

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION HELD
IN RICHMOND, VA. FEB. 25, 1925.

On the morning of February 25th, 1925, the State Highway Commission consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, H. B. Sproul, I. Walke Traxler, and A. J. Huff, assembled at their office, 314 State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting held January 15th, 1925, were then read and it was moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following sections of road added to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause of the Law for maintenance and construction be confirmed:

COUNTY	LOCATION	LENGTH IN MILES	
		CONST.	MAINT.
<u>BRISTOL DISTRICT</u>			
Grayson	Extension of Route 26 south of Independence to a point four miles distance	4.0	
Lee	Extension of Route 116 to a point 4.5 Mi. South of the Wise County Line	4.5	
Russell	Roads to a point seven miles towards Honaker, Route 118,		7.0
Washington	Extension of Route 106, Abingdon to a point five miles south tw. Tennessee Line		5.0
Blair	Extension of Route 26 to 8.5 Miles North towards Rocky Gap	8.5	

COUNTY	LOCATION	LENGTH IN MILES	
		COUNTY	STATE
<u>SALEM DISTRICT</u>			
Botetourt	Extension of Route 142 via Fincastle to a point 9.5 Miles South	2.0	7.5
Giles	Extension of Route 109 to a point Five Miles towards Pearisburg		5.0
Franklin	Extension of Route 335 to a point 6.4 Miles towards Bedford	6.4	
Bedford	Extension Route 335 to a point 6.4 Miles towards Rocky Gap	6.3	
Henry	Ridgeway to a point Five miles South-east towards the North Carolina Line, Route 337		5.0
<u>LYNNBURG DISTRICT</u>			
Buckingham Cumberland	Extension Route 322 to a point Eight miles towards Cumberland Court House		8.0
Buckingham	Extension Route 322 to a point Five Miles towards Amherst	5.0	
Amherst	Extension Route 322 to a point Six Miles towards Buckingham	4.4	1.6
Amherst	Extension Route 322 to a point 3.4 Miles west towards Queen Vista		3.4
<u>STANTON DISTRICT</u>			
Shenandoah	At or near Mt. Jackson to a point Seven Miles in the direction of Orkney Springs, Route 336		7.0
Roanoke	Extension of Route 333 to a point Five Miles towards Hawley Springs	5.0	
Augusta	Extension of Route 334 to a point Five Miles towards Waynesboro	5.0	
Bath	Extension of Route 142 to a point 5.76 Miles south of Millboro Springs tw. Longdale	5.76	
Alleghany	Extension of Route 142 to a point 2.63 Miles North of Longdale		2.63
Highland	Extension Route 395 to a point Five Miles Northeast towards West Virginia Line		5.0

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COUNTY	LOCATION	LENGTH IN MILES	
		POST.	MAINT.
<u>GULFPORT DISTRICT</u>			
Arlington	Extension Route 251 South to a point 4.3 Miles, (Oleta Road)	4.3	
Fairfax	Route 325, Tyson's Corner to a point West 2.6 Miles		2.6
Orange	Extension Route 374 East to a point Five Miles towards Wilderness Run		5.0
Pauquier	Intersection Route 32 via Bealton to a point 3 Miles South towards Fredericksburg, Route 327	3.0	
Albemarle	Extension Route 28 Charlottesville North 9.11 Miles towards Ruckersville	4.59	4.52
<u>FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT</u>			
King George	Extension of Route 375 to a point East 8.44 Miles towards Dahlgren	4.0	4.44
Middlesex	Extension of Route 38 South to a Point 3.71 Miles towards Mathews	3.71	
Stafford	From a point on Route 31 at or near Falmouth to a point Four Miles North towards Bealton, Route 327		4.0
<u>RICHMOND DISTRICT</u>			
Henrico	Extension Route 41 Northwest to a Point 6.39 Miles towards Richmond	4.39	2.0
Occochee	Extension Route 321 to a point Six Miles East towards Richmond	6.0	
Prince George	Extension Route 24 to a point Five Miles North towards Route 35	5.0	
Lunenburg	Extension Route 124 to a point 10.85 Miles North towards Route 323		10.85
Amelia	Extension Route 132 to a point Four Miles South towards Amelia		4.0

