

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

JULY 9, 1925

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY
COMMISSION, HELD AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,
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On the morning of July 9th, 1925, the State Highway Commission consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Chairman, E. Walke Truxtum, and A. J. Huff, met at their office 814 State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting held May 25th and 26th, 1925, at Richmond, were then read and it was moved by Mr. Truxtum, seconded by Mr. Huff, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. F. B. Bolton of Clifton Forge, Virginia, then appeared before the Commission in regards to Route 142, Fincastle-Eagle Hook to Clifton Forge. He wanted to know if there was not some way possible for the construction of this highway, either under the Robertson Act or by an appropriation by the Commission. He stated that this was a very important road, carrying through traffic from the north and west going south via Roanoke. He also stated that during last winter this road was in very bad condition. They had a bus line running over it but during the winter they were compelled to discontinue it. The worst section was between Fincastle and Simmons Ridge. Mr. Bolton was told that all the Robertson Act money for the years 1925 and 1926 had been taken up and also the allocations for 1925 had been made.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the action of rejecting all bids on Project 355A, Route 23, Pearisburg-2.85 Miles west and readvertising same, be confirmed. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the action of rejecting all bids on Project F-402, Route 37, 1.5 Miles West of White Stone Church to 3.0 Miles East of Kilmarnock and doing the work with the State's own force, be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the award of the contract to the low bidder, Spotsylvania Construction Company, be confirmed as follows:

Route 12, Project 397, 1.013 Miles 18' concrete road, at their bid of \$28,285.90, setting aside 10% additional for contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$31,114.49, taking advantage of the special provision in the contract and extending this work at their unit prices for the amount of the allocation:

Route 31, Project 398A, Section 1, 2.311 Miles concrete, 18' roadway, at their bid of \$66,021.95, setting aside 10% additional for contingencies and engineering and \$2,000.00 for detours, making a total of \$74,624.14:

Route 31, Project 298A, Section 2, .34 Miles 39' concrete road at their bid of \$25,752.80, setting aside 10% additional to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$28,328.08:

These contracts being awarded subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that all bids be rejected for the construction of Route 114, Project 190A, 1.674 Miles 18' concrete road, Oesburn towards Graces Nest Community, and the work to be done on a force account basis. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contract for the construction of .857 Miles 18' concrete road, Route 11, Project F344A, be awarded to the low bidder, Jenkins Construction Company, Norton, Virginia, at their bid of \$43,525.16 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$47,877.67 chargeable to this Project, subject to the approval of the plans by the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of Route 23, Project F355A, Pearisburg-West, be awarded to the low bidder, M. G. Miller & Company, Harrisburg, Pa., at their unit prices to the amount of \$40,000.00, setting aside \$10,000.00 additional for rights of way and other purposes and that the contract be not signed until all rights of way have been secured. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of 1.913 miles of 18' concrete road, Route 31, Project 379B, South of Ritchies Store-South, be awarded to the low bidder, Southern Construction Company, Petersburg, Virginia, at their bid of \$45,854.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$50,439.40 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the following Permits be granted:

- To J. H. Atkinson, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to lay a pipe at the entrance of his property, Route 311, Spotsylvania County,
- To Town of Bedford, R. W. Gailin, Manager, to lay a 4" water pipe under Route 10 Bedford County.
- To S. A. Brizzolara, Orange, Virginia, to grade a bank about 10' high for a distance of 505' from the intersection of the Woodberry Forest Road with Route 32, Orange County,

