

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

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COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA, HELD JANUARY 20,
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The State Highway Commission of Virginia, consisting of Messrs. R. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Bassie, Secretary, Hugh B. Sproul, J. Malke Truxton, and H. G. Gilmer, met at their office, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, on the morning of January 20, 1927, and gave a public hearing to all interested in the location of the incompletely sections of State Highway No. 34.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Accomac County was heard from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. each side having thirty minutes and Northampton County from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. with thirty minutes to each side.

Mr. J. Brooks Hupp, Mr. Fred E. Ruediger and Mr. A. T. Hickman represented those interested in the Route parallel to the Pennsylvania Railroad in Accomac County, and Mr. S. W. Jones represented those interested in the Bayside Route.

In Northampton County Mr. Thos. H. Nottingham and Mr. Durdlay represented the Route parallel to the Railroad and Mr. Wilkins, Chairman of the School Board and Mr. J. E. Nottingham, represented the Bayside, or Old Stage Road.

Mr. Hupp stated that it was his understanding that this route had been decided in part and that it should parallel the railroad, but if the Commission would not do this, then their next choice would be instead of going through Bear Swamp, when leaving Judsons Crossing go just back of the Town of

Mount Bush Street No. 85-P
Brown Shadley Co.

Keller and down a wide street called Jefferson Street, which is fifty feet wide, then back to the railroad at Painter and from Painter parallel the railroad to Bellhaven. Mr. Mepp stated that he thought the Commission would have to pay for all the right of way along Bear Swamp, whereas parallel to the railroad there are twenty-seven land owners from Keller to Bellhaven, two of which will not give the land and two others who have not been heard from, but the remaining twenty-three will give the right of way.

After all who wished to be heard had spoken, the hearing was closed.

Mr. J. J. Saunders, Mr. George A. Smith and Mr. R. S. McCollum appeared before the Commission in regards to the South Hill-Henderson Bridge on Route 31. They stated that they were having a valuation made of this structure and as soon as they had this would try and agree with the State on a fair price for same.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Masais, that the location of Route 34 from Nelfs South be parallel to the railroad tracks in Asconee County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masais, seconded by Mr. Sprout, that the location of Route 34 between Shadywade and Emmae be parallel to the railroad tracks in Northampton County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Trouton, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Chairman be authorized to offer the low bidder, Old Line Construction Company, Chester-town, Maryland, on Project 221B, .881 Miles North of Keller to 2.149 Miles South of Keller, the work on the new line at the same unit prices bid. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masais, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the line through Rocky Gap be located on the west side of the Norfolk & Western tracks

just north of the present bridge over Wolf Creek to Rocky Gap. Motion carried.

Minutes Read and Approved
Ernest Waller Co.

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, were read and it was moved by Mr. Trutten, seconded by Mr. Sproul that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of the bridge over Wallen's Creek at Stickleyville, Route 10, Project 481, to the low bidder Jenkins Construction Company, Norton, Virginia, at their bid of \$6,368.95 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$300.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$8,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of the bridge over Waqua Creek, Route 31, Project 455C, 14.7 Miles South of Dinwiddie, to the low bidder J. S. Bowers, Whitesville, North Carolina, at his bid of \$13,204.29 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of approximately \$15,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of the Bridge over Mattaway River, Route 31, Project 455B, 12.8 Miles South of Dinwiddie, to the low bidder, Nagedorn Construction Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, at their bid of \$33,773.45 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of approximately \$38,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

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Private Roads Co.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Bridges over Wolf Creek and Hunting Camp Creek, Route 26, Project 406MFJH, to the low bidder, H. S. Hudgings and Company, 1106 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, at their bid of \$45,694.25 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of approximately \$51,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of 1.776 Miles of graded and drained road, Route 323, Project 335B, East of Victoria, to the low bidder, Central Construction Company, Victoria, Virginia, at their bid of \$13,358.65 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$1,989.57 for Guard Rail, making a total of approximately \$17,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of the Virginia Electric & Power Company for permission to erect one leg of a steel tower on property adjacent to the south of the Falmouth Bridge, Route 31, be rejected. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that a permit be granted the Board of Supervisors of Arlington County to construct a 4 foot side walk along State Highway No. 251 from Mt. Vernon Boulevard to Russell Road, provided, however, they will agree to remove said side walk in the future without cost to the State when this space is needed for highway purposes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission allocate \$1,600 for rights of way on Route 332 from the Valley Pike to

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Roanoke Whittier Co.

Broadway, as per recommendation of Right of Way Engineer, F. D. Mealey. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Fractum, that the Commission appropriate \$100.00 a month towards paying the salary of a man employed by the Department of Agriculture to inspect gasoline. Motion carried.

