

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Highway
Commission of Virginia, Held in
Richmond, May 28, 1940.

On the morning of May 28th, 1940, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. E. G. Shirley, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, S. W. Rawls, J. F. Wyszor and Kenneth N. Gilpin, met in their office, State Highway Office Building, Richmond, Va.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that the minutes of the meeting of April 18th be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the permits issued from April 18th to May 28th inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that the Commission confirm award of contract for insurance on fleet of automobiles and trucks for the period from noon May 1st, 1940, to noon May 1, 1941, to the Lumbermens Mutual, low bidder, with their 21% dividend. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm authority to the Maryland State Roads Commission awarding to the Potomac Engineering and Contracting Company contract for repairing the bridge over the Potomac River at Brunswick, Maryland, at their bid of \$32,734.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project S 75B C, Route 200, Tipere Ferry Bridge-Intersection Route 360, to the low bidder, T. F. Franklin, Bassett, Va., at his bid of \$26,177.29, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$115.70 for landscape work, making a total of approximately \$28,910.70 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project S 1201 AB1, Route 336, 4.2 Mi. S. Present SCL Richmond-1.1 Mi. S. Richmond (Deep Water Terminal Road) to the low bidder, Philip L. Baird, Roanoke, Va., at his bid of \$52,337.46, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$381.00 for landscape work, making a total of approximately \$57,951.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project S 368 R2,3, Route 480, 13.6 Mi. W. Ritchie Store-Wilson, to the low bidder, W. V. Fusk and Son, Virginia, Va., at his bid of \$100,542.77, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$859.75 for landscape work, making a total of approximately \$111,448.75 chargeable to this project; contract awarded pending securing of rights of way. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyzor, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project S 366 FWL,EWL,DW2, Route 60, 5.49 Mi. W. WCL Hilton Village-3.6 Mi. E. Lee Hall, to the low bidders, Eastern Supply Company, Richmond, Va., and Virginia Asphalt Paving Company, Inc., Salem, Va., at their bid of \$64,259.51, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$6.00 for landscape work, making a total of approximately \$70,686.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project S 221 BWL, CWL, Route 13, 1 Mi. N. Keller-3.6 Miles South of Keller, to the low bidder, Hechler Brothers, Highland Springs, Va., at their bid of \$96,821.54, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$106,500.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyzor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FAGM 515 CWL,B2, Route 58, 0.13 Mi. E. EGL Gate City-0.28 Mi. West EGL of Gate City, to the low bidder, Peadleton Construction Company, Wytheville, Va., at their bid of \$52,984.16, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$425.00 for work by the railroad, making a total of approximately \$56,703.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FA 371 AWL,BWL, Route 211, Intersection Routes 50 and 238 at Black Lantern Inn-3.5 Miles E. of Intersection Route 28 at Centerville, to the low bidder, Hechler Brothers, Highland Springs, Va., at their bid of \$110,403.59, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$121,400.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Wyzor, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FA 681 CL,BWL, Route 11, South End of Buffalo Creek Bridge-1 Mile South of South End of Buffalo Creek Bridge, to the low bidder, Echols Bros. Inc., Staunton, Va., at their bid of \$67,305.48, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$74,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FAS 1384 FB4, Route 662, 1.7 Mi. W. of Intersection Route 60 at Callaghan-2.6 Miles W. of Intersection Route 60 at Callaghan, to the low bidder, Echols Bros., Inc., Staunton, Va., at their bid of \$20,566.50, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$22,600.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FA 472 CW1, Route 29, 6.1 Miles N. NCL Lynchburg-4.1 Mi. N. NCL Lynchburg, to the low bidder, Robert Martin Co., Salem, Va., at their bid of \$38,096.50, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$38,700.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FA 735 A, Route 225, 0.5 Mi. N. Mathews-Middlesex County Line (Twigg Ferry) to Intersection of Route 55, to the low bidder, R. W. Mitchell, Hilton Village, Va., and F. E. Ritter Company, Inc., Norfolk, Va., at their bid of \$21,124.22, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$23,200.00 chargeable to this project; transferring \$7200.00 from Route 216, Fredericksburg-East, to this project to make up amount required. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that the Commission award contract for the construction of Project FA 469 AS2, Routes 16 and 580, 3.8 Miles N. Wyliesburg-6 Miles N. Wyliesburg, to the low bidder, G.P. Clay, Richmond, Va., at his bid of \$38,293.74, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$38,600.00 chargeable to this project; transferring \$5801.00 excess required over allocation, from \$12,000.00 unprogrammed balance in the Lynchburg District. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since part of the parcel of land acquired from I. F. Kane in 1932, under condemnation proceedings, on Route 58, Project 515 MI, between 0.038 Mi. East of the East Corporate Limits of Gate City and 0.286 Mi. West of the East Corporate Limits of Gate City, is no longer necessary for the use of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of this parcel of land not required in accordance with revised plans, in exchange for right of way required on revised line, is hereby approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a special warranty deed making conveyance of this land to I. F. Kane. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since part of the parcel of land acquired from the Fannie C. Kane Estate in 1933, under condemnation proceedings, on Route 58, Project 515-C, MI, between 0.286 Mi. East of East Corporate Limits of Gate City and 0.286 Mi. West of the East Corporate Limits of Gate City, is no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of this parcel of land not required in accordance with revised plans, in exchange for right of way required on the revised line, is hereby approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a special warranty deed, making conveyance of this land to P. L. Kane and Henry S. Kane, Jr., Co-Executors of the Estate of Fannie C. Kane, deceased. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7th, 1940, that since part of the parcel of land acquired from A. W. Baland and Susie Katharine Baland, his wife, Patsy C. Graves (widow) and James P. Woods (holder of deed of trust) by deed dated June 23rd, 1933, under right of way settlement on Route 122, Project 678 D, between 9.82 Mi. South of Bedford and 0.12 Mi. South of Staunton River, is no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of any part of this parcel of land not required for right of way purposes in accordance with revised plans is hereby approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a special warranty deed making conveyance of this land to L. W. DeLong and Gladys DeLong, his wife, for a consideration of \$60.00. Motion carried. (This resolution rescinds resolution of April 16th, 1940.)

