

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

FEBRUARY 18, 1931

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COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA, HELD
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On the morning of February 18, 1931, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Commissioner, I. Walks Truxtun, H. G. Gilmer, and Wm. H. East, met in their office, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by the Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. East, that the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on January 29, 1931, be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. J. E. Willoughby, Chief Engineer and Mr. Page, General Superintendent, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, appeared before the Commission to defend the removal of signal lights at grade crossings on Route 10, in Nansemond County, between Suffolk and Portsmouth. The Railroad officials were advised to appear and show cause why the signals should not be replaced with watchmen, a protest having been filed against continued use of signals.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. East, that permit #10418, issued to the Virginia Gas Transmission Corp., Richmond, Va., be cancelled, inasmuch as the location had been changed and a new permit issued in lieu thereof. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. East, that a permit be granted the Big Sandy and Cumberland Railroad Company, to construct bridge abutment on the edge of the State's right of way on Route 126, in Buchanan County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commissioner be authorized to sign an agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company with reference to installing 30 ft. rail crossing on Route 502, Project 651, at a point 2853 ft. south of M.P. 10, Norfolk NL- near Fentress. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commissioner advise Senator G. Walter Mapp, that if he will furnish the borrow pit and drain pipe, the Commission will have the shoulders graded up on Route 34, in Accomac County in front of property upon which a tourist camp is now being constructed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. East, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the following permits be granted, under the rules and regulations of the Commission.

D. B. Andrews and J. Hatcher Day, Suffolk, Va., to install 165 ft. of concrete gutter in ditch on A/W line and construct gravel approach to filling station between Suffolk and North Carolina Line on Route 505.

Appalachian Electric Power Co., Lynchburg, Va., to install necessary guy posts, guy anchors and make air crossings over Route 22 between Coveville and Red Hill.

Appalachian Electric Power Co., Bluefield, West Va., to erect a 2300v power line and communication circuit along Route 10 between Faleski and Dublin.

Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" water service connection to premises of Silas Cannon, Route 25, Hebe Road and Mt. Clivat Road.

Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 1 1/2" water service connection leading into second road west of Fifty Street, Leeway, Route 21.

Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" water service connection to premises of Henry Frain, Route 25.

Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" water service connection to premises of Joseph B. Merritt, Glebe Road, Walker Chapel

Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" water service connection to premises of Mary R. Carter, 421 Garrison Road, Route 711.

Mr. R. M. Bryant, Lady Smith, Va., to construct entrance to filling station and erect gas tanks, Route 31.

Buena Vista, City of, to build a 6" water main and a 6600v power line on Route 14 from the corporate limits of Buena Vista to Hall Spring.

H. L. Chapman, 227 - 33rd Street, Newport News, Va., to cross State Highway Route 39A with concrete driveway as entrance to filling station and store.

C. & P. Telephone Co. of Virginia, Roanoke, Va., to construct, operate and maintain 8 poles with necessary wires, etc. on Route 10, about half mile north of Radford.

C. & P. Telephone Co., Fredericksburg, Va., to relocate 9 poles from east to west side of Route 30 about 3 miles north of Fort Richmond.

Consumers Utilities Company, Staunton, Va., to change gas main on Route 39 about 1000 ft. from south side of road to north side, to be clear of our construction work.

Covington, Town of, to place fire hydrant and make connection with existing water main between Covington and Bayon Plant, Route 300.

W. I. Crutchfield, Ellerson, Va., to construct entrance to filling station on Route 13C near Newmans Corner, 15" pipe being necessary for drainage. All structures to be placed at least 8 ft. from right of way.

H. G. Davison, R.F.D. #2, Glen Allen, Va., to build entrance to filling station near Gum Tree, on Route 31C.

East Coast Telephones, Inc., Franklin, Va., to erect and maintain pole line between Franklin and North Carolina Line, Route 507.

Eastern Shore Public Service Co., Exmore, Va., to erect 4 electric poles and 2 anchors to set on edge of state right of way or 24 ft. from center of road, poles to be 175 ft. apart.

