number 8. It had 30 responses. Now, 4 that as a hundred -- and it's below the rate 4 it was 6.61 percent increase, slightly above the 5 that's been surveyed, then we ought to move it to 5 6 percent. I have that highlighted. If we were 6 the minimum survey. So I think that gives us 6 to adjust that back down to 5.1 percent, it would 7 consistency as we go forward. Because there's a 7 be \$19.32 versus the \$19.60 survey rate. We can 8 few more like that as we go down. 8 keep it at the \$19.60 and still be within range, 9 MS. MCGAURAN: Yeah. 9 or we can move it down slightly or move it up. 10 MR. BAILEY: Your very next one 10 You can see that the survey rate Option 1 can go 11 is --11 from \$18.49 to \$20.70. So if we --12 MS. MCGAURAN: Thank you, 12 MR. WRIGHT: I would propose we be 13 Commissioner. 13 consistent with the previous two. MR. HERROD: Yes. The next one is 14 MR. HERROD: Okay. \$19.60 is the 15 a good example. We have Class D operators. We 15 new rate there. 16 had 171 responses. The survey rate was 16 Drill Operator, there were no 17 6.1 percent over last year's prevailing wage rate. 17 responses. Last year, the rate was \$34.55. We 18 If we keep the prevailing wage rate, I had put in 18 have an option here of keeping it at last year's 19 a proposal of \$20.16 versus the \$20.35. I mean, rate, or going up 6 percent of last year's rate. 20 we can certainly keep it at the \$20.35 to be 20 I chose to -- or put in a proposal of 5.1 percent 21 consistent of what we did in the previous class. 21 increase, which would take it to 36.31. 22 So we'll do that, \$20.35. 22 This falls back into a different

25 that?

23 category of a very minimum number of responses.

24 So the proposal is \$36.31. Any problems with

MS. MCGAURAN: Yes. That would be

CHAIRMAN MCCORD: That makes a lot

24 my preference.

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Page 27 Page 26 MS. MCGAURAN: No. 1 last long. 2 MR. HERROD: Electrician, 2 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Yeah, a hundred 3 Number 10, has ten responses, so we had an 3 didn't last very long. But this is a solid reason 4 increase of 5.91 percent, which would make it 4 to have that because it's in the statute. That's 5 slightly above the overall increase. I have here 5 what we do. 6 a slight -- taking that down some, adjusting it MR. CRABTREE: I didn't have an 6 7 back down, or we can leave it at the \$34.79 and 7 objection. I just wanted to be arbitrary. 8 8 stay within our ranges there. CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Arbitrary. CHAIRMAN MCCORD: That's what I 9 Exactly. I'm with you. 10 would say to do. 10 MR. HERROD: Craft Number 11, we 11 11 had 17 responses. We had an overall increase of $\mbox{MR. HERROD: Okay.}$ So we'll take 12 it at \$34.79 --12 4.1 percent from last year. If we take it up 13 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Let me say this, 13 to -- since it was 4.1 percent, move it up to the 14 too, because I think we have a definition of what 14 5.1 percent, we end up at \$16.52, slightly over 15 is enough responses in the statute. And it's over 15 what the survey rate is but consistent at \$16.52. 