

Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Highway Commission of Virginia
Held in
Richmond, January 5, 1956.

At 9:00 A.M., Thursday, January 5, 1956, the State Highway Commission met in the Central Highway Office Building, Richmond, Virginia. Present - Messrs. J. A. Anderson, E. P. Barrow, S. S. Flythe, S. D. May, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Rawls, Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., and Wm. A. Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 1955, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission approve the permits issued from November 3, 1955, to January 5, 1956, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. May, that the permits cancelled by the Commissioner, from the November 3, 1955, meeting to January 5, 1956, inclusive, as authorized June 25, 1947, and recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Residency Office Building at Jonesville, Lee County, to the low bidder, E. L. Ford Construction Company, Inc., Norton, Va., at the bid of \$19,962.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$21,960.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1513-08, Route 646, 0.024 Mile E. of Int. Route 646 (Lake)-West Virginia State Line, Buchanan County, the low bid being 46.0% over estimate, and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Wright, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1584-18, Route 665, E. Int. Route 627 (S. of Manville)-Int. Route 646 (S. of Hill), Scott County, the low bid being 24.2% over estimate, and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1555-11-12-14, Route 626, 0.194 Mile W. of W. End Bridge over N. Meherrin River-0.175 Mile E. of E. End Bridge over Ledbetter Creek, Lunenburg County, the low bid being 15.1% over estimate, and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1564-15, Route 704, Bridge and Approaches Baldes Creek, 0.093 Mile E. of WCL Portsmouth-0.589 Mile W. of WCL Portsmouth, Norfolk County, the low bid being 12.5% over estimate, and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1526-12-13, Route 646, Int. Route 40 (E. of McKennay)-Int. Route 658 (S. of DeWitt), Dinwiddie County, to the low bidder, Burton P. Short & Son, Petersburg, Va., at the bid of \$72,726.62 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$80,000.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$40,000.00 State and \$40,000.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 5915-09, Route 297, 0.820 Mile W. of WCL Lynchburg-WCL Lynchburg Campbell County, to the low bidder, McDowall and Wood, Inc., Salem, Va., at the bid of \$127,845.86, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$453.59 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$141,050.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$70,735.00 State and \$70,315.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 5667-05, Route 85, 0.341 Mile N. of WCL Boykins-1.35 Mile N. of WCL Boykins, Southampton County, to the low bidder, Joe E. Taylor, Contractor, Emporia, Va., at the bid of \$38,635.78, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$779.62 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$45,500.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$22,051.00 State and \$21,249.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 4847-01, Routes 188Y and 188, Int. Route 30-James City-York County Line, James City County, to the low bidder, Virginia Engineering Company, Inc., Newport News, Va., at the bid of \$370,108.17, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$15,128.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$422,250.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$177,979.00 State and \$244,271.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 2748-02, Route 205, 1.50 Miles E. Int. Route 301-5.451 Miles E. Int. Route 301, King George County, to the low bidder, J. E. Courtney, King & Queen C. H., Va., at the bid of \$83,061.42, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$1,476.66 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$82, 850.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$47,155.00 State and \$45,695.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 2320-19-20-27-06, Route 360, 0.986 Mile E. Int. Route 621-0.451 Mile E. Ruttree Creek, Chesterfield County, to the low bidder, T. E. Brown, Windsor, N. C., at the bid of \$304,896.24, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$3,122.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$338,500.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$170,809.00 State and \$187,691.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Projects 2729-06 and 2529-05, Routes 7 and 244, Int. Routes 7 and 244 at Bailey's Cross Roads, Fairfax County, to the low bidder, Arlington Asphalt Company, Arlington, Va., at the bid of \$140,564.17, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$4,257.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$158,850.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$81,450.00 State and \$77,200.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1712-05-04, Route 58, 0.455 Mile E. of SCL Lawrenceville-0.564 Mile E. of SCL Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, to the low bidder, W. F. Magann Corp., Portsmouth, Va., at the bid of \$64,655.46, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$577.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$71,700.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with the following funds: \$577.00 State; \$70,751.00 Federal and \$372.00 Lawrenceville. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1352-04, Route 606, West Int. Route 624 (Keeke)-Wise County Line, Lee County, to the low bidder, Elusher Construction Corporation, Roanoke, Va., on REGULAR BID of \$118,012.61 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$129,800.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$64,900.00 State and \$64,900.00 Federal Funds. Additional \$15,607.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1398-12-13, Route 600, 0.049 Mile S. Int. Route 612 (Kearlin)-0.027 Mile E. Int. Route 621 (Hessah), Westmoreland County, to the low bidder, Richard F. Kiefer, Richmond, Va., at the bid of \$36,375.27 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$40,000.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$20,000.00 State and \$20,000.00 Federal Funds. Additional \$27,045.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1372-06, Route 627, Int. Route 15 (E. of Belona)-0.055 Mile S. Int. Route 60 (W. of Powhatan C.H.), Powhatan County, to the low bidder, D. W. Winkelman Carolina Co., Inc., Greensboro, N. C., at the bid of \$50,885.82 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$55,950.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$27,975.00 State and \$27,975.00 Federal Funds. Additional \$4,475.00 required to be provided in the 1958-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1858-20-21, Route 680, 0.054 Mile N. of N. End Bridge over Elk Creek-0.158 Mile S. of S. End Bridge over Elk Creek, Grayson County, to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Corporation, Wytheville, Va., at the bid of \$44,878.20 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$49,550.