John Gentilini, Box 582, Ashland, Va., to construct entrance to filling station one mile north of Ashland, depression to be left for drainage.

A. Gude Sons Co. Inc., 1318 - I St., N.W., Washington, D.C., to haul 24 elm trees, ball weight 9 to 12 ft. approximate weight 9 tons; 24 trips on semi-trailer from Alexandria to Mount Vernon.

Inter-Mountain Telephone Co., Bristol, Va., to set 47 guy poles on opposite side of road from present pole line, on Route 12.

Kilmarnock Water Company, Kilmarnock, Va., to lay 2400' of 2" water pipe along side of highway 15" under ditch line and make one crossing by cutting highway, or if possible, driving pipe under.

Messrs. M. H. King, C. H. King and J. S. Ryals, Emporia, Va., to build concrete sidewalk on right of way on Route 12 across their own property.

W. A. Lawson, Flint Hill, Va., to install 2 gas tanks about 28 ft. from center of Route 37 and fill in at same point with dirt and rock, constructing entrance to same.

Lorton Telephone Co., Lorton, Va., to erect 40 poles in line with existing line, between Woodbridge and Rippon Lodge gate with two wire crossings.

B. M. Minter, Martinsville, Va., to grade entrance to camp ground on Route 33, 7 miles north of Martinsville.

B. M. Minter, Martinsville, Va., to grade entrance to service station on Route 33, north of Martinsville.

S. E. Page, R.F.D. #3, Rustburg, Va., to install 50 lin. ft. of 10" pipe and put in catch basin on Route 14.

Page Power Company, Luray, Va., to cross Route 815 near the Alma Bridge, with single phase 3300v distribution light and power line.

Pelton & Johnson, Gordonsville, Va., to grade entrance to filling station and store along Route 32, about three miles north of Gordonsville.

J. B. Furegoy, Ashland, Va., to construct entrance to filling station and extend 4'x3' culvert 36 ft. northerly and replace railroad ties now over present culvert with concrete slab, on Route 31G.

Fropat & Brennan, Winterpock, Va., to construct driveway to filling station on Route 20, 11 miles west of Richmond.

Roselyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" service pipe to 104 Glebe Road, Alcoa's rights, surface of road not to be disturbed.

George C. Schmitt, Box 102, McLean, Va., to construct a driveway and lay drain pipe, Route 25.

M. F. Shelor, Riner, Va., to connect filling station with highway, Route 23.

G. L. Sowder, Route 2, Box 204, Roanoke, Va., to make fill along right of way for approach to filling station on Route 33.

F. E. Tate, R.F.D. #9, Richmond, Va., to construct double entrance to filling station 7 miles west of Richmond, Route 13.

U. S. Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., to construct a monument for the purpose of directing persons from Route 31 to the Marine Barracks, together with chain guard fence.

Walley Plumbing & Heating Co., Harrisonburg, Va., to replace 1" water pipe under and across Route 314 west of Harrisonburg to make house connection.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Stone & Webster Engineering Corp., Agents, Richmond, Va., to construct and maintain wires across Route 12 about 3.22 miles west of the Int. of Route 17.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to erect a crossing of 3 #4 primary service wires over Route 13, just north of Gethsemane Church.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Petersburg, Va., to string wires on Route 10B, as per blue print attached to permit.

Virginia Gas Transmission Corp., Richmond, Va., to construct a 20" steel pipe line across and below Route 39 and below water ditching on either side, 7' east of line separating the property of Union Apple Company and W. G. Ellison.

Virginia Public Service Co., Alexandria, Va., to install one 3 wire crossing over Route 31 from VPS 211 to G&P 135 at RF&P Ry. Co. tracks leading to the Hydraulic Press Brick Company.

Virginia Public Service Co., Alexandria, Va., to erect 22 poles, install 4 anchor guys in line with poles, 3 guys and one 13,200v crossing over and along Route 25, between Memorial Drive and Wilson Boulevard.

Virginia Public Service Co., Alexandria, Va., to remove four 3" limbs from each of three 40' high oaks, under supervision of Mr. H. J. Keale, on Route 36.