16 four. I mean, that's when we start treating 16 Number 12 is Ironworkers Reinforcing. 17 everything -- we don't treat them -- we treat them 17 We had only two responses. Here you have two 18 differently if they're at four or under. And over 18 options. Since the survey rate was fairly close 19 four, we treat them market rate. And we don't go 19 to the previous rate with just a slight increase, 20 a half a percent, this is -- I think we can 20 backwards, so I think that should give us some 21 consistency, too, when we look at how many 21 satisfy either one by going up 5.1 percent from 22 responses. This one had ten, over four, and so the prevailing wage last year, and it would be at 23 let's keep it where it is. 23 \$19.93, which would satisfy that one to four 24 MS. MCGAURAN: Okay. 24 range. 25 MR. THOMPSON: A hundred didn't 25 On 13, we had the one response. It 1 was slightly above the previous year's prevailing 1 an extraordinarily -- over 6 percent increase, and 2 wage. Same thing here as in the previous one. I 2 keep it at the 24 rate. If we want to move it 3 propose that we take that to \$20.67, which would 3 back down the scale to get it to where it's closer 4 be a 5.1 percent increase over last year's 4 to the 5.1 percent increase, we'll never get it 5 prevailing wage. 5 there because we have limitations if we have to go 6 down to \$23.47. So we can keep it at the \$24.80 Number 14 is a Large Crane Operator. 7 We had a significant number of responses, 43. 7 and be consistent with what we've done in the 8 Here we had an overall increase of 7.62 percent, 8 other ones. 9 so we have to fall within the Survey Rate Option 9 MR. CRABTREE: Yes. 10 Number 1. The proposed rate here was a slight 10 MS. MCGAURAN: Yes. 11 decrease from the survey rate to get us back down. MR. HERROD: Number 17, zero 11 12 But as we discussed, we can keep it at the survey 12 responses, so we can move that rate, \$30.69, up 13 rate, since it was higher than this number, and be 13 5.1 percent to \$32.26. That would be consistent 14 consistent with what we did before. 14 with what we had before. 15 Item Number 15 is the Mechanic, 36 15 Number 18, we had quite a few Skilled 16 responses, an overall increase of 3.28 percent. 16 Laborer responses, 253. That moved up 5 percent, 17 By taking it up to get it to the 5.1 percent, the 17 a little over 5 percent. By moving it up just a 18 new prevailing wage rate would be \$26.26. That 18 little bit more, since we're below the 5.1, we 19 would be consistent with what we've done. would get the \$18.76. 19 On the back page here, Craft 20 Item Number 19, six responses. This 21 Number 16, we had 34 responses. We had a little 21 one decreased 5.26 percent with \$25.06. We can 22 over 12 percent increase on this one. So our 22 take that rate -- since it is a survey rate, we 23 options are, obviously, only around the survey 23 have to -- our guideline is we have to use that 24 rate, and we can keep it at the survey rate, which 24 survey rate. We go up as much as 6 percent over

