

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

JANUARY 8, 1926

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE HIGH-
 WAY COMMISSION HELD AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,
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On the morning of January 8th, 1926, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. E. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Masnie, Secretary, Hugh B. Spraul, and A. J. Huff, met at their office, State Office Building, Richmond Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission held at Roanoke, Va., on December 9, 1925, and at Richmond, Va. December 17, 1925, were read and it was moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masnie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of 2.64 miles of concrete road, including two bridges, Route 31, Project F-182B, Newhoo Creek - Dewey's Creek, be awarded to the low bidder P. M. Jones, Roanoke, Virginia, at his bid of \$99,381.25 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$2,202.47 for detours, making approximately \$112,000.00 chargeable to this project, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Masnie, that the contract for the construction of 8.04 miles concrete road, including two bridges from 1.52 miles south of Massaponax to Cedon, Route 31, Project F-372B, be awarded to the low bidder, Spotsylvania Construction Company, Highland Springs, Va, at their bid of \$291,522.15 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$3,000.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$324,000.00 chargeable to this Project, subject to the approval of

the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Spraul, that inasmuch as the contract for the construction of eight miles of concrete road has been awarded the Spotsylvania Construction Company (low bidder on Route 31, Project F372C) and it is the Commission's opinion that this is as much work as this Company can complete during the coming working season, that the contract for the construction of 8.68 miles of concrete road from 8.1 miles north of Roswell to 6.64 miles north of Ashland, Route 31, Project F-358J, be awarded to the next bidder, C. S. Luck & Sons, Richmond, Va. at their bid of \$294,496.15 (this being \$2,747.41 above the low bid) and also that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$4,600.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$329,000.00 chargeable to this Project, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Messrs. Gresham, Bruce and James Mullen appeared before the Commission in regards to an option on the Gresham and West Point Bridges. Mr. Gresham stated he wanted to reach an understanding with the Commission and arrange for an option that will be satisfactory to both. He stated that the bridge cost \$87,700.00 plus \$3,000.00 for fill and \$1400.00 for a 100 foot strip of land one-half mile in length on the east side and two lots on the West Point side, plus interest at 6% during construction. The interest could not be figured on the gross amount as the money was only borrowed as needed, and he thought it would be about right to figure on 6% for one-half the time or one-half the amount of money at 6% for the full time. It required about eight months to construct this bridge. The bridge to be valued at present day prices.

Mr. C. W. Hechler of the Spotsylvania Construction Company, then appeared before the Commission in regards to awarding him the contract for both Project F-372C, near Massaponax and Project F-358J North of Ashland. He stated

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that he had made arrangements to sublet some of this work to responsible contractors and was of the opinion they could complete both jobs during the next construction period. The Commission, however, advised him they did not want to run any chance of the work not being completed on time and were of the opinion that the eight miles awarded to him was all he could complete and thought it advisable to award the contract to the second low bidder so they would have to deal directly with the contractor rather than a sub-contractor, and the next bidder was first entitled to consideration.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of 2.17 miles of concrete road, including bridge over Acceetink Creek, Route 31, Project F71A, .5 miles north of Acceetink to .21 miles north of Pohick Church, be awarded to the low bidder, Jenkins Construction Co. Norton, Va. at their bid of \$61,673.02 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$4,500.00 for detours making a total of approximately \$95,000.00 chargeable to this Project, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Spraul, that the contract for the construction of 6.47 miles of Bituminous Maandam Road, including bridge over Brake Branch, Route 10, Project F-132B, Road from Elliston-6.298 Miles East of Christiansburg, be awarded to the low bidder G. P. Clay, Richmond, Va. at his bid of \$167,949.70 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$3750.00 for detours, making a total chargeable to this Project of approximately \$234,000.00 including the bridge over Roanoke River, plus one additional mile, with the understanding that the contractor will take the additional mile and bridge and construct same at his bid prices and also provided that he will associate with himself some person or

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firm who will join in the contract and guarantee its completion within the time specified in the specifications, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of 5.3 miles of macadam road, Route 10, Project F-132E, 6.298 Mi. East of Christiansburg to 1.0 Miles East of Christiansburg, be awarded to the low bidder, Roberts Contracting Co, Pulaski, Va. at their bid of \$146,420.77 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$3750.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$165,000.00 chargeable to this Project, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contract for the construction of Project F-145HJ, Route 35, North of Homeville to Sussex-Prince George County Line, be awarded to the Roberts Faving Co., Clara, Md, at their unit prices bid to the amount of the General Allocation of \$150,000.00, including 10% for contingencies and engineering, overhaul and detours. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the contract for the construction of Route 34, Project F-181, North of New to Zion Church, be awarded to the low bidder, Ford and Harvey, Lynchburg, Virginia, at their unit prices bid to the amount of the General Allocation of \$125,000.00, including 10% for contingencies and engineering, and detours. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of 4.42 miles graded road, Route 116, Project 354B, Wise-Lee Line Lee-Scott Line, be awarded to the low bidder, Jenkins Construction Company, Norton, Virginia, at their bid of \$42,267.51 and that 10% additional be set