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

To Alexandria Water Company, to lay an 8" water main along Route 36 for a distance of 1500 feet from Alexandria to the Telegraph Road,

To Appalachian Electric Power Co., Roanoke, Virginia, to erect 7 poles along Route 10 about 2.55 miles West of Salem to 2.85 miles West of Salem,

To Board of Water Commissioners, Ashland, Virginia, to tunnel under Route 39 in the Town of Ashland and make water connection,

To J. T. Brown, Portsmouth, Virginia, to tap water main and drive pipe underneath of concrete to connect with house on Route 40,

To Carroll County Board of Supervisors, Millville, Virginia, to lay a 1" water line across Route 15 in front of Court House to supply water,

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Norfolk, Va. to erect 12 poles and place one anchor guy on Route 40 between Portsmouth & Channing Ave, Graddock,

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Norfolk, Va. to construct two anchor guys on their present poles on Route 27,

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Norfolk, Va. to construct a telephone conduit for four manholes on Route 101 between 40th St. and Avenue "A".

To H. C. Chumbley, Christiansburg, Virginia, to erect 14 poles along Route 10 west of Christiansburg, same to be placed not more than 2' from edge of right of way.

To Floyd T. Deary, London Bridge, Virginia, to lay a strip of concrete along Route 10 adjacent to garage with a valley gutter in line with stone ditch,

To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install a $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap under Route 10 to supply the dairy of J.W. Maistead with water,

To J. C. Garrett, Galaxville, Virginia, to construct a gravel approach to filling station on Route 31 three miles north of Galaxville,

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Ernest Wedderburn

To Stuart Ellis, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to lay a 6" drain pipe along Route 31 in the Town of Falmouth,

To Fork Union Military Academy, to lay a 3" water main across Route 32 at Fork Union, same to be placed at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ " below surface of road,

To Miss Catherine Herring, Glasgow, Virginia, to drive a $\frac{1}{2}$ " water pipe under Route 33, 1.2 Miles south of Rixey Hill,

To Town of Millville, to lay a 2" water line across Route 15, 1200 ft. north of Court House, 2' 6" below surface of road,

To H. S. Marcus, Richardsonville, Virginia, to tap water main under Route 32 in the Town of Culpeper for a water line to filling station,

To H. S. Marcus, Richardsonville, Virginia, to place a 16" pipe and grade entrance into filling station on Route 32,

To McNease Land Corporation, Petersburg, Virginia, to make sewer and water tap in front of Lots 6,7,& 8, Block 57, Walnut Hill Addition, Route 35,

To Norfolk & Southern R.R. Company, Norfolk, Virginia, to erect 21 poles along Route 10 on north side, extending east from Oceanus,

To Old Dominion Power Company, Norton, Virginia, to erect 25 poles along Route 11 for distance of 3750 feet, from end of present line,

To Petersburg Gas Company, to install $\frac{1}{2}$ " service pipe to residence of H. E. Cummings, Route 31, Colonial Heights,

To Portsmouth Gas Company, to make a house connection and drill a gas pipe beneath Route 40 in Graddock,

To William Sinclair, The Plains, Virginia, to grade an entrance into filling station on Route 32 at intersection of the Marshall Road,

To G. H. Walton, Pendleton, Virginia, to grade a bank in front of new residence and sow the new grade with grass, Route 39.

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Norfolk, Virginia, to erect 383 poles 28 guy poles, 2 anchor guys and 6 push braces on Route 10 from Chinese Corner to Virginia Beach,

To Clos and Bennett, Richmond, Virginia, to make two sewer connections for houses on Lots 3 & 5, Block 2, Chamberlayne Avenue, Route 31,

To C. B. Mettleton, Covington, Virginia, to cross Route 14, .8 Miles East of Covington with two electric wires for house connection,

To J. H. Phelps, Roanoke, Virginia, to lay a 1" water line along Route 33 for a distance of 100 ft, joining line previously installed.

Motion carried.