25 the previous year's prevailing wage. I suggest we

25 would be consistent with what we did when we had

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 1 do that. That would get us up to $26.06.
                                                                       Item 23, Truck Driver, 94, with an
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: $26.64.
                                                       2 overall increase of 9.15 percent. In keeping with
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                  MR. HERROD: I'm sorry. Yes.
                                                       3 what we've done before, we would not use the
 4 $26.64.
                                                       4 proposed rate of $20.56, but would go with the
                All right. Item Number 20, only
                                                       5 $21.36.
6 three responses, so we have two options here.
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                                                                       Item 24, Unskilled Laborer, overall
7 This one was skewed by one contractor, and we
                                                       7 increase of 6.09 percent. Based on what we've
8 verified that that was the rate that the
                                                       8 done, we will keep it at the $16.26 versus what I
9 contractor was paying. It went up 64 percent.
                                                       9 had at $16.11.
10 Survey rate was $30. Last year's rate was $18.27.
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                                                                       And 25, 19 responses for an overall
11 I chose to take the $18.27 and move it up
                                                       11 increase there of 11.55 percent. In keeping with
12 5.1 percent to $19.20 since there were three. Is
                                                      12 what we've done, the proposed that I had there of
13 that satisfactory?
                                                       13 $20.75 would be changed to $21.93, which would be
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                  MS. MCGAURAN: I think so, because
                                                      14 the survey rate.
15 it's below our four threshold.
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                                                                         MS. MCGAURAN: One question.
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                  MR. HERROD: Item 21, 61 responses
                                                       16 Number 19, would you explain that one again? I
17 for an overall increase of 8.62 percent. If we
                                                       17 think what was a little different and I'm not sure
18 are consistent with what we've been doing, our
                                                      18 I really understood it. Sorry.
19 proposal is that the $18.80 would be changed to
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Okay. For that one,
20 $19.42.
                                                       20 we went down -- we had six responses and it went
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                Item Number 22, I've had 123
                                                       21 down 5.26 percent from the last year. We have to
22 responses with an overall increase, right on it,
                                                       22 use the survey rate for that, not last year's
23 5.11 percent, so we would keep -- the survey rate
                                                       23 prevailing wage. So we're restricted to those min
24 would match what the proposal is, $18.25 and
                                                       24 and maxes.
25 achieve the 5.1 percent.
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                                                                         MS. MCGAURAN: Okay.
                  MR. HERROD: So we stayed with the
                                                       1 $26.64. We can take it down a little bit to the
2 $26.64. The reason is -- I have that at six, we
                                                       2 $26.45, but that would match last year's
                                                       3 prevailing wage. I assume you want to take it up
 3 took it up to the max to match, to get as high as
 4 we possibly can, even though it was only slightly
                                                       4 a little bit from last year's prevailing wage.
 5 above the previous -- now, we can keep it at
                                                       5 It's only a few pennies but it would be an
6 the --
                                                       6 increase.
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                  MS. MCGAURAN: So the only other
                                                                         MR. CRABTREE: I'm just not
8 option would be whether we wanted to keep it at
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                                                          calculating the same thing as you are.
9 the current prevailing wage, or --
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                                                                         MS. MCGAURAN: Yeah, I agree with
                  MR. HERROD: Right. We could keep
                                                      10 Wayburn. I don't think the 6 percent calculation
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11 it at $26.45.
                                                       11 is correct.
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                  MS. MCGAURAN: Okay.
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: I don't think
                  MR. CRABTREE: I'm calculating
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                                                      13 they're arguing with the 6 percent. I think it's
14 $26.56 there at 6 percent.
                                                      14 that an additional 6 percent of $25.06 comes out
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                  MR. HERROD: At 6 percent -- well,
                                                      15 to a different number.
16 okay. I don't have my calculator.
                                                                        MR. HERROD: Well, I may have to --
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                  MR. CRABTREE: $25.06.
                                                      17 my brain is not working as fast as yours right
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                  MR. HERROD: We have --
                                                      18 now, so I'll have to defer. But all I'm saying
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                  MR. CRABTREE: It's $25.06, right?
                                                      19 is --
                  MR. HERROD: Yes. Survey rate was
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                                                                         MS. MCGAURAN: So Assistant
21 $25.06. Last year's rate, $26.45. It went down.
                                                      21 Commissioner, the calculator is on the screen.
22 I don't think that we -- based on what we've done
                                                      22 She did it. Jan did it so you can see it up on
23 in the past, we don't want to go down. We want to
                                                      23 the screen, what it calculates to.
24 stay around that $26.45. My suggestion was to
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So it's $26.56.
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25 take it up to the max that we could get it to

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MR. HERROD: Okay. So that would