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed by the State. Additional \$59,350.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 and 1957-58 Regular Secondary Allocations to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Project 1324-07, Route 672, Int. Route 622 (W. of Trent's Mill)-0.024 Mile N. Int. Route 684, Cumberland County, to the low bidder, Garrett, Moon & Pool, Inc., Blackstone, Va., at the bid of \$29,814.49, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$5,795.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$36,600.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$20,202.00 State and \$16,398.00 Federal Funds. Additional \$5,795.00 required to be provided in the Regular Secondary Funds to the county; \$20,024.00 to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received November 16 for the construction of Contract No. C-3, Hampton Roads-For Tunnel and Approaches, Buildings and Mechanical and Electrical Work, to the low bidder, Tidewater Construction Corporation, Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$6,389,000.00, to be financed with Revenue Bond Act Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1508-19-20, Route 615, Culvert and Approaches Blue Spring Run, Alleghany County, to the low bidder, Bahls Brothers, Inc., Staunton, Va., at the bid of \$27,059.69, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$29,750.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$14,875.00 State and \$14,875.00 Federal funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1587-09-10-11-12, Route 635, Bridge and Approaches Black Creek and Bridge and Approaches Seacock Swamp, Southampton County, to the low bidder, Boney Construction Company, Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$95,950.75 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$105,550.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$52,775.00 State and \$52,775.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1509-16-20, Route 695, 0.017 Mile N. Int. Route 695 (N. of Montvale)-0.028 Mile S. of N. Int. Route 680, Bedford County, to the low bidder, Loughon & Johnson, Bedford, Va., at the bid of \$42,945.15 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$47,250.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$23,625.00 State and \$23,625.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1512-15-14, Route 658, 0.170 Mile N. Route 58 at Edgerton-Int. Route 634 (S. of Sucky Ordinary), Brunswick County, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at the bid of \$88,899.52 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$95,600.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$47,800.00 State and \$47,800.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1590-06, Route 626, Relocation at Fork of Moorea Swamp (S. of Beachland), Surry County, to the low bidder, Boney Construction Company, Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$21,600.65 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$23,750.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$11,875.00 State and \$11,875.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1509-11-15, Route 658, East Int. Route 611 (Kimball)-Int. Route 612, Page County, to the low bidder, A. B. Torrence & Co., Inc., Klinton, Va., at the bid of \$54,896.48 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$58,150.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$19,075.00 State and \$19,075.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1533-17-18, Route 890, 0.072 Mile S. of S. End Bridge over Pigg River-0.159 Mile N. of W. End Bridge over Pigg River, Franklin County, to the low bidder, Ralph E. Mills Co., Inc., Salem, Va., at the bid of \$53,584.90 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$58,700.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$28,350.00 State and \$29,350.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1519-12-15, Route 654, Int. Route 637 (E. of Drakes Branch)-0.05 Mile S. Int. Route 40 (W. of Keysville), Charlotte County, to the low bidder, H. A. Nunn, Virginia, Va., at the bid of \$44,816.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$49,300.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$24,650.00 State and \$24,650.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1517-05, Route 838, N. End of Bridge over Laurel Fork Creek (Near Route 630)-S. Int. Route 626, Carroll County, to the low bidder, Slusher Construction Corp., Roanoke, Va., at the bid of \$74,240.48 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$81,650.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$40,825.00 State and \$40,825.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1512-17-19, Route 662, Int. Route 611 (Barker "X" Roads)-Int. Route 659 (S. of Brodnax), Brunswick County, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., on ALTERNATE bid of \$81,155.69 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$89,250.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$44,625.00 State and \$44,625.00 Federal Funds. Additional \$33,647.00 required to be provided in the 1958-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1513-06, Route 646, 0.024 Mile E. of Int. Route 643 (Lake)-West Virginia State Line, Buchanan County, to the low bidder, Moore Brothers Co., Inc., Verona, Va., at the bid of \$165,892.75 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$180,500.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$90,150.00 State and \$90,150.00 Federal funds. Additional \$6,868.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1514-07-08, 0.058 Mile N. of Int. Route 640 (Near Andersonville)-0.050 Mile S. of Int. Route 60 (Buckingham C.H.), Buckingham County, to the low bidder, R. H. Rose, Richmond, Va., at the bid of \$89,277.18 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$98,200.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$49,100.00 State and \$49,100.00 Federal funds. Additional \$40,537.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1517-10, Route 691, Int. Route 620 (Aaron)-Int. Route 52 (S. of Fancy Gap), Carroll County, to the low bidder, Va. Asphalt Paving Co., Roanoke, Va., on REGULAR bid of \$95,022.18 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$102,500.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$51,150.00 State and \$51,150.00 Federal funds. Additional \$5,811.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1555-11-12-14, Route 626, 0.194 Mile W. of W. End Bridge over N. Meherrin River-0.175 Mile E. of E. End Bridge over Ledbetter Creek, Lunenburg County, to the low bidder, Sanford Construction Co., Inc., Sanford, N. C., at the bid of \$58,548.50 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$64,200.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$32,100.00 State and \$32,100.00 Federal funds. Additional \$15,466.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm action to READVETISE project 1668-70, Alternate Route 1, Right Turn Lane Imp. Alternate Route 1 and Fall Hill Avenue, City of Fredericksburg, no bids having been received on the project on December 21. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1873-15, Route 650, Int. Route 677-Int. Route 665 (E. of Warshaw) Prince Edward County, to the low bidder, J. L. Kent, Post Oak, Va., at the bid of \$27,537.10 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$30,500.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$15,150.00 State and \$15,150.00 Federal Funds. Additional \$9,775.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1384-13, Route 704, 0.095 Mile E. of WCL Portsmouth-0.589 Mile W. of WCL Portsmouth, Norfolk County, to the low bidder, W. F. Magann Corp., Portsmouth, Va., at the bid of \$117,813.75, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$55.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$129,650.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$64,825.00 State (Norfolk County Secondary Fund) and \$64,825.00 City of Portsmouth Funds. Additional \$15,198.17 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Regular State Secondary Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1384-18, Route 665, E. Int. Route 627 (S. of Manville)-Int. Route 645 (S. of Hill), Scott County, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Company, Roanoke, Va., at the bid of \$76,022.90 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$85,650.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$41,825.00 State and \$41,825.00 Federal funds. Additional \$22,169.00 required to be provided in the 1956-57 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1686-14, Route 11, 0.569 Mile W. WCL Marion-WCL Marion, Smyth County, to the low bidder, Turner Brothers, Contractors, Inc., Salem, Va., at the bid of \$151,013.28, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$2,434.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$166,550.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$85,492.00 State and \$83,058.00 Federal funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1688-70, Route 11, 0.546 Mile W. of ECL Wytheville-ECL Wytheville, Town of Wytheville, to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Corp., Wytheville, Va., at the bid of \$182,620.82, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$857.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$179,750.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$48,588.00 State, \$86,075.00 Federal, and \$47,109.00 Town of Wytheville funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 5738-01, Route 97, Int. Route 89 S. of Galax-Grayson-Carroll County Line, Grayson County, to the low bidder, Marvin V. Templeton & Son, Lynchburg, Va., at the bid of \$79,120.17, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$1,088.10 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$88,100.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$44,050.00 State and \$44,050.00 Federal funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received December 21 for the construction of Project 1895-09, Route 708, 0.047 Mile E. of Int. Route 58 (S. of Occoala)-Int. Route 91 (N. of Groseclose Corner), Washington County, the low bid being 15.4% over estimate, and READVERTISE. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received December 21 for Repairing and Resurfacing Parking Lot, Division of Motor Vehicles (Victoria Boulevard), Hampton, Va., the low bid being 15.5% over estimate and READVERTISE. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for construction of the James River Bridge System toll Administration Building, James River Bridge and Nansemond Toll Plazas, City of Warwick and Nansemond County, Routes 17 and 258; to the low bidder, Manson-Yates Construction Co., Inc., Warwick, Va., at the bid of \$92,700.00, to be financed with Revenue Bond Act funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for Borings and Probing, Newport News Connector, Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Project; to the low bidder, Carpenter Construction Co., Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$4,900.00, to be financed with Revenue Bond Act funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 21 for the construction of Projects 2046-02 and 2081-02, Route 17, Toll Plaza Construction-James River Bridge and Nansemond Toll Plazas, Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties; to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at the bid of \$179,127.35, to be financed with Revenue Bond Act funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-78.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 43 in Campbell County, being no longer necessary for use as a highway, they be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated October 10, 1955, Project 2615-05. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided under Article 2, Section 53-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 94 in Grayson County, being no longer necessary for uses as a Primary Highway, they be transferred to the Secondary System: Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated July 27, 1955, Project 3088-06. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that as provided under Article 2, Section 53-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 98 in Halifax County, being no longer necessary for uses as a Primary Highway, it be transferred to the Secondary System: Section 1 as shown on plat dated October 7, 1955, Project 4941-02. That as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-76.5 of the 1950 Code, Section 2 as shown on plat referred to be abandoned to the extent of alteration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-76.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 15 in Buckingham County, being no longer necessary for uses as a highway, it be discontinued as a part of the Primary System: Section 1 as shown on plat dated September 15, 1955, Project 1814-02-03. That as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-76.5 of the 1950 Code, the following sections be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Sections 3 and 4 shown on plat referred to. That as provided under Article 2, Section 53-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, Sections 2, 5 and 6 shown on plat dated September 15, 1955, Project 1814-02-06, be transferred from the Primary to the Secondary System. Further, as provided under Article 2, Section 53-141 of said Code, Section 7 shown on plat referred to be added to the Secondary System as a connection. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 28 in Fauquier County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway it be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Section 1 shown on plat dated November 7, 1955, Project 5830-03-04. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. May that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 19 in Tasewell County, being no longer necessary for uses as a highway, it be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Section 1 shown on plat dated September 28, 1955, Project 1992-11. Motion carried.