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Rawls, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since the Toll House Lot on Route 42, southwest of Harrisonburg, in Rockingham County, is no longer necessary for uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the sale of this lot, except so much of same as required to complete a 30 ft. right of way on the south side of Route 42, measured from the centerline as shown on plans for Project 339 D, is hereby approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth a special warranty deed making conveyance of this lot to William J. Miller for a consideration of \$500.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Massie, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since the Old Covered Bridge over Buffalo Creek at Buffalo Forge, on old Secondary Route 608, in Rockbridge County, is no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, and it appearing that the notice required by said Act has been duly and legally given to the proper parties and no hearing has been requested nor objection made to said conveyance, the sale of this bridge is approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a special warranty deed making conveyance of this bridge to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities for a consideration of \$1.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 50 in Frederick County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof: Section 1 as shown on plat dated April 20, 1940, Project 321 ARL. That as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, section 2 also shown on the plat, be added to the Secondary System as a connection. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 571 in Frederick County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1,2,3 and 4 as shown on plat dated May 3, 1940. That sections 5,6,7 and 8 also shown on the plat be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of secondary roads in Mathews County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 5,6,7,8 and 9 as shown on plat dated May 1, 1940, Project 1197 A, being a part of Route 635; and section 3, being a part of Route 635. That sections 10,11,12,13 and 14 shown on the plat be added to the Secondary System as new location and section 4 be added as a connection; section 2 to be dropped from the system. As provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, section 1 on the plat referred to, being old location of Route 223, revert to the Secondary System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 622 in Montgomery County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 5,6,7 and 8 as shown on plat dated April 18, 1940. That sections 1,2,3 and 4 also shown on the plat be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 114 in Montgomery County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1,2,3 and 4 as shown on plat dated April 19, 1940. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Massie, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 628 in Montgomery County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 8,9,10,11,12,13 and 14 as shown on plat dated April 20, 1940. That sections 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 as shown be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 614 in Shenandoah County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1 and 2 as shown on plat dated April 27, 1940, Project 1390 E2. That sections 3 and 4 also shown be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Massie, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of the secondary system of Rockingham County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 2 and 3 as shown on plat dated March 28, 1940, Project 1161 A1,2,III. That section 1 shown on the plat having been taken into the relocation of Route 12, it be dropped from the secondary system and section 4 shown be added to the system as a connection. As provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 18, 1926, section 5 also shown on the plat referred to as old location of Route 12 revert to the Town of Elkton as a Town Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1925, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 42 in Craig County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1,2,3 and 4 as shown on plat dated May 8, 1940, Project 1166 D1. That section 5 also shown revert to the Secondary System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 671 in Westmoreland County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof: Section 1 as shown on plat dated May 9, 1940. That section 2 also shown be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 621 in Westmoreland County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof; Section 1 as shown on plat dated May 9, 1940. That section 2 also shown be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Massie, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 654 in Frederick County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof; Sections 1 and 2 as shown on plat dated May 2, 1940. That section 3 also shown be added to the system as new location. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the \$500.00 per mile construction funds be allocated to the City of Roanoke for 1939-1940, a project set up and the funds held for the construction of such project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the \$500.00 per mile construction funds be allocated to the City of Harrisonburg for 1939-1940 to be expended on Route 33 within the City on East Market Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission allocate to the City of Lynchburg the \$500.00 per mile construction funds for 1940-1941 to be used on Twelfth Street between Floyd and Harrison Streets, Route 128. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the \$15,000.00 available during the fiscal year 1939-1940 to Norfolk City from the \$500.00 per mile construction funds, be carried over, less \$2,256.54 to be used on final indebtedness of the Toll Free Route, No. 18, and be applied to Hampton Boulevard. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that Route 100 from Sylvatus to Hillsville follow generally along the present location of Route 100 as now designated. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission delay any action as to how they will handle the financing of projects under the Bridge Authority Act until the feasibility of the projects has been decided. Motion carried.

