

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY
 COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA, HELD APRIL
 7, 1927, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

On the morning of April 7, 1927, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, Hugh B. Sproul, I. Wake Truxtun, and H. G. Gilmer, met at their office, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Senator Thos. J. Downing appeared before the Commission in behalf of Mr. J. G. Davenport, low bidder on Route 15, Project P-171A1, Bray's Fork, 8.968 Miles West. He stated that Mr. Davenport put down the wrong set of figures in his bid and if the contract was awarded to him it would mean that he would either have to forfeit his check for \$1,000.00 or would lose a good deal of money on the contract and he is a young man just starting out in the contracting business and this loss would very seriously cripple him. Senator Downing requested that the Commission do what they could for Mr. Davenport, either relieve him of the contract or reject all bids and readvertise.

Colonel U. S. Grant of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission came before the Commission in regards to the proposed road leading from the New Arlington Memorial Bridge to the Lee Highway. He stated that the Lee Highway Association had requested his Commission to accept a 200 foot right of way which they had refused to do. It was the desire of their Commission to confer and advise with the State Highway Commission as to the route to be adopted but did not want to take any action that would in any way fix the route to be adopted. Mr. Shirley

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stated that it was the opinion of the Commission's Attorney, that the State Highway Commission had no authority to secure more right of way than was needed for highway purposes and asked that if the State Highway Commission would accept an 80 foot right of way would it be possible for the Capital Park and Planning Commission to accept the additional width for parking purposes. Colonel Grant said he thought some such arrangement would be possible but that the Planning Commission would not be in a position to make any improvements or make any expenditure in the near future.

The minutes of the meeting held March 11th, were read and it was moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that in the classification for Clerks the maximum salary be \$2100.00 and the maximum for stenographer-clerks be raised to \$1800.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the low bidder on Project F-171AA, Route 15, Brays Fork, West, J.G. Davenport, be awarded the contract at his bid or if he does not take the contract be penalized \$500.00 to cover the cost of re-advertising, and that all other bids be rejected and work re-advertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F-471B, Route 31, Roanoke River - North Carolina Line, to the low bidder, Hi-Way Construction Company, Statesville, North Carolina, at their bid of \$187,096.34, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$184,000.00 chargeable to this project, provided, however, that the Atlantic Paving Company of Statesville, North Carolina, will become a party to this contract and sign

with the Hi-Way Construction Company. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F-458A, Route 33, Martinsville-Ridgeway, including bridges over Double Branch and Narrow-bond Creek, to the low bidder, Hi-Way Construction Company, Statesville, North Carolina, at their bid of \$224,496.43, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$247,000.00 chargeable to this project, provided, however, that the Atlantic Paving Company of Statesville, North Carolina, will become a party to this contract and sign with the Hi-Way Construction Company. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of 5.664 Miles of Concrete road, Route 31, Project F-471B, Lombardy Grove to Roanoke River, to the low bidder, C. S. Luok & Sons, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, at their bid of \$237,586.96, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$262,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of 6.426 miles of concrete road, Route 31, Project 467B, Meherrin River-South Hill, to the low bidder, McGuire & Company, Inc., Durham, North Carolina, at their bid of \$258,604.80 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$286,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Bridge over Meherrin

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River, Route 31, Project F-4870, to the low bidder, Woodfork & DeJarnette, Princeton, West Virginia, at their bid of \$25,809.50 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$28,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of 1.6 miles grading and drainage, Route 14, Project S-398B, Rockbridge-Alleghany County Line-West, to the low bidder, Roberts Construction Company, Pulaski, Virginia, at their bid of \$22,232.01 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$200.00 for detours, and \$3,412.51 for guard rail, making a total of approximately \$29,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of approach span to Roanoke River Bridge, Route 31, Project F-4710, to the low bidder, J. S. Bowers, Whiteville, North Carolina, at his bid of \$29,128.50 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$35,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masnie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that Permit #2231 issued to F. T. Deary, December 10, 1926, be cancelled as the work was never done and has been abandoned. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that Permit #733, issued to the Franklin County Telephone Company, May 23, 1926, be cancelled as the work was never done and has been abandoned. Motion carried.

March Book Sheet No. 12-2
 Ernest Wadley Co.

Moved by Mr. Dilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following

Permits be granted under the rules and regulations of the Commission:

To Alexandria Water Company, to install an 8" water line along Route 31 from Alexandria across Hunting Creek Bridge to intersect County Road No. 18.

The American Telegraph & Telephone Company, Fredericksburg, Va., to erect two poles on Route 31 just south of Doowell overhead bridge in Hanover County.

To Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, Virginia, to erect an electric transmission line along Route 88 for a distance of approximately 12,000ft.

To Arlington County Board of Supervisors to lay a water main along Route 26 from Lee Highway to Garrison Road.

To Arlington County Board of Supervisors to lay a water main along Route 31 from Arlington Road to Murray Avenue.

To Arlington County Board of Supervisors to lay a water main along Route 21 from Globe Road to Park Lane.

To Arlington County Board of Supervisors to lay a water main along Route 21 from Globe Road to East Falls Church.

