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MEETING OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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On the morning of March 4th, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Macsio, Secretary, H. B. Sproul, R. K. Sanders, and I. Wailes Truxtum met at their offices 314 State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, and held hearings from all parts of the State both on allocations and additions to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause.

Senator S. L. Ferguson and Hon. John R. Horsley, appeared before the Commission in behalf of the road leading from Route 10 to the Railroad Station at Vera, a distance of approximately three-quarters of a mile. They also requested that heavy maintenance or construction if possible be done on the section of Route 10 east of Appomattox, and also that the section of State Highway No. 10 between Appomattox and Concord, a distance of approximately 8 miles, be constructed, which they estimated would cost \$200,000. The section between Concord and Lynchburg, Route 10 was in need of grading.

Mr. J. Sinclair Brown and Senator Holman Willis, of Roanoke, Virginia, then came before the Commission and requested that they continue maintenance on the Bent Mountain Road.

A delegation from Boydton, Virginia, and vicinity consisting of Messrs. Wright, Jeffreys, Smithy, Trumbull, Geo. Rainey, Wason and others requested the Commission to construct five miles leading from the improvement out of Lawrenceville towards Petersburg, Route 31. They stated that they proposed to

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construct a toll bridge under the State Highway Specifications over the Roanoke River so that when they requested that this be taken over by the State it would be in accordance to the specifications of the Commission, this would give the nearest route from Richmond to Raleigh, N.C.

A large delegation from Bedford and vicinity consisting of Messrs. Landon Lowry, S. S. Lambeth, Jr. O.L.C. Radford, Nichols, Lysle, Dinwiddie and others, came before the Commission and requested an allocation on Route 10 between Forest and Montvale. If the Commission could not take this entire stretch of highway they would prefer that any allocation that they might get to be put on the section between Bedford and Forest, starting at Bedford. They also requested that the section of road leading from Bedford to Rocky Mount be added to the State Highway System under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Clause. They agreed to put their convict force on this road and also guaranteed the right of way from the Staunton River through Bedford County free of cost and if condemnation proceedings are necessary they will bear the expense. They also requested that the Commission have their engineer make a survey of this road and Mr. Tabler, County Engineer, of Bedford County, would cooperate with him in every way possible. Mr. Nicholson of Franklin County stated that while he could not guarantee the right of way free of cost he was sure there would be no trouble in securing it.

Messrs. George A. Bowles, Nichols, C. E. Harris, Walter Lee and Dr. Lee appeared before the Commission and requested them to take into the State Highway System a section of the Three Chop

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Road starting at Oilville and coming in over Broad Street to Richmond. If the entire distance of about 20 miles could not be added at this time they would appreciate the addition of the section from Oilville to the improved road.

A delegation from the Northern Neck headed by Judge Chinn, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Norris, Mr. Wright, Mr. Mayo, and Mr. De-Shields, came before the Commission and requested that the section of road leading from Warsaw to the Tappanhook Ferry, and also the section of road from Totusky Bridge to Callas be added to the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause.

Senator W. W. Smith, Jr. and Mr. Bernard Miller of Culpeper then came before the Commission and requested that the road leading from Route 37 at Stevensburg by Raccoon Ford, Locust Grove, and on to Mineral where it would intersect Route 39, a distance of approximately 35 miles, be added to the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause.

A delegation from Hanover, and King William Counties headed by Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Howwell Page, Mr. Shelton and Mr. Redd, appeared before the Commission and requested that they take into the State Highway System the section of road leading from Route 31 near Pine Camp via Washington-Henry Academy and Sudley to connect with Route 13, under the 2½ Clause.

Mr. Page also requested the addition of the road from Coatesville to Locust Creek where it would connect with Route 39.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

At 2:00 P.M. the Commission again assembled at their office and heard a large delegation from Isle of Wight, Stafford,

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and vicinity, headed by Colonel Parke Deane, Gen. J.P. Jervey, Lieutenant Governor J. E. West, Mr. Birdsong, Mr. Chas. B. Godwyn, Colonel J.B. Pinner, Mr. Causey, Mr. T.P. Thompson, General C. C. Vaughan, Jr., Mr. Walter Taylor and Mrs. Foreman Ellis, and requested an allocation to Route 10 on the 18 miles of unimproved road between Suffolk and Smithfield.