At the Commission meeting in Lexington on November 5, 1955, a resolution was adopted naming the Bridge over the N&W Railway on U. S. 220 in Rocky Mount the "W. N. Angle Memorial Bridge." On further request from the Town of Rocky Mount it is moved by Mr. Rawls and seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the name on the plaque to be erected on the Bridge on U. S. 220 over the N&W Railway in Rocky Mount, read the "William N. Angle Memorial Bridge, 1965." Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow that letter ballot action by the Commission be confirmed as follows: WHEREAS, a request has been made by Mr. Harry A. DeBette, President of the Southern Railway Company, Delegate Harrison Mann of Arlington, and the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors to transfer the current allocation of \$250,000.00 on Routes 50 and 17 at Paris to Route 17 between Delaplans and Paris; and, WHEREAS, a careful study has been made by the Department's engineers and it was found that structurally and geometrically there is very little difference between the two sections; that based on design capacity Route 17 will be adequate for about ten years while Route 50 is deficient now; and that while Route 17 has a higher accident rate than Route 50, the same number of accidents occurring on comparable sections of both routes, the higher rate is due to the lower traffic volume on Route 17; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the allocation remain on Routes 50 and 17 at Paris as originally allocated. Motion carried.

The questions received from Hon. W. H. Irvine, Chairman of the Virginia Railway Association, in his letter of November 21, and suggested answers, relative to loads, lengths, weights, AASHO formula, etc., having been sent to the Commission under date of November 25 for letter ballot action, it was moved by Mr. Watkins, and seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the questions and answers be confirmed as follows: 1. Question: What is the maximum single axle load that should be permitted on Virginia's roads? Answer: 18,000 pounds at the present time. 2. Question: If the AASHO formula is adopted in Virginia, should there be a limitation in the distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles? Answer: Yes, the limitation should be 35 feet. 3. Question: What should be the maximum overall length of vehicle combinations on Virginia's roads? Answer: 50 feet. 4. Question: Should there be a relationship between the weight of the load to be carried and the horsepower available? Answer: From all we can understand of the problem it is not practical at this time to write a law for such a requirement. 5. Question: Have you any figures or estimates showing the increased cost of constructing and maintaining a heavy duty truck road over and above what it would cost to construct and maintain a road carrying only passenger cars and light trucks (up to 10,000 pounds)? Answer: We do not have any accurate figures or estimates on this. 6. Question: Have you any later figures than those furnished the Marr Commission showing a breakdown of the number of tractor-trailer units Virginia owned as compared with out-of-State owned units? Answer: No. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm its letter ballot action as follows: WHEREAS, it is proposed to construct on new location with Federal participation, Project 8599-05 in York County, beginning at the North City Limits of Williamsburg and running northeast to tie in at grade intersection with the heretofore approved Route 152, the proposed construction to be added to the Primary System; also by request of the City Council of Williamsburg, Route 31 to be redesignated, making necessary adjustments in numbering of certain portions of existing Primary Routes in the vicinity of Williamsburg; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that under authority of Section 55-26 of the

1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that the proposed construction in York County beginning at the NCL of Williamsburg northeast 0.20 mile to tie in with Route 152 at grade intersection, be added to the Primary System of Highways, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with a resolution adopted on November 10, 1955, by the City Council of Williamsburg, that upon completion of the construction on new location proper changes in designation of Primary System Routes in the vicinity of Williamsburg be made as follows: Route 51 to be re-routed beginning in Williamsburg at its intersection with Route 60-Z and Boundary Street, east on Duke of Gloucester Street to Henry Street and north on Henry Street and the proposed new construction to the NCL of Williamsburg; thence over the new addition to be constructed in York County and continuing northerly over Route 152 to a terminus at the intersection of Route 168 just north of Queens Creek; thus leaving only the spur end to remain as Route 152 leading to the NCL Williamsburg toward the Colonial National Monument Parkway. Present Route 51 markers to be removed from overlap portions of Routes 60-Z and 60 in Williamsburg. Route 51 to be renumbered as Route 162, beginning at the intersection of Route 162 and Route 51 (Page Street) in Williamsburg, northerly to the intersection of Route 168 just north of Williamsburg in York County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm its letter ballot action as follows: That, as provided under Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 55, of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that proposed Route 51, Project 5399-06, on new location beginning at the NCL of Williamsburg northeast a distance of 0.20 mile to tie in with the present Limited Access Highway Route 152 at grade intersection, be declared a Limited Access Highway. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that WHEREAS, the Traffic and Planning Division has studied the need for a sidewalk on the bridge over Carlyn Springs Road and found that only 12 pedestrians are now using the bridge on Route 50; and WHEREAS, the right of way for the sidewalk on Route 211 between North Edison Street and Glebe Road has not been donated, and it will be more economical to construct the sidewalk when improvements are made in rebuilding this section of road; and WHEREAS, the right of way for the sidewalk on Route 211 from Route 120, east, has not been donated, and a section of this sidewalk is included in a project now under construction; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following allocations in the Culpeper District be transferred to the District Construction Reserve as recommended by the engineers of the Department:

Route 50 - \$10,000	(1954-55 funds)	Sidewalk on bridge over Carlyn Springs Road
Route 211- \$ 8,000	(1952-53 funds)	Sidewalk between North Edison Street and Glebe Road
Route 211- \$10,000	(1953-54 funds)	Sidewalk on Route 120 - East.