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aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$500.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$47,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the surfacing with 8" Bituminous Macadam, Project F-375, Route 14, Crow Place-West Virginia Line, be awarded to the low bidder, Carpenter-Major Brothers, Clifton Forge, Virginia, at their bid of \$117,742.24, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$2,000.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$132,000.00 chargeable to this Project, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the award of the contract for the construction of 1.3 miles of graded road, Route 17, Project 391, 7.17 Miles West Cochen to .95 Miles West of Millboro Springs, be held up on account of right of way difficulties. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following Permits be granted under the Rules and Regulations of the Commission:

- To G. F. Beard, Galpiper, Virginia, to erect one electric light pole on State Highway No. 37, Galpiper County,
- To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Norfolk, Virginia, to erect four poles along Route 39 between Hampton and Newport News,
- To W. E. Church, Falls Church, Virginia, to construct a sewer line and concrete shoulder for 150' along Route 21, Fairfax County,
- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap on Route 10 for residence of O. C. Frissell,
- To Floyd-Montgomery Mutual Telephone Company, Alum Ridge, Va, to erect 100 poles along Route 23 between William Pughs and the Top of the Mountain,
- To Inter-Mountain Telephone Company, Bristol, Virginia, to erect 36 poles along Route 10 between Bristol and Abingdon.

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To Keltz Milling Company, Stanley, Virginia, to erect 4 poles along Route 212 in the town of Newport, Page County,

To Ed. Payne, Culpeper, Virginia, to erect one pole on Route 37 in Culpeper County,

To Smith Brothers, Inc., American National Bank Bldg, Richmond, Virginia, to install an 8" sewer pipe across Route 31, 1000 feet north of Richmond,

To Virginia Electric & Power Company, Richmond, Virginia, to string two wires across Route 31, 1900 feet north of R & P Electric Railway Crossing,

To Virginia Electric & Power Company, Richmond, Virginia, to cross Route 13 with two wires carrying 2300 volts about 807 feet from city limits,

To William & Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, to construct a steam line under Route 39 at Williamsburg.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Spraul, that Permit #228 issued the Town of Orange on November 30, 1925, be cancelled as the Town has decided not to make the connection covered therein. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Spraul, that if the Alexandria Light and Power Company, Alexandria, Virginia, does not move their poles erected along Route 251 at Falls Church under Permit #112, back of the ditch line as directed by the District Engineer of the Commission, within ten days, that said poles are to be removed from the highway entirely. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$30,000.00 under the Robertson Act for constructing a section of State Highway No. 14 in the Town of Altavista. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission grant Mr. R. W. Curtis \$100.00 in payment of claim for damage sustained on the work in building the bridge at Clifton Forge, Route 14, Project 189A, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be instructed to transfer the State Aid and Gas Tax Fund remaining in the Treasury of approximately \$88,500.00 to the State Engineering Account. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the final location of State Highway No. 331 from Woodstock to the West Virginia Line, be from Woodstock to a point at or near Columbia Furnace and thence running in the direction of Liberty to the West Virginia Line at a point to be determined on by the two Highway Commissions. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Haff, that an extension of time be granted the Pendleton Construction Company, on Project 169, Route 33, 3.17 miles south of Buchanan to 7.25 miles south of Buchanan, to October 15, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted G. S. Luck and Sons, on Project 126, Route 38, Rappahannock Academy - Moss Neck, to September 1, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Haff, that an extension of time be granted the Allport Construction Company, on Project 1180, route 33, 10.13 Miles south of Roanoke to 14.51 Miles south of Roanoke, to December 5, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted the Allport Construction Company, on Project 1180B, Route 33, 14.51 Miles South of Roanoke to 5.11 Miles North of Hooky Mount, to September 3, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

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There being no further business, the meeting ad-
journed subject to the call of the Chairman.

APPROVED -

H. G. Shirley
Chairman.

ATTESTED -

W. B. H. H. H.
Secretary.