

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

**MARCH 30, 31, 1925**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE  
 HIGHWAY COMMISSION HELD AT DANVILLE  
 AND RICHMOND, VA. MARCH 30 & 31, 1925.

On the morning of March 30th, 1925, Commissioners Shirley, Musie, and Traxton met in Richmond and made an inspection tour through the Counties of Chesterfield, Amelia, Prince Edward, Charlotte and Halifax to Danville, Virginia, where they were met by Commissioner Huff and inspected the roads leading out of Danville.

A meeting was held with the Chamber of Commerce, the Lyons, Rotary and other Clubs representing the City of Danville and the adjacent Counties. At this meeting they were entertained by the Chamber of Commerce at a very delightful dinner, after which talks were made by various persons discussing the road situation and problems in that section.

Upon the adjournment of this meeting the Commission held a business meeting at the Barton Hotel and transacted the following business:

Moved by Mr. Traxton, seconded by Mr. Musie, that contract for the construction of 4.089 miles 18' bituminous macadam road, Route 33, Project 169A, including bridge over stream 6.8 miles east of Trexville, be awarded to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction and Southwest Construction Company, Wytheville, Virginia, at their bid of \$115,186.59, setting aside 10% additional to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$2000.00 for detours, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$128,705.29, with the understanding that the contractor must use MA-2 on this Project, as per bid, unless a letter is secured from the Harbor Asphalt Company stating that it is satisfactory for them to use other material, and also subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads, the Commission agreeing to extend the

time limit on this contract to October 1st, 1925. Motion carried.

Minor Book No. 22-D  
Dewitt Waddy Co.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge over Meherrin River at Karpis, and approaches, Route 24, Project 385, be awarded to the low bidder, Atkinson and Williams, Scottsville, Virginia, at their bid of \$59,216.25, setting aside 10% additional to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$500.00 for detour, making a total of \$65,637.87 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of .586 Miles 18' bituminous macadam road, Route 33, Project 118A, south of Roanoke, be awarded to the low bidder, Warden Construction Co, Pulaski, Virginia, at their bid of \$11,780.00, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$150.00 for detours, making a total of \$13,108.00 chargeable to this Project, with the understanding that contract is not to be signed until the Commission has been notified that the money to be advanced by Roanoke has been put up. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of 3.503 miles of 18' bituminous macadam road, Route 33, Project 118B, South of Roanoke, be awarded to the low bidder, Warden Construction Co, Pulaski, Virginia, at their bid of \$65,090.20, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$1100.00 for detours, making a total of \$72,699.22 chargeable to this Project, with the understanding that contract is not to be signed until the Commission has been notified that the money to be advanced by Roanoke has been put up. Motion carried.

Minute Book Sheet No. 99-F  
 French Waddy Co.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contract for the construction of 4.376 miles 18' bituminous macadam road, Route 33, Project 1180, South of Koonoke, be awarded to the low bidder, Allport Construction Corporation, Grace American Building, Richmond, Virginia at their bid of \$96,075.84 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$1100.00 for detours, making a total of \$106,793.42 chargeable to this Project, with the understanding that contracts are not to be signed until the Commission has been notified that the money to be advanced by Roanoke has been put up and with the further understanding that the contractor must use HA-2 on this Project, as per bid, unless a letter is secured from the Barber Asphalt Company stating that it is satisfactory for them to use other material. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of 3.514 miles of 18' concrete road, including bridge over Meyletts Mill, Route 35, Project 145DEF, be awarded to the low bidder Weinstamm and Carpenter, 1015 North 6th Street, Richmond, Virginia, at their bid of \$94,108.90 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$2500.00 for detour also Section D at \$38,667.15 setting aside 10% additional to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$2000.00 for detours on Section F, making a grand total of \$150,553.65 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of 3.6 miles of 18' concrete road, Route 31, Project 347B, Stafford Court House, North, be awarded to the low bidder, H. H. George, Jr. and Sons, Richmond, Virginia, at their bid of \$129,990.10 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$6325.00

for detours, making a total of \$149,314.11 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Minute Book Book No. 50-P  
Edward Waddy Co.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of 6.318 miles of grading and drainage, Route 17, Project 391, .5 miles west of Goshen to 6.19 miles west of Goshen, be awarded to the low bidder, Robert Martin Company, Salem, Virginia, at his bid of \$80,359.83, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$3,000.00 for detours, making a total of \$91,359.81 chargeable to this Project against the allocation of \$146,000.00 and the remainder be advertised for the construction of bridges over certain streams and approaches thereto and such grading as it will do. Motion carried.

The night was spent at Danville and on the morning of the 31st, Commissioners Shirley, Massie and Truxtun returned to Richmond, inspecting Routes 123, 10, and 31 arriving at Richmond about noon and in the afternoon a business meeting was called.

Mr. W. P. Sullivan and Mr. Fugh, representing the Massena Brick Corporation, came before the Commission in regards to their claim for demurrage on barges used for transporting gravel from the pit at Powell's Creek to Reids Ferry and Suffolk and presented a bill amounting to \$1749.36. They stated that their contract with the state called for the transporting of 200 tons of gravel per day and their claim represents the actual time they were delayed. They also submitted an itemized statement showing the slow movements. Mr. Shirley requested them to separate their claim, showing the delay at the pit and the delay at point of unloading. This they agreed to furnish.

Messrs. Miller, Gannon and Nuttle, of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, then came before the Commission in regards to their bond on

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Minute Book Sheet No. 10-P  
Trent Waddy Co.

Project 48C, Route 14, Big Island-Snowden, Corson-Davis Contractors. Mr. Miller stated that he wanted a thorough understanding as to the complaint the Commission had against his company and why they had been debarred from furnishing bonds in this State. Mr. Shirley explained to them that having received several letters from his company disclaiming any further responsibility as to the bond, that the Commission did not care to do business with a company that the Commission would have to sue to make them live up to their terms. After discussing the matter thoroughly, Mr. Miller stated that his Company would pay on this contract up to the penalty of the bond.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Nassis, that the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland be notified that based on the statement made by their President, Mr. Miller, "That the Bonding Company would reimburse the State for all loss caused by the defaulting of Corson-Davis Company, contractors on Project 48c, Route 14, to the amount of the penalty of the bond, unpaid labor and material bills being included in the amount", that said Fidelity and Deposit Company be reinstated as a company acceptable to give bonds for State highway work, provided that an official withdrawal of their communications of August 23rd and September 12th, 1924, be made. Motion carried.

The Commission then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

APPROVED:-

H. T. Shirley  
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

W. B. H. Nassis  
Secretary.