

**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

**JANUARY 15,16,17, 1923**

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY  
COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 15, 16 and 17, 1925.

On January 15th the Commission, consisting of Mr. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, I. Walke Truxton, H. B. Sproul and R. K. Sanders, met at Portsmouth, Virginia, and held a public hearing in the Court House, to determine the location of State Highway No. 27, from Norfolk to the North Carolina Line.

On January 16th the Commission held a public rehearing at Goochland C.H., those present being Mr. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, I. Walke Truxton and R. K. Sanders, to review the location of Route 19 from Goochland to Dixie.

On January 17th, the Commission held a business meeting at their office, 10th and Marshall Streets, those present being Mr. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, R. K. Sanders, H. B. Sproul and I. Walke Truxton.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Brownlow, City Manager of Petersburg, appeared before the Commission and discussed the building of the Bridge over the Appomattox River, stating just what the City would agree to do in this matter and outlining the position of the Railroad Companies and the Virginia Railway and Power Company. The Commission advised Mr. Brownlow that they would participate in

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this bridge to the extent of \$75,000.00 and the northwest approach fill, if the City would agree to advance this amount under the Robertson Act, The Commission having no funds immediately available for this purpose.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the bid of Battershill and Goode, Virginina, Virginia, be accepted on Project 78-B, Route 18, St. Pauls Church towards Manquin, at their bid of \$19,885.70 and that an additional 10% be set aside for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$20,883.67, chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the bid of Battershill and Goode, Virginina, Virginia, on Project 171, Route 18, St. Pauls Church to Braye Fork, be accepted at their bid of \$26,885.05 and that an additional 10% be set aside for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$28,911.55, chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept the bid of Allport Construction Company, Richmond, Virginia, of \$10,601.16 on Project 171, Route 18, Bridge over Piscataway Creek, and that an additional 10% be set aside for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$11,661.26 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Massie, that bid of G. L. Hottel and Company, St. Paul, Virginia, be accepted on Project F-197, Route 10, Huff to Old Glade, the amount of the bid being \$82,641.04, and that an additional 10% be set aside for

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contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$58,906.15, chargeable to this Project. Motion carried. Mr. Hottel to be furnished with a convict camp.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Mascie, that the bid of F. L. Grant & Company, Clarksburg, West Va., be accepted on Project 205, Route 1, Bridges over Hy River and Massaponex Creek, between Spotsylvania C. H. and Fredericksburg, at their bid of \$10,456.40 and that an additional 10% be set aside for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$11,500.94 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Traxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that bid of Allport Construction Company, Richmond, Va., on Project 186, Route 12, Sandy River to 6.28 miles west, be accepted, the amount of the bid being \$100,600.27, and that an additional 10% be set aside for contingencies and engineering, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$110,660.29. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Mascie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the bid of Fardoe-Gillespie Company, Fairfax, Virginia, be accepted on Project 22, Route 6, 0.84 miles between Fairfax C. H. and Chantilly, at their bid of \$14,659.40 and that an additional 10% be added for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$16,125.34 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that bid of G. E. Hottel and Company, St. Paul, Virginia, be accepted on Project 208, Route 11, Crooketts Store to Claypool Hill, at their bid of \$276,220.25 and that an additional 10% be set aside

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for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$308,743.36 chargeable to this Project and that a special allocation of \$127,743.36 be made to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that bid of G. M. Waugh, Basecon Ford, Virginia, be accepted on Project 185, Route 8, Wilderness Tavern-Lignum, 8.44 miles gravel road, at his bid of \$49,517.77 and that an additional 10% be set aside for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$54,469.54 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that bid of the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, Roanoke, Virginia, on Project 298, Route 7, repairs to bridges over North Fork of the Shenandoah River and the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, at their bid of \$25,605.00 be accepted, and that an additional 10% be added for contingencies and engineering, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$28,165.50. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following rehearings be set:

- Route 7-I, Warsaw, Templeman's Cross Roads, The Hague, Callao, Roadville, March 1st, 10:00 A. M.
- Route 9, Gloucester C. H. - Mathews C. H., March 1, 2:00 P. M., via Foster and North.
- Route 2, Orange-Quipeper, via Locustdale, March 2, 10:00 A. M.
- Route 1, Solomon's Store, Jarrells Mills, Spotsylvania C.H. - Fredericksburg, March 2, 2:00 P.M.

and that all of these rehearings be held in the Assembly Room at the office of the State Highway Commission, Fifth and Marshall