A delegation from Norfolk and Princess Anne County headed by Mr. Baldwin Myers, Mr. Paul Woodhouse, Mr. Millhower, Mr. Boyd, Mr. R. D. Cooke and Mr. Old and requested that the road leading from Princess Anne Court House to connect with Route No. 10 be added to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause, a distance of approximately 7.5 miles.

Mr. Wilbur Hall came before the Commission and requested that the section of road leading from Purcellville to Castleman's Bridge be included in the State Highway system under the 2½% Clause a distance of approximately 6.5 miles.

A large delegation from King and Queen, Middlesex, and Gloucester Counties, represented by Attorney General John R. Saunders, Messrs. H.C. Hall, Bagby, Mitchell, Stubbs, and requested the Commission to add to the State Highway System the section of road leading from King and Queen C.H. to Shackelfords, a distance of approximately 12.0 miles.

A committee from Shenandoah, headed by Mr. C. E. Wine, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, requested the Commission to allocate funds sufficient to construct about 5½ miles of Route 212 in the southern end of Page County beginning at Verbena Mill, thence

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in a northern direction through the Town of Shenandoah to the Bridge across the Shenandoah River at Grove Hill.

Messrs. Paxton, Whitmore, and others from Buena Vista and vicinity, appeared before the Commission and requested that the section of road from the corporate limits of Buena Vista to McCormick's Gate, a distance of approximately 3.1 miles, be added to the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause.

The minutes of the meeting held at Richmond, Virginia, February 4th and 5th, 1924 were read and it was moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the application of the Town of Kenbridge to advance \$25,000.00 under the terms of the Robertson Act for the construction of the road beginning at the intersection of Falls Road and Route 20 extending south in the County of Lunenburg for a distance of three-quarters miles, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that an opinion having been given in writing by the Attorney General that the Commission had the right to continue maintenance on the Bent Mountain Road between Route 33 near Starkey in Roanoke County and Route 23 near Floyd Court House, that same be done. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of the Auto Directory and Guide of Virginia to use the plate of the map of Virginia showing the State and County highway system be granted, provided it will be a facsimile of this map. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the informal bid of the Maloney Paving Company of Ellerson, Virginia, on Project P-1660, Route 13, 2.9 miles west of Manquin to 6.6 miles east of Mechanicsville, be accepted, amounting to \$44,782.35, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making \$49,260.58 and also that \$700.00 for detours and \$823.66 for overhaul be added, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$50,784.24. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the resolution passed December 16th, 1922, referring to the granting of a permit to the Virginia Railway and Power Company to lay tracks on Route 31 from a point near Stop 65 Colonial Heights south to the North abutment of the proposed bridge be reconsidered by reason of an error. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that by reason of an error the sum of \$75,000.00 stated in the resolution passed December 16th, 1922, as a charge against the Virginia Railway and Power Company for permit to lay their tracks on Route 1, now known as 31, from a point near Stop 65 Colonial Heights south to the north abutment of the proposed bridge across the Appomattox River, be omitted and \$75.00 substituted in lieu thereof. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the following permits be granted under the usual rules and regulations:

To erect gas tank, pumps and connecting lines, Route 13, C. R. Sanderson, Farmville, Virginia.

To cross State Highway No. 20 with current of 110 and 2300 voltage, T.W.O'Neal, Amelia, Virginia.

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To reset nine line poles between Winchester and Harrisonburg, Route 33, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company,

To rebuild electric line near Grundy, Virginia, Route 111, Appalachian Power Company, Bluefield, West Virginia.

To move a two-room, one story building across Route 20, Dr. P. T. Southall, Amelia, Virginia.