Motion carried.

The question of relocations and by-passes having been before the Commission and fully considered, including the report on the hearing on the Harrisonburg By-pass, it is moved by Senator Wright and seconded by Mr. Rawls that the following be the policy of the Department with respect to handling the problems:

1. That a preliminary hearing be held at the district level in the very early stages of the development of the proposed project. Proposed lines and possibilities to be discussed for later development.
2. Following the preliminary hearing, plans would be developed on what appears to be the most feasible line.
3. If the local citizens are not then satisfied, a further hearing could be requested. This hearing to be held either before the Commission or at least the Commissioner for the district concerned. At this hearing, the Chief Engineer or other representatives of the Department would make recommendations with reference to the project from an engineering standpoint and the local citizens would express their views and preferences with respect to the other features. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rawls; that WHEREAS, it appears that the sentiment expressed at the hearing held at Harrisonburg on November 22 was overwhelmingly in favor of "Line B", also called the "short line", THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this line be adopted as the route to be followed by the Harrisonburg By-pass. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that letter ballot action be confirmed as follows: That the resolution adopted by the State Highway Commission at the meeting held on October 7, 1954, and amended at the meeting held on March 24, 1955, which designated certain sections of the Hampton Roads Project (Hampton Roads Bridge and Tunnel System) as limited access highways in accordance with Section 53-57 et. seq. of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, be amended further by adding a fourth section thereto and designated the same as Section IV, as follows: Section IV - from the mean low water mark of Hampton Roads on the Norfolk side of the South Expressway to construction station 1007/75/-; a distance of approximately 557 feet. Motion carried.

At 7:50 A.M., Monday, November 14, the following members of the Commission left the Central Highway Office Building, for an inspection trip: Messrs. J. A. Anderson, E. P. Barrow, S. S. Flythe, Burgess E. Nelson, and S. W. Rawls. Accompanying the Commission were Mr. F. A. Davis, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer, Mr. R. P. Ellison, Executive Assistant and Mr. J. P. Mills, Jr., Traffic and Planning Engineer. The Commission went from Richmond to Princeton, New Jersey on the 14 and spent the night at The Princeton Inn. On the 15 the trip was continued from Princeton to Allentown, Pennsylvania. The night was spent at the Tourims Motel on Route 22, 5 miles S. W. of Allentown, Pa. The return trip was completed on the 16, arriving in Richmond at 4:50 P.M. on Wednesday. A full report covering this trip was mailed to the Members of the Commission on December 14, 1955.

The problem of the naming of Routes 17 and 3 in the Fredericksburg District was discussed. It was agreed that action on the naming or renaming of sections of these Routes would be deferred until a meeting of the Commission in late spring or early summer of 1956.

A letter of November 8, 1955, from Mr. Harold I. Baumes, Executive Secretary, League of Virginia Municipalities, was read to the Commission. Mr. Baumes thanked the Commission and expressed appreciation for its kindness in continuing the Urban Section as a part of the VML-Highway Conference in 1955.

Each Member of Commission was given a map showing 1955 Additions to the Interstate System in Virginia, and were advised that the studies being conducted by the Department are incomplete and doubtless some relocations will be made.

The Chairman further stated that this week in a talk with Mr. Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, he learned that a very strong message would be forthcoming on the State of the Union in an effort to get out as big a highway bill as possible.