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 1 be a -- okay. That would be a -- I can do that.
                                                        1 with our safety and traffic control programs. And
 2 That's a 0.09-an-hour raise. So I was just
                                                        2 so, I don't know, Steve, if you can throw your two
 3 suggesting we go the max range that we could,
                                                        3 cents in, or Wayburn, but I think we're putting
 4 taking it up to $26.64 versus $26.45.
                                                          different people in those positions than we were
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So let me say
                                                          five years ago, and I think that's what's causing
 6 this: So the max we can take it up to is
                                                           some of these jumps or a signature jump.
 7 6 percent, right?
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                                                                         MR. WRIGHT: It's your single
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                  MR. HERROD: Yes.
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                                                          biggest liability on the project today, is the
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: And an additional
                                                        9 person that puts those barrels out and maintains
10 6 percent of $25.06 is $25.56.
                                                          them. And I've got a loss that I can't talk
11
                                                          about, but it's ugly. A highly skilled person in
                  MR. HERROD: Okay.
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: That's the math
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                                                           this position would have made a difference.
13 though our principle was exactly right.
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                                                                         MR. THOMPSON: I mean, used to,
                  MR. HERROD: We have to go back and
                                                       14 this might be filled by somebody who is on the
14
15 call Excel about their math.
                                                          crew who's coordinating putting them out; and now
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: I think Dan just
                                                          this is a foreman position that's doing this. So
                                                           that's the reason why I think that you saw a jump
17 called Excel for you.
18
                  MR. HERROD: Okay. I stand
                                                          like you did. And I guess I'm kind of making
19
   corrected.
                                                          the -- I think it needs to be a topic of
20
                All right. We had one glitch there
                                                       20
                                                          discussion that it's more than 6 percent.
21 but we've fixed that, $26.56.
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                                                                         MS. MCGAURAN: So which person are
                                                          we talking to?
                  MR. THOMPSON: The one I've got a
                                                       22
23 question about is the Worksite Traffic
                                                       23
                                                                         MR. CRABTREE: Are we supposed to
24 Coordinator. I think that that's a position
                                                       24 use the foreman?
25 that's being filled differently as we're evolving
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                                                                         MR. THOMPSON: It will 25.
                  MR. WRIGHT: No, what I'm saying --
                                                        1 know -- the one that puzzles me the most is
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                  THE REPORTER: Excuse me. Can
                                                        2 Craft 20, because I don't even know which -- would
                                                        3 that be an off-road -- Scott, what do you think?
 3 Mr. Crabtree turn on his microphone, please? It's
                                                        4 Would that be an off-road --
 4 hard with your mask, so if you can turn your
 5 microphone on. Thank you.
                                                                         MR. STARWALT: It's inside page 1.
                  MS. MCGAURAN: Which craft number
                                                                         MR. WRIGHT: It's 30,000 manhours
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                                                        6
 7 are we talking about?
                                                        7 for Craft 22, 10,000 for 21, and 8,000 for 23. So
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: 25.
                                                        8 the -- I would think that the Craft 22 is all the
                  MR. WRIGHT: And I have always
                                                        9 articulated trucks that are operating over the
                                                       10 state now. Because over the last decade or two,
10 continued to be confused by how Crafts 21, 22, and
11 23 shake out the way they do. Do you have access
                                                          you don't see near as many of the big, off-road,
12 to the manhour data, Janet, for these?
                                                          what they used to call a "Euc," you know, a big
13
                  MS. CAUDILL: I do. Right this
                                                       13 rock truck. And everybody is using these
14 moment?
                                                       14 articulated trucks, and that somewhat gets treated
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                  MR. WRIGHT: Yes.
                                                       15 like an entry-level position because it's an
16
                  MS. CAUDILL: No.
                                                       16 hourly position. So I guess it's right. And
17
                  MR. WRIGHT: I would love to see
                                                       17 five-axle trucks would be low --
18 what the --
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                                                                         MR. THOMPSON: That's what it is.
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                                                                         MR. WRIGHT: So what is the
                  MR. HERROD: It's in Tab Number 24.
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20 Which one do you want?
                                                       20 two-axle truck?
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                  MR. WRIGHT: Crafts 21, 22, and 23.
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                                                                         MR. THOMPSON: That's what -- I
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                  MR. HERROD: There's 21. You go