Move 2nd Read Muster
Howard Bradley Co.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that in accordance with Chapter 212, Acts of 1926, the State Highway Commission having advertised for thirty days that they proposed to eliminate the present grade crossing of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company's tracks on State Highway No. 11 at Pisgah, in Tazewell County, by the construction of an undergrade crossing in lieu thereof, and whereas no objections were filed within the thirty days specified by law, the Commission orders the Chairman to proceed with the construction of the undergrade crossing in compliance with the law and to close the present grade crossing upon the completion and opening to traffic of the proposed undergrade crossing. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Massie, that whereas the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County requested the Commission to give them an extension of time to place the 2.6 miles of road added to the State Highway System in 1926 on Route 105, under the 2½ Clause, in acceptable condition, the commission hereby grants them an extension until such time as the weather will permit the said Board to place this mileage in acceptable condition. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that in the matter of price for soil taken from the property of Mr. Adams, Mr. DeJarnette and Mr. Howerton, Route 32, Project 153A, Zyliesburg - Red Oak, be left up to viewers to determine. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sprout, that Mr. Berkaley D. Adams be paid nothing for moving a house from right of way of Route 32, Project 153A. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission pay the Mt. Jackson & Howard's Lick Turnpike Company \$75.00 towards the expense of preparing deeds, etc., for turning over the Turnpike to the state.

Motion carried.

Memorandum No. 30-2
County Auditor's Office

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that whereas the Chairman having recommended to the Commission that certain sections of road be abandoned due to the building of State Highway No. 14 from Clifton Forge to a point west of Low Moor and various improvements made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, the Commission hereby abandons as public roads and crossings, so far as they have power and authority under Section 2, Chapter 212, Acts approved March 19, 1926, the following sections:

Beginning at a point in the West corporation line of Clifton Forge; thence in a westerly direction on a highway bridge (now removed) across the Jackson River, 250 ft. more or less to west end of bridge (now removed) thence in a westerly direction 370 ft. more or less, to a highway bridge (now removed) over the former tracks of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; thence in a Westerly direction on said bridge (now removed) 150 ft. more or less; thence in a westerly and southwesterly direction in order named across 10th, West Ridge-way, 11th, 12th, and 13th Streets, and through Blocks 110, 109, 108, and into block 107 of the town of Salem, Alleghany County, Virginia, to the point of convergence of the present and proposed location of the county road east of 14th Street. The above described line is the center line of the former county road 3172 feet, more or less, in length and with an average width of 20 feet, within above described limits.

Also beginning at the point of convergence of the old county road and the new highway, 250 ft. more or less, east of the east 1st line of Oakland Presbyterian Church; thence following meander of old county road in a northerly, northwesterly, westerly, southwesterly and a southeasterly direction in the order named, 3300 ft. more or less, in length and with an average width of 20 ft. to the center line of the westbound main track of the Clifton Forge Division of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway at undergrade bridge No. 2800; thence in a southerly, southwesterly and westerly direction, following meander of old county road 3400 ft. more or less in length and with an average width of 20 ft. to the point of convergence between old county road and new highway 800 ft. more or less, westerly from the west end of Pike Pond.

Also all of that portion of the old county road, being 20 ft. more or less in width and lying on the existing right of way of the Clifton Forge Division of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, and extending from the southerly line of new highway which crosses main track by underpass at station 5258+69.5, along southerly right of way line in a southwesterly direction, 480 ft. more or less; thence in a northwesterly direction across the main tracks at Station 5264+50, a distance of 100 ft. more or less; thence in a westerly direction 190 ft. more or less, to point of leaving right of way at its existing northerly line.

Motion carried.

Mayo Bank Note Co., Inc.
Ernest Wedder Co.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that Chief Engineer Mullen be authorized to trade in Cadillac Touring Car he is now using at the best price possible and purchase a new Cadillac Touring Car. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the convict camp now at Glade Springs be transferred to Route 111 near Haven. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the location of Route 31 from South Hill to the North Carolina line be via Lombardy Grove and thence straight to the bridge across Roanoke River. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Mr. W. H. Meadows be allowed \$600.00 on his claim on Route 11, Project P-3440, Bruce Siding - Coeburn, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, W. J. Jones Construction Company, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on Project 2798, Route 27, Bridge over South Branch of Elizabeth River at Great Bridge, be granted an extension of time of thirty days as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to take funds out of the District Funds to provide a proper culvert on Route 116 at property of J. B. Whapler. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to transfer sufficient funds from the allocation to Route 23 between Narrows and Rich Creek to the same route starting 2.5 miles west of Newport to 2 miles east of Newport. Motion carried.