A verbal report was made on the Revenue Bond Act projects.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, whereas, a section of Route 460 in Bedford County has been altered and constructed in accordance with plans for Project 1909-17 (right of way plans-Project 1909-10), opened to public use and approved by the State Highway Commissioner; and at the meeting of the State Highway Commission held on November 3, 1955, three certain sections of the old location of Route 460 shown on Location and Design Division Sketch dated March 11, 1955, were declared abandoned, pursuant to Section 55-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended; and Whereas, pursuant to an option-agreement dated April 27, 1955, E. N. Black, Jr. (sole heir of E. N. Black, Sr., deceased) and his wife conveyed certain right of way shown on Plan Sheet 5 to the Commonwealth by deed dated June 5, 1955, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 247, Page 286, which option-agreement provides for the release and quitclaim by the Commonwealth to E. N. Black, Jr., of the portion of the old location and right of way of Route 460, about 475 feet in length, lying south of the new location and west of connection of Route 715 with the new location and along his remaining lands, which, on the south side, extend westerly to a right of way monument opposite about Station 658/00 on the centerline of the new location, and which portion is a part of Section 1 of the said three sections of old location declared abandoned; and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that this part of the said section is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System. Now, Therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the release and quitclaim of the said section and right of way of the old location, about 475 feet in length, to E. N. Black, Jr., in accordance with said option-agreement and in consideration of the said conveyance deed, is hereby approved and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that, whereas, in connection with Route 220, Project 1844-18-17, in Henry County, the Commonwealth acquired all of a certain parcel of land from Dale T. and Naomi S. Jessee, husband and wife, and a portion of the project right of way, both shown on Plan Sheet 5, from Albert Vernon and Dorothy M. Dalton, husband and wife, by deeds dated October 7 and November 1, 1954, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 127, Pages 285 and 425; and whereas, a residue portion of the said parcel of land lies on the southeast side of the normal right of way required for the said route and project and adjoins the remaining lands of the said Dale T. and Naomi S. Jessee on the west and south sides, and the right of way agreement dated October 20, 1954, between these parties and the Commonwealth provides, as a part of the consideration, that a recommendation will be made to the State Highway Commission that the said residue portion of the former Jessee land be quitclaimed to them; and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that this residue portion does not constitute a section of the public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System. Now, Therefore, pursuant to Section 33-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for and in consideration of the said right of way agreement dated October 20, 1954, and deed dated November 1, 1954, the release and quitclaim of the said residue portion of the former Jessee land to the said Albert Vernon and Dorothy M. Dalton is hereby approved, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that, whereas, in connection with the improvement of Routes 50 and 120, Projects 1900-05 and 2400-05, in Arlington County, by deed dated May 13, 1953, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 1104, Page 487, Bertram J. Greenhouse, unmarried, conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia certain land described in said deed as containing 34,640 square feet, more or less, together with the right and easement to use the additional areas shown as being required for the proper execution and maintenance of the work, which additional areas are outlined in green on photo copies of Plan Sheets 8, 9, 15 and 16 attached to and made a part of said deed; and whereas, the construction and improvement of said routes and projects has been completed upon the land and easement conveyed by the said deed and the land embraced within the said easement or additional areas has been graded to approximately the level of the adjacent highway, which removed the necessity for the right and easement to use such additional areas, and the said Bertram J. Greenhouse has requested that this right and easement be released; and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the same do not now constitute sections of the public road and are deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System. Now, Therefore, as provided for by Section 33-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the release and quitclaim of the said right and easement to use the said additional areas to the said Bertram J. Greenhouse in consideration of the premises and of the sum of \$1.00 is hereby approved, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, whereas, in connection with Route 147, Project 4720-02, in Chesterfield County, the Commonwealth acquired certain 110-foot right of way and two small residue parcels of land along the northwest side thereof, Plan Sheets 3 and 4, from Schmidt Investments, Incorporated, by deed dated December 26, 1950, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 586, Page 127; and whereas, the Nottingham Development Corporation is now the owner of all or the major portion of three certain parcels of land formerly belonging to George C. Gregory and lying along the northwest side of the said 110-foot right of way and one of the said residue parcels of land, Plan Sheet 3; the said George C. Gregory and his wife having conveyed certain sections or portions of said right of way and a small residue parcel of land to the Commonwealth by deeds dated June 17, 1948 (Plan Sheet 7 - Project 4720-01) and November 6th, 1950 (Plan Sheets 3 and 4 - Project 4720-02) and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Books 558 and 580, Pages 488 and 81; the latter residue parcel of land having been conveyed by the Commonwealth to the Nottingham Development Corporation by deed dated May 17, 1954, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the State Highway Commission at the meeting held on May 12-14, 1954; and whereas, the Department of Highways has determined that additional right of way 15 feet in width along the northwest side of the 110-foot right of way, or a total width of 70 feet from the centerline of Route 147, along the said land will be required for future development and improvement of Route 147, and the Nottingham Development Corporation proposes to convey to the Commonwealth the additional width of 15 feet, containing 0.50 acre, more or less, along the three parcels of land now owned by the Corporation, in exchange for the Commonwealth's conveyance to it of that portion, containing 0.10 acre, more or less, of the residue parcel of land, Plan Sheet 3, acquired from Schmidt Investments, Incorporated, as aforesaid, which lies along and/or opposite one of its said parcels of land and outside of a line parallel to and 70 feet from the centerline of Route 147 and also release and quitclaim to it of that portion, containing 0.09 acre, more or less, of the northwesterly one-half of the old location and right of way of Route 147 which lies adjacent to the said residue parcel of land and outside of the line 70 feet from the centerline; and whereas, at the meeting of the State Highway Commission held on November 8, 1952, a resolution was adopted declaring the several sections of the old location and right of way of Route 147 on Project 4720-02 outside of the new location and right of way abandoned in accordance with Section 33-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended; and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the portion of the said residue parcel and the one-half of the said old location and right of way of Route 147 proposed to be conveyed and quitclaimed to the Nottingham Development Corporation do not constitute sections of the public road and are no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System. Now, therefore, as provided for by Section 33-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the portion of the said residue parcel containing 0.10 acre, more or less, with special warranty of title, and the release and quitclaim of the one-half of the said old location and right of way containing 0.09 acre, more or less, to the Nottingham Development Corporation are hereby approved, in consideration of and in exchange for the conveyance by this Corporation to the Commonwealth, with general warranty of title, of the said additional 15 feet of right of way containing 0.50 acre, more or less; and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that, whereas, by deed dated June 29, 1936, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Madison County in Deed Book 54, Page 268, W. T. Knight, et ux, conveyed certain normal 50-foot right of way to the Commonwealth for Route 18, later Route 27 and now Route 250, Project 1119-A, Plan Sheets 5 and 6; however, it appears that Route 18 was not reconstructed upon this right of way but upon certain other right of way of a normal width of 80 feet, Project 1119-C, Plan Sheets 15 and 18, conveyed to the Commonwealth by Julius Knight by deed dated December 20, 1939, and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 57, Page 171; and whereas, the Madison Livestock Market, Incorporated, now owns all or the major portions of the former lands of the said W. T. and Julius Knight remaining after their conveyances to the Commonwealth as aforesaid and situate between the aforesaid 80-foot right of way on the south side and the old County Road on the north side, the latter at one time Route 18 and later Route 27, exclusive, of course, of the said 50-foot right of way; and whereas, the Madison Livestock Market, Incorporated, wishes the Commonwealth to release to it the aforesaid 50-foot right of way where the same abuts upon and along its lands on the north and south sides, and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the portion of this right of way lying entirely outside of the aforesaid 80-foot right of way and abutting upon and along the said lands does not constitute a section of the public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System. Now, therefore, as provided for by Section 35-76.8 of the 1960 Code of Virginia, as amended, the release and quitclaim to the Madison Livestock Market, Incorporated, of the 50-foot right of way which does not constitute a section of the public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System as aforesaid is hereby approved, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a release deed accordingly, for such consideration as he may deem adequate, provided, however, that no part of this right of way which does not abut upon and along the lands now owned by this corporation shall be released to it, Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that, whereas, in or about 1927, in connection with a section of old Route 10, now Route 480, Project 142-AB, the Commonwealth acquired by condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court of Campbell County against W. R. Foreman certain 50-foot right of way, Plan Sheet 15, and in or about 1958, this section of Route 480 was relocated and reconstructed in accordance with plans for Project 142-AR1, BR1, leaving a portion of the old 50-foot right of way on the south side of the new location and normal 80-foot right of way opposite Station 515/00 to Station 516/00, approximately, which portion of old 50-foot right of way is adjacent on both its northwest and southeast sides to lands now owned by T. W. Booth and along its centerline is about 300 feet in length and contains 0.34 acre, more or less; and whereas, the relocation and reconstruction of this section of Route 480 has been approved by the State Highway Commissioner and serves the same citizens as the portion of old location and 50-foot right of way adjacent to the lands of T. W. Booth, who desires that the Commonwealth quitclaim the same to him for \$100.00, which is deemed adequate; and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that this portion is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System. Now, therefore, pursuant to Section 35-76.5 of