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- To Town of Charlottesville, B. A. Bennett, City Manager, to lay an 8" sewer line along Route 39 from the eastern city limits for a distance of 335 ft.
- To J. E. Cargers Company, Salem, Virginia, to lay a 1" water pipe across Route 10 just west of Salem,
- To S. H. Cullers, Woodstock, Virginia, to lay a 4" sewer pipe under and across Route 21 between Luray and New Market,
- To K. E. Dabney, Gooseland, Virginia, to string two electric wires across Route 321 from his residence to his store, Gooseland County,
- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install a $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap under Route 10 to supply L. S. Philhower with water,
- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install a $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap under Route 10 to supply residence of S. B. Scott,
- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install a $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap under Route 10 to supply the Oceana Realty Corporation,
- To Thom. Dix, Berryville, Virginia, to lay a $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe in ditch along Route 37 just outside northern limits of Berryville,
- To Exmore Light & Power Company, Exmore, Virginia, to erect 10 poles along Route 34 through Town of Chariton,
- To Farmers Manufacturing Company, Norfolk, Virginia, to construct a narrow gauge railroad crossing across Route 35 in Surry County,
- To B. S. Gillespie, Fairfax, Virginia, to lay a 1" water pipe along Route 21, for a distance of approximately 200 feet,
- To Town of Glade Springs, Fred C. Buck, Mayor, to construct a 36" box culvert at intersection of the street with Route 105,
- To C. A. Harpin, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to place a $\frac{3}{4}$ " water pipe along Route 33, for a distance of 254 feet and across same at his residence,
- To Henning County School Board, to lay a sewer line along Route 31, from Richmond City Limits to school building at Chamberlayne & Herwood Avenues,
- To Town of Marion, B. L. Dickinson, Mayor, to install two 2" water pipes across Route 10 east of Marion, Virginia,
- To Morrison Service Station, Bassett, Virginia, to lay a 4" sewer pipe under Route 33, in Henry County,
- To New Market Motor Company, New Market, Virginia, to lay a pipe line across and under Route 21 in New Market from garage to filling station,
- To C. H. Price, Blacksburg, Virginia, to construct a power line along Route 23 leading south from Blacksburg,

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- To City of Richmond, R. Keith Compton, Director of Public Works, to lay an 8" sewer pipe along Route 31 from the City limits for a distance of 1700'
- To Roslyn Gas Company, Clarendon, Virginia, to lay 900' of 4" gas main along south side of Route 21 crossing same with a 3" main at Hillcrest Drive, Fairfax County,
- To C. S. Shafer, Salma, Virginia, to move a building 16x20 feet across Route 14, Alleghany County,
- To City of Staunton, to place a 16" water pipe line under and across State Highway No. 39 at three places, namely: 500' west of Staunton Corporate limits, M.P. 220.3, 75' west of Road intersection, M.P. 221.55, and 725' west of same road intersection, Augusta County,
- To Town of Strasburg, O. W. Hester, Mayor, to lay an 8" sewer line parallel and across Route 33 in the town of Strasburg,
- To O. H. Thayer, Abingdon, Virginia, to lay a 1" water pipe across Route 10 in the Town of Abingdon,
- To Virginia Railway and Power Company, to construct, maintain and operate pole line along State Highway 12 west of Corporate limits of Holland, 8 poles,
- To Virginia Railway and Power Company, to construct, maintain and operate pole line along Route 121 beginning at the western limits of Franklin, 54 poles,
- To A. N. Waddell, Middleburg, Virginia, to lay a water pipe across Washington Street in the town of Middleburg, Fauquier County,

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of Mr. L. O. Clements, Coveville, Virginia, for permission to construct a retaining wall along his property on Route 28 be refused as it is now the policy of the Commission not to allow any encroachments whatever on the right of way. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the request of Mr. E. C. Shields, for permission to allow the overhang of his filling station on Route 31 to remain, be refused as it is the policy of the Commission not to allow such encroachments. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that permission be granted the Town of Woodstock to lay an 8" water main along Routes 33 and 331 as per blue print submitted, under the following conditions:

First: that a certified check for \$2,000.00 be placed in the hands of the State Highway Commission as a guarantee that the road will be put in good condition after the laying of the pipe, same to be returned when work is approved by the District Engineer,

Second: that the pipe line shall be laid, on the surfaced sections of the roads, at least six feet from the edge of the surface and the earth to be thrown away from the surface on the opposite side of the pipe line,

Third: that on the earth sections, the pipe line to be laid between the gutter and the property line and the earth to be thrown towards the property line and not in the highway,