To lay sidewalks along Club Court, Route 31, Club Court Development Corporation. Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the appointment of Mr. Thomas Amory as State Traffic Officer No. 197, be annulled, as it has come to the attention of the State Highway Commission that he has been conducting himself in a manner that is not for the best interest of the State and it is the opinion of the State Highway Commission that his commission be annulled.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that inasmuch as it has come to the attention of the State Highway Commission that Mr. W. R. Winner, State Traffic Officer No. 162, has been conducting himself in a manner that is not for the best interest of the State and it is the opinion of the Commission that his appointment be annulled, and the same is hereby ordered. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following men be appointed Traffic Officers as requested by Mr. C. S. Mullen, Acting Commissioner:

J. J. McCarthy,	Foreman,	Mallow, Virginia,
F. J. Robinson,	"	Berryville, Virginia,
E. T. Suttan,	"	Staunton, Virginia, RFD 2.
M. F. Painter,	"	Natural Bridge Station, Va.
L. E. Nicely,	"	Longdale, Virginia.

Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Fruxtun, that the State Highway No. 391 be established from Lebanon Church to Lee Hall intersecting No. 39 at that point. Motion carried.

A delegation from Lee County, represented by Mr. Russell and Mr. Laningham, requested the State Highway Commission to add to the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause the section of road leading from Pennington Gap north to the Kentucky State Line, and stated they would advance the money under the Robertson Act for its construction.

A delegation from Wise County headed by Messrs. Lay, Frank, Chalkley, and Dickerson, appeared before the Commission and requested an allocation on Route No. 11 between St. Paul and the Lee County Line, and also requested that 4000 feet of road which has not been improved between Donkey and Pound be hard surfaced.

The meeting then adjourned until the next day.

MARCH 5th, 1934.

On the morning of March 5th, all members of the State Highway Commission, assembled at their offices, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

A large delegation interested in the road between Chase City and Burkeville, represented by Messrs. Egan, Jeffreys, Ozlin, Gohagan, and Patterson, requested that this road from Chase City to Rehoboth, Lusenburg, Victoria, to Burkeville be taken into the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause.

Messrs. Amos, Row, and Mathews from Accomac County re-

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requested the Commission to construct Route No. 34 starting at the Maryland Line and running south.

A delegation from Orange County and vicinity, headed by Messrs. Shackelford, Robertson and Judge Browning, came before the Commission and requested that the section of road from the end of State Highway No. 374 near Rhodesville to Wilderness be added to the State Highway System under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Clause.

Messrs. Williams, Felling, Powell, Lay, Morris, and Ball appeared before the Commission and requested them to add to the State Highway System the section of road leading from Leesburg to Washington.

A delegation from Patrick County, represented by Mr. Clark, requested an allocation on Route No. 12 west of Stuart.

The Buchanan County delegation represented by Messrs. Saunders and Combs, requested an allocation on Route 111 between Raven and Grundy.

A delegation from Scott County, headed by Messrs. Dods on Quillen, St. Martin and Johnson, requested that the section of road leading from Gate City by Dangannon to Goodburn be added to the State Highway System under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Clause.

Major Crump and Mr. Saunders, appeared before the Commission in behalf of the Montpelier Road from Solomon's Store by Ellen Allen to Montpelier and requested that this road be included in the State Highway System.

Mr. Lane of Altavista, Virginia, came before the Commission and requested that the section of road leading from Altavista

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west by Huddleston and Moneta to Roanoke be added to the Highway System under the 2½% Clause.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that \$10,000.00 be appropriated to connect up the road from Natural Tunnel to Station 90, Route 116. Motion carried.

Messrs. Lewis, and Ashe, appeared before the Commission and discussed again the Gloucester Point Ferry and Mr. Ashe stated that he had no objection to the Commission making a valuation of his ferry.

Messrs. Broadas, Smith, Wright, and Judge Fleet, from King and Queen County, requested the Commission to take into the State Highway System the road leading from Route 13 at St. Stephens to the Caroline County Line.