To Arlington County Board of Supervisors to lay a water main along Route 26 from Chain Bridge to Lee Highway.

To Arlington County Board of Supervisors to cross Finsitt Run Bridge with 24" water pipe.

To Atlantic Coast Realty Company, Charlottesville, Virginia, to lay a 4" water main along Route 28 for a distance of 1000' north of Charlottesville.

To Messrs. E. H. Baker and G. E. Brown, Bedford, Virginia, to construct an entrance into filling station on Route 10, two miles east of Bedford.

To E. E. Browning, Culpeper, Virginia, to cut a ditch and lay a 2" pipe from each side of right of way to edge of macadam same to pass under road through 4" pipe.

To Town of Cambria, to lay a 6" sewer line across Route 28 in the Town at first alley west of the railroad crossing.

To Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co., Washington, D.C., to place two anchors to pole #588 on Route 36.

To Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co., Richmond, Virginia, to lay a two-multiple tile duct north across Gary Street Road at Woodlawn Avenue.

To Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co., Clarendon, Va., to erect 70 poles along Route 31, between Alexandria and Camp Humphreys.

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To Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co., Richmond, Va., to lay two 2-multiple tile ducts on Route 31, Petersburg Pike at Highland and Warwick Avenues.

To Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co., Lynchburg, Va., to erect 13 poles along Route 14 south of Danville.

To Ches. & Pot. Telephone Co., Clarendon, Va., to erect 23 poles along Route 251 in Loudoun County.

To G. R. Clarke, Catalpa, Va., to construct an entrance into filling station on Route 28, 2 1/2 miles north of Culpeper.

To Town of Clarksville, to install sewer and water mains under Route 32 in the Town, crossing same at seven points.

To J. Lee Cooks, Wilderness, Va., to erect 9 telephone poles along Route 374 near Wilderness Post Office.

To Town of Culpeper, to install 20 ft. of 6" sewer pipe under Route 28 in the Town.

To Town of Culpeper, to install 20 ft. of 8" terra cotta pipe under Route 37 in the Town.

To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Va., to install 1/2" lead tap under Route 10 to supply residence of W. C. Amann with water.

To M. L. Eggleston, Roanoke, Va., to cross Route 33, 4.1 miles north of Roanoke with a 110 Volt power wire to furnish power for a water pump.

To Town of Falls Church, Falls Church, Va., to maintain an electric control signal at intersection of Routes 21 and Leesburg Pike in the Town.

To S. L. Ferguson, Appomattox, Va., to construct a driveway into filling station and install pipe and catch basin on Route 10 at Appomattox.

To W. M. Hancock & Co., Appomattox, Va., to lay a water line along Route 10 for a distance of approximately 1400 feet.

To G. D. Hensley, McShaysville, Va., to place a 1" water line along Route 17 and across same to garage.

To G. E. Kingery, Roanoke, Va., to lay a 3/4" water line across Route 232, 1.1 mile south of intersection of Routes 33 and 232.

To Loudoun Light & Power Co., Purcellville, Va., to erect 32 poles along Route 32 in Fauquier County.

To Madison Power Company, Madison, Virginia, to erect 23 poles along Route 17 in the Town of Stanardsville.

To McKenson Land Corporation, Petersburg, Virginia, to make a sewer and

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water tap in front of lots 65 and 66, Block 8, Walnut Hill Addition, Route 35.

To Mutual Telephone Company, Wirtz, Va., to erect 70 poles along Route 36 from Helms Cross Roads to near Hoops Mill.

To National Filling Station, Fredericksburg, Va., to construct a driveway into filling station on Route 31.

To Peoples Light, Heat & Power Corp., West Point, Va., to erect 66 poles along Route 38 from Cook's Corner to Christ Church.

To Peoples Light, Heat & Power Corp., West Point, Va., to erect 168 poles along Route 30 from Saluda to Urbanna.

To Peoples Light, Heat & Power Corp., West Point, Va., to erect 494 poles along Route 29 from Gloucester C.H. to intersection of Route 30.

To V. L. Saunders, Calpeper, Va., to put in 35 ft. of pipe and grade entrance into property on Route 32.

To W. B. Smith, Penola, Va., to run two electric wires across Route 311.

To South Hill Telephone Company, South Hill, Va., to erect 5 poles along Route 31 between South Hill and Lombardy Grove.

To St. Mary's Church, Rosslyn, Va., to construct a sidewalk to connect with concrete, Route 25.

To U. D. C., Fairfax Chapter, Fairfax, Va., to erect an historical marker on Route 31.

To Virginia Central Railway, Fredericksburg, Va., to construct an entrance into filling station on Route 31 just south of Fredericksburg.

To Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to construct and maintain an electric line across Route 27 south of South Norfolk.

To Virginia Public Service Co., Clifton Forge, Va., to erect 4 poles and 2 guy stubs on Route 338, Bath County, leading to Hot Springs.

To Virginia Public Service Co., Day & Zimmerman, Agents, Orange, Va., to cross Route 59 with electric line about 3 miles east of Charlottesville.

To Virginia Public Service Co., Alexandria, Va., to erect 17 poles along Route 21 between Fairfax and Falls Church.