COUNTY	LOCATION	LENGTH IN MILES-	
		CONST.	MAINT.
<u>SUFFOLK DISTRICT</u>			
Greenville	Extension Route 24 to a point Five Miles North towards Stony Creek		5.0
York	Extension Route 391 to a point 5.5 Miles South towards Hampton	5.5	
Sussex	From Route 35 near Homeville to a point 8.6 Miles East through Waverly, Route 351,	1.6	7.0
Isle of Wight	Extension Route 108 to a point Five Miles North towards Windsor		5.0

Ayes: Messrs. Massie, Sproul, Huff, and Truxton. Mr. Shirley voting aye with the exception of the Bealton-Falmouth Road, he voting Nay on this Project Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of McGuire and Wolfe, Contractors on Project 295G, Route 39, Seven Pines-Richmond, for an extension of time be rejected as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Hullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time on Project 131, Route 11, Norton-Forks of Road at Big Stone Gap, H. H. Golling, Contractor, be granted to September 20th, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Hullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted Perkins and Barnes, Contractors on Project 188A, Route 323, Lunenburg Courthouse-Five Miles West, for a period of 30 days, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Hullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted Ellis, Brooks and Company, Contractors on Project 276, Route 39 Louisa-Gotham, to December 13, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer

Mullen. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Masole, that an extension of time be granted F. F. White and Company, Contractors on Project 301B, Route 28, Nelson County Line-Rad Hill Cross Roads, to August 8th, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted W. W. Boxley and Company, Contractors on Project 169, Route 33, Tinkers Creek-Blue Ridge Church, to August 31st, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Mr. Hull, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke, Mr. Kosmas, Secretary, and Senator Willis, came before the Commission in regards to the completion of the Roanoke-Rocky Mount road. They considered it of prime importance that this section of Route 33 be hard surfaced as it would then give a first class road all the way from the North Carolina line north. They stated that they would advance \$75,000.00 under the Robertson Act so the work could be completed this year in addition to the \$38,000.00 previously promised, to be immediately turned over to the Commission. It was their understanding that it would cost approximately \$190,000.00 to complete this stretch, which would leave \$75,000.00 to be raised by the Commission, the \$38,000.00 having already been put under contract, not including overhead crossing at Seomes Mill and Rocky Mount.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the Commission accept the agreement from the Commission of Roads and Bridges for the County of Norfolk covering change in Route 40 so as to avoid destruction of a certain large tree near John Wallace's Store, the County agreeing to perpetually maintain the embankment along the Dismal Swamp Canal against erosion or sloughing off between Sta. 237473 and Sta. 241427 as shown on plans of the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

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 James Waddy Co.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$50,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of Route 14 between Locke's Mountain and Big Island, for the year beginning July 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$200,000.00 under the Robertson Act, for the construction of a bridge across the Rappahannock River at Tappahannock for the year beginning July 1st, 1925, in addition to the \$200,000.00 accepted during the year ending June 30, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$150,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the improvement of a section of Route 26 from Bland Court House towards Rocky Gap for the year beginning July 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$125,000.00 under the Robertson Act, for the construction of section of Route 21 from Luray west, for the year beginning July 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$50,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of the Streets of Waverly, for the year beginning July 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$60,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of a section of Route 111 in Buchanan County, for the year beginning July 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

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2 Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$150,000.00 under the Robertson Act, from Carroll County, for the year beginning July 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept a loan of \$10,000.00 under the Robertson Act from Calhoun County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission revoke permit granted to Mr. Holland L. White to operate a tractor over Route 291 due to the fact that he is using an engine equipped with cleats that greatly injure the surfacing of the road. 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 Stuart & Laurel Fork Telephone Co. to construct telephone line along Route 12, Patrick County,

To Department of Public Utilities, Richmond, Virginia, to lay water line across Route 31 to Pine Camp, Henrico County,

To Sharpnack Lumber Company to move a 22-ton locomotive along Route 11, Tazewell County,

To Mr. L. A. Allen, Prince George, Virginia, to lay water pipe across Route 10, Prince George County,

To Mr. E. C. DeShields, Mayer, Tappahannock, Virginia, to lay a water line in town, Route 38, Essex County,

To Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, to replace and relocate 15 feet north of present location, Pole #277, on State Highway No. 33.