Senator E. Solater Montague, Mr. Alvin Kassenburg, Mr. Percy Carmel, Mr. Roland D. Cook, Mr. R. N. Wilson and quite a large delegation appeared before the Commission concerning the allocation made to Elizabeth City County of secondary funds, contending that the purport of a special Act creating the City of Hampton was that the county's minimum road funds be not affected by such a procedure.

Mr. R. N. Wilson, Clerk of Elizabeth City County Board, requested that there be transferred from the \$30,000.00 allocation set up for sidewalks in the county, \$12,000.00 for curb and gutter.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that no change be made in the allocation of funds to the secondary system. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the \$30,000.00 to provide sidewalks for Elizabeth City County be changed and that \$12,000.00 of the same be used for curb and gutter. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that if the people of Staunton desire the removal of the Staunton District Office and Shop and will arrange for disposal of the property owned by the State Highway Department without loss, the Chairman be authorized to proceed to move the office and shop. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the request of the Town of Waynesboro to eliminate grade crossing of the C&O Railway in the Town be postponed until future funds are available. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of Wise County Board of Supervisors for the addition to the Primary System of 10 miles of road by rerouting No. 64 over Route 610, be passed by. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the road mileage in the Madison College Grounds be increased by adding Sections A and B shown on sketch dated May 4th, making a total including Section C which is already maintained, of 0.712 mile on the campus at Harrisonburg and 0.4 mile at the College farm near Port Republic, as provided by Chapter 172, Section 5B, Act of March 17, 1938. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission is not in a position to take over the abandoned mileage of the old Arlington Fairfax Railroad right of way in Arlington County and the matter be passed by. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyzor, that permit No. 8179, Route 84, Buchanan County, issued March 28, 1938, to Cruise Brothers Garage, Richlands, Va., be cancelled as requested by the District Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyzor, seconded by Mr. Massie, that permit No. 2703, Route 33, Greene County, issued January 16, 1940, to the Madison Power Company, Madison, Va., be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that permit No. 7813, Route 249, Rockbridge County, issued May 5, 1939, to the Virginia Public Service Company, Busna Vista, Va., be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilpin, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that permit No. 2599, Route 244, Arlington County, issued January 31, 1940, to the Rosslyn Gas Co., Arlington, Va., be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Massie, that permit No. 2566, Route 257, Arlington County, issued March 27, 1940, to the C and P Telephone Company of Virginia, Arlington, Va., be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyzor, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that permit No. 10312, Route 59, Buchanan County, issued February 15, 1939, to the Fawcett Oil Company, Grundy, Va., be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyzor, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that all bids opened on the 23rd of May for Residency Office Buildings at Fawcett, Harrisonburg, Fairfax and Accomac, be rejected as being too high, and readvertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyzor, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request for additional funds for right of way in the Town of Harrows, on Project 1185 M, as set forth in letter received on the 23rd from Senator A. E. Skumate, be turned down. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyzor, that the Chairman be directed to make a study and report as to the feasibility of establishing a ferry from the Eastern Shore of Virginia to the mainland. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyzor, that 3.62 miles of road be added to the primary system for the extension of Route 207 from the end of Potomac River Bridge at Dahlgren to Route 206 near Owens, all as provided under Chapter 172, Section 5B, Act of March 17, 1938. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Tysor, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that a survey be made in Bluefield to ascertain the cost of widening Route 19 out to 40 feet with curb and gutter, and report of same be made to the Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Towns of Branchville, Phoebus, and Boykins having passed ordinances turning over additional width of right of way on certain routes within these respective Towns, as provided by law, the Commission accept the same. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilpin, that whereas it is deemed a part of the right of way of the original road between Four Mile Fork and Fredericksburg, formerly known as Route 31, along property belonging to the Sinclair Refining Company, is not and may not until some future time be needed for public road purposes, said right of way being adjacent to the standard 80 foot right of way for Route 1, and shown on a plat and survey on file in the central office of the Department of Highways, in connection with State Patrol Shed, Route 1, Project 205 AW, Richmond, Va., April 22, 1939; and whereas, the Sinclair Refining Company has executed an agreement dated January 15, 1940, agreeing to convey the said old right of way to the Commonwealth for a consideration of \$1.00 when in the opinion of the road officials of the Commonwealth the same is needed for road or highway purposes, said agreement being on file in the central office of the Department of Highways, and to be recorded in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania County. Now, therefore, be it ordered that all of that part of the said old right of way lying outside of the said standard 80 foot right of way and as shown on said plat and survey be and is hereby abandoned for public road purposes, subject to the right of the Commonwealth to exercise its rights under the aforesaid agreement. Motion carried.

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

Approved-

W. G. Shirley
Chairman.

Attested-

W. S. Massie
Secretary.

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