To Virginia Public Service Company to string wires across Routes 37, 17, 374 and 52 in Culpeper and Orange Counties.

To Town of Woodstock, to make sewer connections in the Town of Woodstock on Route 33.

To Mrs. Frank Zirkis, New Market, Va., to place a $\frac{3}{4}$ " water pipe under and across Route 33 south of New Market.

Motion carried.

Minute Book Show No. 85-P
Everset Wadding Co.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that inasmuch as the Commission is anxious to cooperate with the Northern Neck Telegraph & Telephone Company in reducing the rates between Warsaw and Tappahannock, that the charge of \$1,000.00 for the privilege of stringing wires across the bridge at Tappahannock be reduced to \$500.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that a permit be granted the Virginia Electric & Power Company to maintain one leg of their steel tower now erected at Falmouth Bridge on Route 31, and that the charge of \$10.00 per year for this privilege be reduced to \$5.00 per year. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to transfer from the allocation of \$50,000.00 between Volens and Halifax, Route 18, sufficient amount to construct where necessary from Halifax to Cluster Springs, using the balance for oiling on the same route. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission is of the opinion that its action in allocating funds for the improvement and betterment of State Highway No. 31, known as the Lee Highway, from Massie's Corner to Washington was proper and for the good of the public. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the request of Dr. Eckenrode and Mr. R. C. Flight of the State Conservation and Development Commission to name the River Road, State Highway No. 19, "Boulevard des Huguenots" be tabled. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission furnish the State Conservation and Development Commission with 5000 maps to be distributed, and when these are used up additional maps will be furnished. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the historical information as to date of formation and name of the various counties be placed on the markers at the boundary lines between the various counties on the State highways. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that public notice having been given, in accordance with Section 2, Chapter 212, Acts approved March 19, 1926, that Sections 1, 2 and 3, as described in notice issued February 3, 1927, are hereby declared closed as public roads, so far as the State Highway Commission has power to do so, with the exception of that portion of road described in Section 2, from the west intersection of the property of the Oakland Presbyterian Church eastward to the new road to remain open for public use. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Legislative Committee be advised that so far as the State Highway Commission is concerned they see no objection to the passage of a bill permitting the construction of walkways on bridges where the Commission deem necessary. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be instructed to advise Mr. J. Brooks Mapp that the Commission cannot see their way clear to waive the pledges made for rights of way if along the railroad was adopted on the Eastern Shore for Route 34 and will have to insist that same be complied with. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission proceed to collect for damages to the hand rail of the Fv River Bridge by Richard Taylor who ran into same tearing out two sections. Ayes - Messrs. Truxton and Shirley, Nays - Messrs. Massie, Sproul and Gilmer, Motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the allocation of \$40,000.00 to Route 20, Bethel Church to Eunix in Charlotte County, be transferred; \$10,000.00 to Route 144, and \$50,000.00 to Route 10 between Prospect and Appomattox, this transfer being necessary on account of the Commission not being able to secure right of way in Charlotte County at a reasonable cost, awards having been made that were in the opinion of the Commission excessive, and for the best interest of the State it was deemed advisable to transfer these funds to sections where the rights of way had been secured at a very reasonable figure or by donations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission award the contracts for Cold Patch and Miscellaneous Bituminous Materials to the low bidders as follows:

Mexican Petroleum Corp.	ACP or TGP (Alternate)	\$76,609.82
" " "	OCS, TCS, Grade C, or OH-1	1,728.08
Standard Oil Company	ACP or TGP (Alternate)	2,238.00
" " "	Oil-E & Joint Filler	8,180.75
F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co.	ACP or TGP	2,202.00
" " " " "	OCS, TCS, Grade C, or OH1	3,402.00
Texas Company	OCS, TCS, Grade C, or OH1	<u>720.00</u>
Total for State (Alternate Bids in Bristol District)		\$96,138.02

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission desire to acknowledge with thanks the invitation extended to them to attend the opening of the Cavalier Hotel and regret exceedingly that pressing

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Business prevents their acceptance. Motion carried.

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Forsyth Highway Co.

Moved by Mr. Sprout, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the mileage announced as of March 11th to be added to the State Highway System under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and 2% Clauses be confirmed with the following changes:

STAUNTON DISTRICT

Rockingham County, changed from 2.0 miles under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause to 2.5 miles; and from .5 mile under the 2% Clause, to .0 mile, for the extension of Route 382, northwest towards Lost River.

Alleghany County, extension of Route 17 towards Longdale, changed from 2.24 miles under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause to 1.74 miles and .78 mile under the 2% Clause to 1.23 miles;

CULPEPER DISTRICT

Loudoun County, that the 2% mileage added to Route 251 begin at Leesburg and extend east 3 miles and that the 2.0 miles added under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause start at the end of the 2% mileage, provided the road can be straightened through the property of Mr. Harper and a similar change through the property east of Mr. Harper;

SUFFOLK DISTRICT

Isle of Wight County, that the additions to the State system of 4.1 miles to extend Route 106, be transferred to start at Isle of Wight Court House and extend in the direction of Windsor. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED -


Chairman.

ATTESTED -


Secretary.