the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the said portion of old location and 50-foot right of way along the lands of T. W. Booth is hereby declared abandoned; and as provided for by Section 55-78.8 of said Code, the quit-claim of the same to him for a consideration of \$100.00 is hereby approved, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the following resolution be adopted: WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, at its regular meeting held in the Council Chambers of the City of Hampton on Wednesday, December 7, 1955, at 2:00 P.M., passed a resolution requesting the State Highway Commission to confine the taking of real property in the City of Hampton, Virginia, from the land owned by Colonel and Mrs. R. O. Akre, South Willard Avenue, Hampton, Virginia, to that portion of the real property heretofore taken for use by the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel System and as shown upon the petition for condemnation filed and now pending in the Circuit Court for the City of Hampton, Virginia, and not to take any other and further property of Colonel and Mrs. R. O. Akre located at the intersection of South Willard Avenue and National Avenue, Borough of Phoebus, City of Hampton, Virginia; and WHEREAS, the said resolution passed by the Council of the City of Hampton further resolved that a copy of said resolution be sent to General J. A. Anderson, Highway Commissioner for the Virginia Department of Highways to be presented to the State Highway Commission for its consideration and was duly submitted to the Highway Department by Mr. William S. Coburn, City Manager, with his letter dated December 15, 1955. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That after due and careful consideration by the Engineers of the Department of Highways and the consultants employed by the said Department, it has been found advisable and to the best interest of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel System to acquire all of the said property of Colonel and Mrs. R. O. Akre in order to effect better access to the Administration Building and service parking area. Motion carried.

The Chairman stated to the Commission that he felt every problem was handled by individual members of the Commission and the Department's engineers; possibly 99 percent being straightened out. Occasionally it was necessary for a hearing to be given on a request.

A group of approximately 25 citizens from the LaGrasse area, including Senator A. S. Harrison and Delegate C. W. Gleaton, appeared before the Commission relative to the relocation of Route 58 through LaGrasse and in that vicinity, Senator Harrison thanked the Commission for the time set up for the hearing and Delegate Gleaton introduced the speakers after Mr. F. A. Davis, Chief Engineer, described the wall map showing the roads and proposals in detail. The speakers were Messrs. R. D. Cook, C. D. Jones, J. D. Jones, B. B. Jones, Smithers, Rainey, W. B. Smith, and Mayor M. M. Moseley. The delegation requested that the location not follow the proposed line but cut across the railroad at grade and leave the road in the town. It was further stated that it would be preferable to all those present that the road be placed south of the Town by cutting off at Brodnax and coming back into 58 rather than have the Department's location. Mayor Moseley interested in getting the problem settled as it had been under consideration for 27 years. The Chairman thanked the group for coming before the Commission to discuss the problem.