                                                       22 mean, I really -- I mean, I actually -- I really
23 down to the bottom and it should be -- I hope
                                                       23 don't -- I mean, I don't know what they -- I mean,
24 it's --
                                                       24 because it could be an off-road truck, but it
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                                                       25 could also be a pickup truck.
                  MR. WRIGHT: Because I don't
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                  MR. WRIGHT: I don't know that any
                                                        1 to match the 5.1 percent, if you can get there, to
2 of you-all have answers. I guess I'm debating
                                                       2 stay within the --
3 with myself. I just don't -- you know, it looks
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: But given that we
 4 like these could be more consistent somehow.
                                                        4 were over four, and then we had a survey rate that
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: And let me go
                                                       5 was different from that, we went with the survey
6 back to the Worksite Traffic Coordinator. We did
                                                       6 rate like we have for the rest of them.
 7 go with the survey rate, which is 11.55 percent
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                                                                       So any other discussion here? I'm
8 higher than the rate before, so it's more than
                                                       8 going to take a minute, very quickly, while you
9 just the 6 percent.
                                                       9 think about whether you do. And thank you for
                                                       10 being here, first of all, taking the time to do
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                  MR. THOMPSON: Well, I thought our
                                                       11 this. I know everybody has other jobs, and we're
11 proposed was $20.70.
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                  MS. CAUDILL: $20.75.
                                                       12 not making you rich by coming in here, so thank
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                  MR. THOMPSON: $20.75.
                                                          you for that. It does feel good, even though
14
                  MS. MCGAURAN: No. We've bumped it
                                                      14 we're far apart, to be able to have a meeting in
                                                       15 person, as well, and so I appreciate, again, you
15 up to the --
16
                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Yeah. We've
                                                       16 showing up and doing -- and being here. And I
                                                       17 know Tom does as well.
17 bumped it to the survey rate.
                  MS. MCGAURAN: We've bumped it up
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                                                                       And if you think you know somebody
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  to the $21.93.
                                                       19 who is good at analysis, that person comes in
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                                                       20 second to Tom, given the level of analysis that he
                  MR. THOMPSON: Okay. I'm sorry.
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                  MR. CRABTREE: How did we get to
                                                       21 does, not just with this but with other things.
22 $20.75?
                                                       22 So with that preamble, any other discussion here?
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                  MS. MCGAURAN: That's taking the --
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                                                                         MR. WRIGHT: I don't have any. I
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: That --
                                                       24 would like to add, though, that we struggle as an
25
                  MR. HERROD: It's sliding it down
                                                       25 organization trying to -- you know, to -- I
1 encourage prevailing wages to go up to the
                                                        1 might want to check your 6 percent calculations,
 2 greatest extent that's reasonable and affordable.
                                                        2 because I think they messed up on every one on
 3 I'm not trying to ruin TDOT's budget or anything
                                                       3 this sheet for some reason. I don't know why.
 4 like that. But I know that we have an awful lot
                                                       4 But you're consistent.
 5 of people who work for us. And if you're a
                                                                         MR. HERROD: I'll be glad -- I'll
 6 $21-an-hour employee or $20, that's $800 a week on
                                                       6 tell you what I'll do. I'll go over that with you
7 a 40-hour week. You pay your 25 percent of that
                                                       7 since I spent three solid weeks working on this.
8 to the government, that doesn't leave you a lot of
                                                       8 But I'll have to go back and talk to my
9 money. And we provide health insurance, but it's
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                                                          eighth-grade teacher.
10 still -- a significant part of the cost -- but it
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Okay. So with
11 still costs them $200 a week if they have a
                                                       11 that discussion, it's time to see if we can get a
12 family. So that doesn't leave you but $2- or $300
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                                                          motion for approval on our prevailing wage rates
13 to eat off of at the end of the day.
                                                       13 for this coming year, which is 2021. So do we
                So the world we live in and the
                                                       14 have a motion for approval?
15 providing of insurance makes -- or for them to pay
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                                                                         MR. WRIGHT: I would move for
16 anything for insurance is a very, very difficult
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                                                          approval.
17 thing. So, I guess, those of us -- which probably
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Is there a
18 everybody in this room that has their insurance
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                                                          second?
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19 provided for them, really should appreciate that,
                                                                         MR. THOMPSON: Second.