House Resolution No. 44-P
Bristol Valley Co.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission take over the expenses of an additional convict camp as of January 1st, 1927, as requested by Colonel A. H. Youell in his letter of January 18, 1927. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the allocation of the additional funds from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Bristol District be revised and approved as follows:

BRISTOL DISTRICT

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10	Fort Chiswell - Chilhowie	Widen Marrow Concrete Brs.	\$13,600.00
10	Abingdon - Bristol	Widen Dam & Bridges	15,913.00
112	Hancockville - Lebanon	Bridges	5,567.00
11	Big Stone Gap - Appalachia	Repair Damage by Storm	18,000.00
15	Fort Chiswell - South	Bridges	15,000.00
118	Council - Russell County Line	Improving	<u>8,000.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$136,080.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Trantum, that the allocation of the additional funds from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Salem District be approved as follows:

SALEM DISTRICT

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12	Henry-Pittsylvania Line-Stuart	Oiling or Tarring	\$ 47,400.00
12	Hillsville - Woodlawn	Oiling or Tarring	11,000.00
15	Hillsville - Fancy Gap	Oiling or Tarring	18,000.00
10	Ridford - Pulaski	Widening Mac. & Grading	25,124.00
12	Crates Store - West	Grading and Bridges	<u>50,000.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$151,524.00

Motion carried.

Spokeman No. 12-C
Mount Valley Co.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the allocation of the additional fund from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Lynchburg District be approved as follows:

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10	Burkeville - Farmville	Oiling or Taring	\$ 15,000.00
20	Burkeville - Keyesville	Oiling or Taring	33,300.00
32	Keyesville - Jones Store	Oiling or Taring	66,612.00
16	Roseland - Claypool	Oiling or Taring	2,700.00
16	Brookneal - Volens	Oiling or Taring	13,500.00
18	Lynchburg - Amherst	Widening Bridges	<u>4,536.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$135,648.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the allocation of the additional fund from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Staunton District be approved as follows:

STAUNTON DISTRICT

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
39	Afton - Waynesboro	Resurfacing & Widening	\$ 35,000.00
33	W.Va. Line - Mount Jackson	Resurfacing & Widening	23,180.00
33	Mount Jackson - Staunton	Resurfacing & Widening	9,500.00
332	Valley Pike - Broadway	Widening	10,560.00
332	Valley Pike - Broadway	Right of Way	1,600.00
14	Covington - West	Grading	<u>58,400.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$138,240.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the allocation of the additional fund from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Culpeper District be approved as follows:

<u>CULPEPER DISTRICT</u>			
<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
32	Intersection Route 39-Gordonsville	Oiling or Taring	\$ 6,750.00
21	Massie's Corner - Washington	Settlements	22,500.00
37	Lignum - Wilderness Run	Oiling or Taring	13,950.00
31	Washington - Alexandria	Resurfacing	8,000.00
39	Crozet - Afton	Width Bros. & Calverta	15,000.00
32	Orange - Gordonsville	Settlements	<u>56,056.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$122,256.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the allocation of the additional funds from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Fredericksburg District be approved as follows:

<u>FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT</u>			
<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
37	Upstrass to Oak Grove	Oiling or Taring	\$ 16,650.00
37	Oak Grove to Perkins Fork	Oiling or Taring	18,600.00
37	Chancellorsville - Wilderness Run	Oiling or Taring	8,250.00
38	Caret - ChAMPLAIN	Oiling or Taring	4,500.00
38	Iraville - Port Tobacco Run	Oiling or Taring	4,800.00
38	Sts. Dunnsville & Center Cross	Oiling or Taring	1,200.00
371	Streets of Galleo	Oiling or Taring	600.00

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
100 Main Street New B.-P. Exwell Valley Co.			
30 Streets, West Point & Port Richmond		Oiling or Taring	\$ 3,600.00
13 Streets of Galion and Warsaw		Oiling or Taring	1,254.00
29 Gloucester Point-Gloucester C.H.		Improving	<u>19,518.00</u>
TOTAL			\$ 19,272.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the allocation of the additional funds from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Richmond District be approved as follows:

RICHMOND DISTRICT

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
20 Amelia - Burkeville		Oiling or Taring	\$13,500.00
10 Petersburg - Burkeville		Oiling or Taring	69,750.00
122 Edgerton - Nottoway River		Oiling or Taring	19,050.00
323 Victoria - East		Oiling or Taring	17,000.00
35 South of Petersburg		Improving	<u>39,028.00</u>
TOTAL			\$158,328.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the allocation of the additional funds from the Motor Vehicle License Tax in the Suffolk District be approved as follows;

<u>SUFFOLK DISTRICT</u>			
<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10	Smithfield - Prince George Co. lines	Oiling or Taring	\$40,600.00
40	Deep Creek - Portsmouth Deep Creek - N. C. Line)	Widening and Resurfacing	70,663.00
27	Great Bridge - Causeway	Widening	18,540.00
39	Newport News - Lee Hall	Improving	9,849.00
40	Portsmouth - South	Approaches to Cy- press Creek Bridge	<u>11,000.00</u>
TOTAL			\$158,652.00

Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

APPROVED -

H.J. Shirley
Chairman

APPROVED -

Wardell Kline
Secretary.