Streets, Richmond, Virginia. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Frarson, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the distribution of the remaining mileage under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause for the calendar year of 1928, be ratified as follows:

Road from Strasburg to Riverton Warren and Shenandoah Counties.	10.0	Miles.
Road from Staunton to near Christians on Churchville-Craigsville Road Augusta County.	9.0	"
Road from Parkley to the Alps House Accomac County.	2.5	"
Road from Emley through Osmoock Accomac County.	2.6	"
Road from Bottoms Bridge to New Kent Court House, New Kent County	10.0	"
Chain Bridge by Tysons Corner towards Fairfax, Fairfax County	12.0	"
St. Stephens Church-King & Queen C.H. King & Queen County.	12.0	"
St. Paul to Dante, Russell County	7.5	"
Big Stone Gap toward Natural Tunnel Lee and Wise Counties.	6.0	"
TOTAL	79.1	"

Motion carried.

A delegation headed by Ex-senator Robertson, from Rockbridge and Bath Counties, appeared before the Commission and requested that the road from Goshen, through Goshen Pass to Lexington, be taken into the State System under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause, they presented very fully the importance of this road both to the State and the community through which it runs. The Commission assured them that they would give this road every consideration

and advise them of their action.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following roads be added to the State System under the 5½% Clause out of the 1925 mileage:

The Chain Bridge Road for an additional 8.0 Miles Fairfax County.	
4.9 Miles from Appalachia to Kentucky State Line, Wise County	6.0 "
Spruces to Buckingham O. H. Buckingham County.	5.0 "
Lexington through Goshen Pass to Goshen, <del>Buckingham County</del> <del>Rockbridge Co.</del>	<u>17.0 "</u>
TOTAL	30.0 "

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Fraxton, that the following extensions of time on the following contracts be granted:

Project 78, Route 10, Lee County,  
Line-Purchase, to May 30, 1925.

Project 108, Route 3, Shenandoah County,  
Fishers Hill Revision, to July 1, 1925.

Project 94, Route 11, Wise County,  
St. Paul-Gosburn, to June 30, 1925.

Motion carried.

Mr. E. Gray Williams appeared before the Commission and requested that the Northern Virginia Power Company be granted a permit to place poles and string wires on the right of way of the Valley Pike between Stephens City and Strasburg in Frederick and Shenandoah Counties, Virginia.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that permit be granted the Northern Virginia Power Company to erect poles and

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string wires for a transmission line along the Valley Pike, known as State Highway No. 3, between Stephens City and Strasburg in Frederick and Shenandoah Counties, under the usual rules and regulations of the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the date for the rehearing on the location of the road between Glade Springs and Saltville be changed from February 6th to March 28th at 10:00 o'clock at the Court House at Abingdon, Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an appropriation of \$400.00 be made for the detour on Project 192-A, Route 3, Greenville-Fairfield, as per recommendation of Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that an appropriation of \$3360.00 be made for the maintenance of the detour on Project 353, Route 9, Haydensville-Zion, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an additional appropriation of \$4,000.00 be made to Project 75, Route 10, Purchase to the Lee County Line, on account of slides and unforeseen conditions in several cuts, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Mr. J. C. Smith, Commonwealth's Attorney of Dickenson County appeared before the Commission and requested that the Commission make an allocation to a section of Route 11, near Clintwood, this section of road being in need of attention.

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The Commission advised Mr. Smith that there were no funds available at the present time but that when the allocation of the funds for 1925 was made, this would be given consideration.

A delegation from Hennessy County headed by Hon. H. L. Brewer and Mr. Birdsong, appeared before the Commission and requested that Route 12-N from Suffolk to the North Carolina Line be located by the western route which is the longest but which will best serve the local needs.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Fraxton, that the road from Suffolk to the North Carolina Line be immediately advertised as located by the western route as requested by the delegation from Hennessy County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Fraxton, that the road from Dixie to Goodland C. H. be as formerly located, namely to run from Goodland C. H. to George's Tavern and from George's Tavern over the new location to Columbia and from Columbia to Dixie. Motion carried.

Mr. James E. Gaskie, appeared before the Commission and presented a number of petitions from the Citizens of Bedford County requesting them to build the road from Heald's Gate near Forest Depot via Ferrowville, Cifax, Barnett's Farm to Bedford City this being a section of State Route No. 10. The Commission pointed out to Mr. Gaskie that at the present time there were no funds available but when the allocations for 1925 were made, this important project would be given consideration.