20 compared to the hourly worker working for $20 an
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Any further
21 hour.
                                                       21 discussion?
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                  CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Thank you for
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                                                                         MR. THOMPSON: Will we get an
23 that.
                                                       23 updated...
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                  MS. MCGAURAN: And I don't think it
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                                                                         MR. HERROD: Yes, sir.
25 affects any of our numbers, but in the future, you
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So all those in
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Page 42 Page 43 1 Tennessee Road Builders Association. My question 1 favor say "aye." 2 2 is -- I think I had this question last year -- we (Affirmative response.) CHAIRMAN MCCORD: All those 3 used to have two meetings. You would have this 4 opposed, like sign. 4 meeting. You would then put the prevailing wage (No verbal response.) 5 rate out for potential comment, and then you would 6 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So the motion come back in around the first of December or right 7 carries. at the first of December, end of November, to 8 Thank you very, very much. And so, 8 approve the rate. So my question is, is there a 9 Tom, I'll leave it to you and maybe Jan to talk 9 comment period that's established out there for 10 about the future dates for 2021. 10 people to comment on the rate, which they're 11 MS. CAUDILL: I think the date we 11 allowed to do so, before the wage rates are 12 were proposing was November 17. It's a Wednesday. 12 approved? CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Does anybody know 13 13 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So, Dan, do you 14 what they're doing next year on Wednesday? 14 have an answer for that, or do we have an answer 15 (No verbal response.) 15 for that? 16 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So we will put 16 MR. BAILEY: I don't have an answer 17 that out and then we'll -- if we need to adjust, 17 for it, no. 18 then we'll adjust it. That's right around the 18 MS. CAUDILL: I think once they're 19 same time. I'm hoping that we'll be in a whole 19 put out, don't they have an opportunity to contest 20 different world and environment by then, in terms 20 the rates, and then there has to be a hearing? 21 of -- at least in terms of the coronavirus. 21 MR. BAILEY: Well, you can file a Okay. With that, I guess I need a --22 petition for judicial review. They can file a 23 oh, yeah. Does anybody have any comments from the 23 petition for judicial review if they protest the 24 rates, but I think what Kent is talking about is 24 floor? 25 MR. STARWALT: Kent Starwalt, 25 an opportunity to come in and comment on the rates Page 44 1 prior to them going into effect. 1 anybody coming to that second meeting to comment. Now, there's nothing in the statute 2 Do you? 3 that requires that. I know it has been in 3 MR. STARWALT: I think you're 4 practice and what's been done every year except 4 exactly right. That's why I'm saying. I'm not 5 last year, but there's nothing I see in the 5 advocating for it. I'm just simply saying that 6 statute that requires that. 6 we've gone away from what we used to do. Which I CHAIRMAN MCCORD: And so what we'll 7 hate that term, but that's -- and that's why I 8 do, even though it's not a requirement, we'll have 8 wanted -- almost all our comment period previously 9 a discussion about that going forward and seeing 9 was when the building rates were established. 10 if that's a process we want to go back to. 10 MR. BAILEY: Right. MR. STARWALT: And I don't know MR. STARWALT: They were arguing 11 11 12 that there will be comments. The point being is 12 about regional rates. They argued about 13 that last year and this year is different. That 13 everything that they could argue about. 14 doesn't mean it's not right. It's just been 14 MR. BAILEY: Right. 15 different than it's been the previous 23 years 15 MR. STARWALT: And it was always 16 that I know of. And that's the reason I ask the 16 very nice, the opposite year we didn't have the 17 question. 17 building, it was more like this. 18 And I'm not asking to come to another 18 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Thank you, sir. 19 meeting. I know they're not asking to come to 19 And let me do this, too, before we 20 another meeting. It's just different than what 20 ask for our motion to adjourn. Is there any other 21 has previously been done. 21 comments from the floor? 22 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: Understood. 22 (No verbal response.) MR. BAILEY: And, if I may, I think 23 CHAIRMAN MCCORD: It seems to 24 once the statute was amended and the building 24 indicate that there are probably not, but I did 25 trades portion was taken out, I don't recall 25 need to ask that.

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                                                                           CERTIFICATE
                 What we need now is a motion to
                                                            2 STATE OF TENNESSEE
 2 adjourn the meeting.
                                                            3 COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON )
                   MS. MCGAURAN: I move to adjourn
 4 unless there's additional discussion.
                   MR. WRIGHT: Second.
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                                                                     I, Cassandra M. Beiling, a Notary Public
                    CHAIRMAN MCCORD: We've got a
                                                            7 in the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify:
 7 motion and a second. Any discussion?
 8
                  (No verbal response.)
                                                                      That the within is a true and accurate
                   CHAIRMAN MCCORD: So with that, all
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                                                           10 transcript of the Prevailing Wage Commission
10 those in favor?
                                                           11 Meeting taken on the 18th day of November, 2020.
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                  (Affirmative response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MCCORD: All those
                                                                      I further certify that I am not related to
                                                           14 any of the parties to this action, by blood or
13 opposed?
                                                           15 marriage, and that I am in no way interested in
14
                  (No verbal response.).
                                                           16 the outcome of this matter.
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                    CHAIRMAN MCCORD: The meeting is
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16 adjourned.
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                                                                      IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
17
                                     END OF PROCEEDINGS.
                                                           19 hand this 16th day of December, 2020.
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