Virginia Public Service Co., Warrenton, Va., to retrim trees along Route 32, between Warrenton and The Plains to secure necessary tree clearance for existing 3 wire 6600v power line.

Virginia Public Service Co., Charlottesville, Va., to cross Route 39, four miles east of Mechanicsville with one phase 220v service line.

Virginia Public Service Co., Newport News, Va., to place two guys across Route 515 about one mile northeast of Morrison Station.

J. A. Young, Craigsville, Va., to move a store building about 1000' along Route 17 in Craigsville.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. East, that the claim of Carpenter and Petrie, P.O. Box 1243, Norfolk, Va., on Project 52381, 82, 83, Route 514, Bridges over Poquoson and Back Water Rivers, be granted to the amount of \$1212.96, as per recommendation of the Chief Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request for an extension of time by Preston and Pollard, Bedford, Va., on Project 98E, Route 12, Bridge over Staunton River, be granted to date of completion and return of liquidated damages, as per recommendation of the Chief Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. East, that the claim of F.K. Rich and Co., Princeton, West Virginia, on Project F308A, Route 23, 4.1 Mi. S. of Giles County Line-Giles County Line, be denied, as per recommendation of the Chief Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. East, that in preparing the plans for the Holston River Bridge, on Route 10, Bristol District, that a memorial form be used. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the tentative schedule for convict camps be ordered as follows.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1931-JUNE 30, 1932.

Bristol District.

Camp No.	Route No.	Designation.	Date Started.	Date Completed.
1	126	Raven Grundy	1-1-31	3-1-31
5	12	Independence-West	1-1-31	8-15-31
5	10	Rose Hill-West	8-15-31	6-30-32
6	10	Bristol-West	1-1-31	6-30-32
9	121	Fremont-Mass (Disband)		
14	26	Wytheville-West Virginia Line	1-1-31	2-1-31

Salem District.

2	12	Cruses Store-West	1-1-31	6-30-32
8	17	Fincastle-North	11-1-31	6-30-32
24	23	Floyd-Riser	1-1-31	6-30-31
24	205	Floyd-Romanok	6-30-31	6-30-32
30	22	Newcastle-West Virginia Line	8-1-31	6-30-32

Lynchburg District.

1	20	Gretsa-West	1-1-32	6-30-32
7	18	Colleen-South	1-1-31	11-1-31
7	313	Route 18-Lovesville	11-1-31	1-1-32
7	43	Campbell County Line-Route 14	1-1-32	6-30-32
8	12	End of Concrete-Henry County Line	1-1-31	11-1-31
14	13	Amherst-East	2-1-31	6-30-32
16	13	Bant Creek-East	1-1-31	12-1-31
16	32	Route 10-North	12-1-31	6-30-32
22	18	Lynchburg-Amherst	1-1-31	7-1-31
31	12	Chase City-Jones Store	1-1-31	5-1-31

Richmond District.

12	12	Lawrenceville-West	1-1-31	5-1-31
12	10	Blackstone-Craws	5-1-31	1-1-32
12	19	Manakin-East	1-1-32	6-30-32
18	41	Short Pump-West	1-1-31	6-30-32
31	41	Charles City-North	5-1-31	1-1-32

Suffolk District.

10	502	North Landing-Princess Anne C.H.	1-1-31	10-1-31
10	529	Newport News-West	10-1-31	6-30-32

Fredericksburg District.

<u>Camp No.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Designation.</u>	<u>Date Started.</u>	<u>Date Completed.</u>
22	50	Port Royal Forks-South	7-1-31	6-30-32
31	612	Route 37-Dahlgren	1-1-32	6-30-32

Calpeper District.

1	711	Fort Myer-West	3-1-31	1-1-32
21	17	Stamardsville-West	1-1-31	10-1-31
21	16	Madison C.H.-North	10-1-31	4-1-32
21	16	Route 37-South	4-1-32	6-1-32
21	28	Madison-South	4-1-32	6-30-32

Staunton District.