The Commission then adjourned for lunch.

Messrs. Davies, Payne, Baker, Letcher, White, and Hal-linger, appeared before the Commission and requested that an allocation be made to Route No. 14 between Clifton Forge and Lexington.

Messrs. Landreth, Felts, Carr, Beamer, McClain and others from Carroll and Grayson Counties, appeared before the Commission and requested that they add to the Highway System the road leading from Galax by way of Low Gap to the North Carolina Line under the 2½% Clause.

Mr. T. M. Gathright of Covington, Virginia, came before the Commission and requested; first, an allocation on Route 17 between Ocohen and Warm Springs; second, an allocation on Route from

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State line by Cross to Covington; and third, an allocation to close up a gap between Covington and Low Moor.

Senator Layman then appeared before the Commission and requested that the road from Millboro to Longdale, a distance of approximately 12 miles, be added to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause, also a section from Eagle Rock to Fincastle, and in Giles County a section one and three-eighths miles long from Rich Creek to Peterstown, West Virginia.

A delegation from Fredericksburg, Colonial Beach and vicinity represented by Messrs. Mason, Williams, Perkins and Sen. Downing, requested that the section of road leading to Colonial Beach from Route 37 be taken into the Highway System under the 2½% Clause.

Messrs. Carter, Shelton, and Dr. Day, appeared before the Commission and requested an allocation on Route 31 between Richmond and Washington.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Chairman be authorized to notify the Board of Trustees of Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia, that the Commission will sell the five acres of land situated in Beverly Manor District, Augusta County, north of Staunton about two miles on the north side of the Valley Pike, to the School for the sum of \$3,000.00, the price placed on this property by Messrs. Sanders and Massie. Motion carried. Mr. Sprout not voting.

Senators Barksdale, Bocker, and Mr. Adams, came before the Commission and requested that a sufficient amount be allocated

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to complete Route No. 20 through Charlotte County between Charlotte Court House and Brookneal, and stated that they would be satisfied with a gray soil road.

Messrs. Miller, Free, Taylor, Lee McGue, Wayland, and Carroll from Albemarle County, requested an allocation on Route 28 in Albemarle County sufficient to complete the seven mile section.

The meeting then adjourned until the next day.

MARCH 6th, 1924.

On the morning of March 6th, all members of the State Highway Commission assembled at their office and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

A large delegation from Esperia, Jarratt, Stony Creek, Camon, Petersburg and Richmond, represented by Messrs. H. E. Goodwin, W. R. Cato, J. L. Vincent, Tiller, John Beck, B. F. Jarratt, Peter B. Howard, Dr. Drewry, Gawthrop, Senators, Rogers, Goode, General O. C. Vaughan, Jr. Hon. Sam. D. Rogers, Dr. Jos. H. Smith, Hohaman and Dan Hollenger, appeared before the Commission and requested that the Halifax Road leading from Petersburg to Esperia be added to the Highway System under the 2½ Clause, a distance of approximately 43 miles.

Messrs. Cato, Eanes, Tiller and Vincent, requested that an allocation be made for the bridge at Esperia, this bridge being in a very dangerous condition and stated they thought the Board of Supervisors would be willing to advance the money under the Robertson Act.

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Mr. Morris of Lancaster requested an allocation on Route 37 from Lancaster Court House, North.

Mr. D. B. Ryland, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Lynchburg, Virginia, requested an allocation on the north and south roads leading out of Lynchburg, either the road leading to Afton or Natural Bridge.

Moved by Mr. Spreul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Commission accept the offer of Mr. D. B. Ryland of Lynchburg to advance \$175,000.00 under the terms of the Robertson Act for the construction of Route 18 between Clifford and Colleen. Motion carried.

Messrs. Rudasill, White and Gibson, requested the addition to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause, the road between Culpeper and Warrenton. The Board of Supervisors agreed to expend the Culpeper gas tax on this road.

Mr. Rollinger and Dr. Hart requested that the section of road between Coatesville and Locust Creek be added to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause.