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A committee from Arlington County appeared before the Commission and requested them to take over for maintenance certain roads in Arlington County after they were constructed by the County due to the heavy tourist traffic which they carry. The Commission informed them that they would be advised as to what action was taken.

Mr. O. S. Lusk and a delegation from Hanover County appeared before the Commission and requested that the location of Route 9 be from Negro Foot to Ashland to connect with Route 1 and from thence over Route 1 into Richmond. The Commission informed the delegation that there had been a request for a rehearing on the location of Route 1 from Solomon's Store to Spotsylvania C. H., but they would advertise the proposed connection as requested.

Mr. F. W. Smith, representing Judge Jones and others, of King and Queen County, appeared before the Commission and requested that the road from King and Queen C. H. to connect with State Highway No. 15 be located by the central route to St. Stephens Church. The Commission advised Mr. Smith that notice would be given within the next few days as to the location of this route.

Moved by Mr. Fraxton, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the resolution passed at the meeting on December 16th awarding contract to the Spotsylvania Construction Company, for the construction of a section of the road between Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania C.H. to the amount of \$225,000.00 be rescinded.

Protest having been made by the General Contractors Association that it was unfair to let a portion of this road and

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not the whole, for the end near Fredericksburg could be built much cheaper, due to the short haul, than the far end, and that the contract for the entire distance be let to the Spotsylvania Construction Company at their bid of \$205,570.71, and that an additional 10% be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering. Also that an allocation be made to cover the total cost of this Project. Motion carried.

Mr. D. H. Pitts of J. E. Lane and Company, appeared before the Commission and stated that when the contract for Project No. 115, Route 6, Fairfax-Alexandria, was awarded to his Company, that their original bid was \$3.50 per sq. yd. for concrete but that after discussing this matter with Mr. Coleman, he agreed to cut his price to \$2.40 per sq. yd., it being thought that there was good local gravel, but on account of not finding any quantity of gravel in a number of places and further due to labor conditions he was losing money on this contract and requested that the Commission restore his original price of \$3.50 per sq. yd. of concrete surface.

A delegation from Page County appeared before the Commission and asked for an additional allocation to construct the State Highway through that County. The Commission advised them that although there was an allocation for that County it only became available on December 1st and that the work would soon be ready to advertise for bids. When the Commission makes the allocation of the 1933 funds this important road will be given consideration, but even though an allocation is made, the funds

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will not be available until December 1985.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Augusta County be reimbursed to the amount of \$1,000.00 for money spent on maintaining a detour while the road through West Augusta was be constructed, as per recommendation of Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Spruill, that the agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County to advance \$50,000.00 under the Robertson Act be cancelled as per request of the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that a permit be granted O. E. Gish, of Roanoke, Va., to place a spar track across the State Highway No. 10, between Roanoke and Villsmont, under the usual rules and regulations of the Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the present grade crossing of the Seaboard tracks, Route 1, Project 175, Falling Creek-Dutch Gap Road be maintained until such time as the traffic demands on the Seaboard are sufficiently increased to necessitate changing their grades and eliminating curvature, at which time an underpass or overhead could be constructed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Spruill, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that due to increased width of 4 feet in the road, Project 188-A, Route 23, Giles County, that the contractor, Warden Construction Company, be granted an increase of 15¢ per square yard for the additional

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width over 12 feet, the original contract price of \$1.40 to remain as stated in the contract and also that the convict camp be increased to 50 or 55 men, provided the contractor will complete this Project during the year 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission accept the application of the Board of Supervisors of Brunswick County to advance \$100,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of State Highway No. 1 between the intersection of Routes 1 and 12 near Edgerton and the southern boundary of Laurensville. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that a permit be granted P. H. Umpf to erect and maintain a pole line along the right of way of State Highway No. 12-E between Franklin and Smith's Ferry in Southampton County, under the usual rules and regulations of the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that an additional allocation of \$45,407.28 be made to Project 125, Route 12, Galax-Woodlawn, as per recommendation of Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Spraul, it having come to the attention of the State Highway Commission, that certain members of firms of contractors doing work for the Department are members of the General Assembly and it is the opinion of the State Highway Commission that such is detrimental to public interest and should be discontinued. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that all bids on Project 256, Route 11, Marks Garden Siding-Tasewell, be rejected. The bid coming under the objections set forth in previous motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:-

H. G. Shuley  
Chairman.

ATTEST:-

Wade H. Mason  
Secretary.