4	801	Natural Bridge-East		3-15-31
4	14	Lynchburg-Judith Creek	3-15-31	1-1-32
4	20	Groton-East	1-1-32	6-30-32
20	39	Monterey-West Virginia Line	1-1-31	11-1-31
20	815	Stanley-Luray	11-1-31	6-30-32
29	33	Woodstock-Frederick County Line	1-1-31	4-1-31
29	33	New Market-South	4-1-31	2-1-32
29	33	Harrisonburg-North	2-1-32	6-30-32
30	33	Harrisonburg-South	1-1-31	8-1-31
32	33	Rockingham County Line-North	1-1-31	3-1-31
32	33	Strasburg-Mount Jackson	3-1-31	2-1-32
32	33	Harrisonburg-South	2-1-32	4-1-32
32	33	Staunton-North	4-1-32	6-30-32

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. East, that the 0.5 excess mileage placed on Route 304 in Charlotte County, be transferred to Route 306, from Route 20 towards Mad House. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the excess mileage on the north end of Route 212, in Pulaski County, be put on the lower end of that route. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. East, that the State Highway Commission erect an illuminated sign, with an arrow pointing to Roanoke, at the intersection of Routes 33 and 208, near Hollins. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Town Officials of Dendron having requested the State Highway Commission to take over Route 510 within the corporate limits, under proper ordinance, it is hereby ordered that it be taken over as a State highway, under Chapter 64, Acts of 1930. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. East, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Project F592A, Route 14, 2.26 Mi. N. Buena Vista to Lexington, to the low bidder, Norton Construction Company, Norton, Va., at their bid of \$76,511.95, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work; \$200.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$85,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. East, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for Project F675AC, Route 33, 2.5 Mi. N. of NCL Middletown-0.5 Mi. N. Cedar Creek, to the low bidder, Sam E. Finley, Atlanta, Georgia, at his bid of \$98,357.82, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work; \$1,000.00 for detours; \$1,232.00 for guard rail and \$12,357.32 for surface treatment, making a total of approximately \$123,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. East, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for Project F647B1, Route 14, Bridge over Judith Creek, to the low bidder, J. I. Hicks and Bros., Evinston, Va., at their bid of \$4,798.50, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$6,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. East, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for Project F506B4, Route 12, Bridge over Big Reed Island Creek, to the low bidder, Blount and Hayman, Brodnax, Va., at their bid of \$14,366.44, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$16,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. East, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for Project F640C, Route 33, 8 Mi. N. of NCL Roanoke-4.8 Mi. N. of NCL Roanoke, to the low bidder, Sam E. Finley, Atlanta, Georgia, at his bid of \$72,704.37, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work; \$1,000.00 for detours; \$2,675.20 for guard rail and \$8,712.16 for surface treatment, making a total of approximately \$93,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. East, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for Project F506B5, Route 12, Bridge over Snake Creek, to the low bidder, Blount and Hayman, Brodnax, Va., at their bid of \$15,093.00, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$600.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$18,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that sufficient emergency funds be transferred from Route 12, Exports-West, to Route 500, to widen the surface to the Government Reservation. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. East, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that sufficient funds be transferred from Route 820, Project 0-880, to Route 814, Project 612AB1, to balance account, Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that if the defendant will confess judgment and the same be confirmed by Court, re- Commonwealth v. G. L. Webb, that the Commission agree. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the award of the Circuit Court of Chesterfield County, Route 20, Project 522, in favor of W. D. Owen and the Martha A. Alderdice Estate, be paid. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company be notified that with some adjustment to the lights and signals at crossings of their company's tracks on State Highway Route 10, between Suffolk and Portsmouth, that the Commission would continue these automatic lights for a period to see whether or not they are satisfactory and if they are not satisfactory the watchmen must be restored. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commissioner be authorized to make such transfers of emergency funds to replace state funds in the various districts on various projects as is necessary, provided that no allocation heretofore made is decreased by such transfers and that the total amount coming to each district is not affected. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED-


Commissioner.

ATTESTED-


Secretary.