Mr. Proffett of Floyd County, requested an allocation on Route 23 between Christiansburg and Floyd, starting at Floyd C. H. to the amount of \$200,000.00.

The Mayor of Radford and Mr. Jordan, appeared before the Commission and requested that the road leading from Route 23 near Riner to Route 10 at Radford, be added to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause, a distance of approximately 5½ miles.

Mr. Johnson, Colonel Deam, and General Vaughan, re-

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requested the Commission to add to the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause, the section of road from Route 10 to Walters, a distance of approximately six miles.

Messrs. Gatewood, Edward Meeks, and Peyton R. Evans, from Amherst County, appeared before the Commission and requested that the section of road leading from Buckingham C.H. by Gladstone to Amherst be added to the State Highway System under the 2½ Clause. Mr. Gatewood also requested that the section of road from Route 18 near Amherst to Allwood be added to the System under the 2½ Clause for maintenance.

Mrs. Egbert Leigh came before the Commission and requested them to add the section of road between Orange and Rapidan to the Highway System under the 2½ Clause.

Senator Coolrick and Mr. Hunter, requested that the road leading from Route 37, known as the King's Highway to the Naval Proving Grounds at Dahlgren, be added to the Highway System under the 2½ Clause.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

Senators Lesnier, Rogers, General Vaughan and Mr. Camp appeared before the Commission and requested an allocation on Route 35 of at least \$200,000.00.

General Vaughan, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Pace also requested that a bridge be constructed over the Nottoway River at Smith's Ferry which they estimate could be constructed, with the approaches for \$100,000.00.

Mr. Walker, member of the Board of Supervisors of Nor-

thunderland County, requested an allocation for his County.

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Dr. Ghinn, Mr. Moss and Mr. Newton, appeared before the Commission and requested an allocation on the highway leading out of Fredericksburg down the Northern Neck.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, W. C. Campbell, Washington, Virginia on Project 357A&B Route 21, Bridges over Big and Little Cattail Run, be granted an extension of time to March 1st, 1934, as per recommendation of Mr. C. S. Mullen, Acting Commissioner. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that all bids be rejected on Project 326, Route 40, Deep Creek-North Carolina Line, and that the Chairman be authorized to enter into a contract with the Road Commission of Norfolk County if some satisfactory arrangement could be made whereby this road could be constructed. Motion carried.

Whereas, all bids received for the construction of Route 40, Project 326, Deep Creek-North Carolina Line, having been rejected on account of being too high, it was moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the informal bid of the Road Commission of Norfolk County for the construction of this Project be accepted and a contract be entered into with said Road Commission of Norfolk County for doing this work, their bid amounting to \$306,753.60, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making \$337,428.96 and also that \$5,000.00 be set aside for detour, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$342,428.96. Motion carried.

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A delegation from Yorktown, York County and vicinity, headed by Messrs. Floyd Holladay, Dovell, Henley, Holt and Millstead then came before the Commission and requested that the section of road leading from Yorktown to Sinclair's Gate, be added to the Highway System under the 2½% Clause, a distance of about nine miles.

A number of people interested in the Montpelier Road then came before the Commission and requested that this road from Solomon's Store by Glen Allen to Montpelier be added to the State System under the 2½% Clause.

The Board of Supervisors of Arlington County, Senator Ball and Judge Clarke, appeared before the Commission and requested that the Glebe Road leading from Chain Bridge to Alexandria, a distance of approximately 9.4 miles, be added to the Highway System under the 2½% Clause.

General Pickings and Mr. Langbourne Williams then came before the Commission in behalf of the road leading from Route 37 to the Naval Proving Grounds at Dahlgren. They requested that this road be added to the Highway System under the 2½% Clause.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to purchase the gravel pit in Chesterfield County if the owners will not agree to extend this option. Motion carried.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman;

ATTESTED:

Wade H. Morris
Secretary

APPROVED:

H. G. Shirley
Chairman