A hearing was given on the award of contract on bids received October 19 on Project 1929-07-08-09-10-12, Route 50, Grade Separation at Fort Buffalo (Seven Corners), Fairfax County, on which the low bidder was the Rea Construction Company, Inc., Charlotte, N. C. The hearing was requested by Guy H. Lewis & Son, contractor, McLean, Va., who took exception to the bid of the low bidder as being unbalanced on certain items. Mr. J. Randolph Tucker, Jr., appeared with Mr. Lewis as his counsel, and made his presentation and objection to award of contract to the low bidder. Representing the Rea Construction Company were Mr. Wuertenberger, Mr. Joe Burress, Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. Haywood Robins, attorney. Mr. Robins thanked the Commission for its consideration during 18 years of working in Virginia on Highway Department work; stating he believed the company made a good bid for the State and for the company and they desired to leave the matter in the hands of the Commission. Mr. Tucker read the report presented to the Commission by the representatives of the Rea Construction Company and returned to the hearing room to reiterate his former statements. The group was thanked by the Chairman for coming in to discuss the problem and advised that the matter would be given full and careful consideration by the Commission.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that revised ordinance and agreement having been properly executed with the Town of Branchville as of November 7, 1955, it be officially accepted by the Commission. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, by letter ballot submitted to the members of the State Highway Commission by letter from General J. A. Anderson, dated June 15, 1955, approval was obtained for the purchase of property for Permanent Convict Camp No. 16 in New Kent County, Virginia, said property being described in part as the property of W. F. and C. L. Woodward, and WHEREAS, because of opposition from a number of citizens, this property was not purchased by the Department of Welfare and Institutions and said property is no longer deemed desirable by the Department for the purpose aforesaid, and WHEREAS, a certain part and parcel of land belonging to D. N. and Frances S. Sutton, his wife and W. G. and Jessie L. Waring, his wife, situated in the County of New Kent, State of Virginia, which said property is bounded on the North by the old road leading from Angel View Church to Barhamville; on the East by the property of Joe Pascavitz and the remaining property of D. N. and Frances S. Sutton, his wife, and W. G. and Jessie L. Waring, his wife; on the South by State Highway Route 168 and on the West by the property of John Hrabekinski, containing forty-three (43) acres, more or less, for the sum of \$4,750.00, is deemed desirable as the permanent site for Convict Camp No. 16 in New Kent County, now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action taken by the Commission on June 20, 1955, approving the purchase of the property of W. F. and C. L. Woodward for the permanent site of Convict Camp No. 16 is rescinded and that the purchase of the property of D. N. and Frances S. Sutton, his wife, and W. G. and Jessie L. Waring, his wife, described in more particularity as aforesaid, is approved as the site for Permanent Convict Camp No. 16.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that WHEREAS, Section 46-556 of the Code of Virginia 1950 provides that the State Highway Commission, may, by general or special order, which may be amended or rescinded from time to time, increase the maximum weights permitted on the road surface of certain highways, or parts thereof, such as in the opinion of the Commission are capable from the standpoint of the design, strength and conditions, of carrying such maximum weights as prescribed in Sub-sections (3) and (4) of this section; and whereas, Sub-section (3) of said Section provides maximum limits of having 18,000 pounds axle weights and gross weights of 40,000 pounds for vehicles having three axles; and whereas, Sub-section (4) of said section provides maximum limits of 18,000 pounds axle weights and gross weights of 50,000 pounds for vehicles having four or more axles; and whereas, Section 46-557, provides that the State Highway Commission shall cause every highway or part thereof, on which the maximum weight per axle and the maximum gross weight have been increased as provided in the preceding Section to be marked with appropriate signs indicating respective weight limits permitted; the State Highway Commission hereby orders that appropriate signs be posted on the following:

<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>
58	Int. Route 25 south of Duffield, Scott County	Int. Alt. Route 58 at Jonesville, Lee County	22.89

(Total of 6,372.78 miles* in the 50,000 pound system and 51.87 miles in the 40,000 pound system. *5,956.57 miles in the Primary System, 456.41 miles in the Secondary System.) Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, WHEREAS, under authority of Section 35-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the City of Charlottesville for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards, also deletion of one street for payment; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the City of Charlottesville on additional streets totaling 1.529 miles; also that 0.110 mile on University Way be deleted from the \$500 Per Mile streets, giving a net addition of 1.219 miles effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1956. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 35-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the City of Bristol for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the City of Bristol on additional streets totaling 6,852 miles, effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1956. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 55-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the Town of Front Royal for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the Town of Front Royal on additional streets totaling 1,507 miles, effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1958. Motion carried.

Senator Burgess E. Nelson suggested that a study be undertaken to show the possibility of having legislation in Virginia requiring a minimum speed as well as the maximum speed specified on certain highways; this to avoid accidents from slow drivers on a 'fast speed' highway and to save time for those who wish to travel at the maximum speed. Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Francis Lee, advised the Commission that this was taken care of by present laws. It was decided that with the help of the Department's engineers and its attorneys (1) a study be undertaken to see if adequate legislation is provided and (2) if there is anything further that the Commission can do to help the situation.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at noon and proceeded to the Raleigh Hotel for lunch.

Approved-


Chairman

Attested-


Secretary