Fourth: that when the pipe line is completed that a plat and profile be furnished the State Highway Commission showing the exact location and depth below the surface of the pipe and all other provisions of the rules and regulations governing the laying of pipe lines to be carried out. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted the Pendleton Construction Company on Project 1460, Route 10, East of Radford, to December 10th, 1924, and that no liquidated damages be charged after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted Phillips and Neal on Project 180A, Route 34, Cape Charles-North to April 3, 1925, with the exception that engineering be charged on this work from October 1, 1924 to December 26, 1924. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that an extension of time be granted the Hoencke Iron and Bridge Works on Project 196, Route 22, Two Bridges between Catawba and Newcastle, to March 1, 1924, with a deduction of \$356.12 for engineering. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted the Maloney Paving Company, on Project 1660, Route 13, Manquin Mechanicsville, to the actual date of completion, September 10, 1924. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted Baker-Kooper Company, on Project 2800, Route 38, Maryland Line South, to January 1, 1925, charging engineering after that date, amounting to \$653.43 as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted W. H. Clarke & Company, on Project 2948, Route 21, Rappahannock County line-.19 Miles east of Luray, to the actual date of completion, or May 26, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted Van Doren Brothers on Project 257, Route 39, Providence Forge-.11 Miles East Chickahominy, for a period of two months, or the actual date of completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted John T. McKinney, on Project 1341, Route 14, Lawyers Road-South to February 1, 1925, charging liquidated damages after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted Roberts Contracting Company, on Project 118A, Route 33, South of Roanoke, to April 1, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen.

Motion carried.

North Bank Road No. 69-D
Front Royal, Va.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted Allport Construction Company, on Project 146A, Route 10, Christiansburg-Radford, to actual date of completion, May 6, 1925, with no penalties, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullis. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that an extension of time be granted the Walton Construction Company, on Project 132A, Route 10, Kumin-Elington, to the actual date of completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the following men be appointed special traffic officers.

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| S. C. Glen, | Maintenance Foreman, | Front Royal, Va. |
| H. A. Lester, | Resident Engineer, | Danville, Virginia. |

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request to name the highway leading from Bluefield, West Virginia, via Glenalyo, Harrows, Pearisberg, Dublin, Pulaski and on South, "The Coal to Cotton Highway" be tabled until after the Committee appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to designate certain interstate and transcontinental highways has reported. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Town of Chilhowis be notified that the Commission will lay the pipe and fill the open ditch along Route 10, if the Town will furnish the pipe, or if they prefer the Commission will construct a guard rail along this section. Motion carried.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

Carpenter-Major Brothers of Clifton Forge, Virginia, appeared before the Commission in regards to their claim on Project 65-B, Route 13, Buffalo

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Creek-Pussy Mill. They stated that in their opinion the time limit given was too short in the first place and they were also tied up on rights of way which caused them to run into the winter months. They stated that every effort was made to complete this contract, two miles of it having been sublet to another contractor in trying to push it through but that after this sub-contractor failed it was necessary for them to take this work over. They claimed that on this contract they lost between twelve and fourteen thousand dollars and requested the Commission to allow them as much of this as possible.

Messrs. Cast, Devries, and Sullivan then appeared before the Commission in regards to the claim of the Manscond Brick Corporation for demurrage on barges caused by the sinking of a barge in the berth at the gravel pit of Mr. Devries. The whole question revolved into who was responsible for the sinking of the barge. Mr. Shirley advised these gentlemen to try and come to some compromise and if same could not be reached, he would place the money in the hands of the court to be settled by legal action.

Moved by Mr. Ruff, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that Carpenter-Major Brothers be notified that the Commission, after thoroughly considering the matter of their claim on Project 65-D, felt that the settlement previously offered was fair and just and that they hereby confirm same. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce be allowed to send out copies of the Virginia State Highway Map, the legend to be the same with the additional words "Courtesy of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce". Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Ruff, that the Chairman proceed immediately to condemn the property for new location of Route 12, Courtland West, in view of the statement of General C. C. Vaughan, Jr. and associates that

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the cost of acquiring these rights of way will be borne by the citizens. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the recommendation of Mr. C. S. Mullen, Chief Engineer, for the increase in salary of certain employees be approved, provided same can be taken care of in the Budget. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

W. G. Shirley
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

W. H. Manna
Secretary.