To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install $\frac{3}{4}$ " tap under Route 10 east of China's Corner to residence of Mr. Minora Jones, Princess Anne County,

To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install $1\frac{1}{2}$ " tap to supply the Kureaka Brick Company, Route 10,

To Virginia Railway and Power Company, to erect poles along Route 27, Norfolk County,

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To Virginia Railway and Power Company, to string wires across Route 13, at Huddy Street, Henrico County,

To Virginia Railway and Power Company, to erect pole line along Route 10 between Suffolk and Chuskatuck, Hanover County,

To Mr. James A. Loving, to move two small buildings along Route 41, known as the New Market Road,

To Mr. E. M. Hoge, Richmond Real Estate Company, to eliminate easements and a stump along the southwest side of Ladd Street and Brook Turnpike, Route 31,

To Washington Brick and Terra Cotta Company, Washington, D. C. to lay a 4" pipe line across Route No. 31, Arlington County,

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission grant the request of the Boulevard Bridge Corporation to erect a sign at the corner of Herwood Avenue and Brook Road, provided the wording of the sign will be "QUICK ROUTE SOUTH VIA BOULEVARD AND TOLL BRIDGE". Motion carried.

Mr. J. T. McAllister of Hot Springs, appeared before the Commission concerning the turning over of the Warm Springs Turnpike to the State Highway Commission. He stated that they would be willing to discontinue tolls on this road at once and give the Commission a deed as soon as it could be gotten in shape.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission take over the Warm Springs Turnpike as of March 1st, pending final negotiations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$50,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of a section of Route 17 in Math County from the top of the Mountain towards Warm Springs as far as the money will go. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission grant the request of Royer-Ferguson Company and eliminate liquidated damages and also engineering charges on Project 16086, Route 12, Carrawille-Project 1608, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted L. R. Gilbert on Project 202, Route 39, Louisa-Six Miles West to December 23rd, 1923 without penalty. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Spraul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission hold back \$500.00 of L. R. Gilbert on Project 202, Route 39, Louisa-Six Miles West, until such time as he has either disposed of the stumps along this road or has the consent of the property owners stating that they have no objection to the stumps being left on their property. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the appointment of Traffic officer #262, Mr. Robert B. Taylor, be withdrawn. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission designate Route No. 27 from the North Carolina Line to Norfolk and Route 39 from Newport News to Lee Hall, and thence a route leading by way of Yorktown Gloucester Point, Saluda, Fredericksburg, Gallopier, Sperryville, Front Royal, Winchester, Gore, to the West Virginia Line as "The Gold Star Highway". Motion carried.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the State Highway Commission use the allocation of \$85,000.00 to Route 12 west of Courtland for the construction of a concrete road, provided the right of way will be furnished the Commission free of cost. Motion carried.

High Bid Item No. 10-4
 Grant Valley Co.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that Small and Triplett be required to forfeit their check on Project 385, Route 24, Bridge over the Moherrin River at Emporia on account of their failure to sign contracts, and that this contract be awarded to the next low bidder, J. S. Dowers, at his bid of \$50,491.59 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$500.00 for detours, making a total of \$56,040.74 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted Baker-Royer Company, on Project 166B, Route 13, Mechanicsville 6.6 Miles North, to October 24th, 1924, and that no liquidated damage or engineering charges be made. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to withhold Loudoun County's State Aid Money until they have used up the money standing to their credit, by reason of the fact that said County has \$50,000.00 or \$60,000.00 to their credit. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Chairman be authorized to advertise for bids for the surfacing of the remainder of the section of road between Roanoke and Rocky Mount, using such additional funds that may be necessary to complete same. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Masnie, that the Chairman be authorized to proceed with the changes on the road at Burkton Hill and if necessary transfer certain funds from other allocations to complete this. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to add to the State Highway System the 6.0 miles for construction which has been held for this purpose, to connect Route 13 and Route 37 from

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the Rappahannock River near Tappahannock to Warsaw and that he also be authorized to request the Federal Government to include this in the Federal Aid System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

APPROVED:-

A. G. Stanley
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

W. B. Massie
Secretary