

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

AUGUST 4, 1922

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY

COMMISSION HELD AUGUST FOURTH, 1922,

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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The members of the State Highway Commission, with H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, Hugh B. Sproul, H. K. Sanders, and I Walke Truxton in attendance, met at the office of the State Highway Department, 116 South Third Street, Richmond, Virginia, August 4th, at 9:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the minutes of the last meeting as read and corrected be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that action on the request of the Newport News Chamber of Commerce to take over the road leading from Morrison to Poquoson; via Harpersville and Tabb, a distance of about ten miles, under the 2½% Clause, be delayed until some future date when the Commission will take up this request along with many others for determination. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham County to add to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, a road from Harrisonburg westward to the West Virginia Line be delayed until some future time when the Commission will take up such

requests for determination. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an increase in salary from \$150.00 to \$165.00 per month be granted Mr. B. B. Parrish, Project Engineer, as recommended by the Commissioner. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the section of road from the Opaquon Creek to the Shenandoah River on Route 6 and the branch from Millwood via Barryville to the West Virginia Line be taken over for maintenance. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders that the salary of Mr. H. H. Burton, Project Engineer, be increased from \$150.00 to \$165.00 per month as per recommendation of the State Highway Commissioner. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the amount of \$325.00 per mile per year be expended by the State Highway Department for maintenance on the road through the Town of Altavista, this being the same amount being expended on the road for that purpose adjacent thereto. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the parties interested in the location of Route No. 7, from Templeman's Cross Roads to the Northumberland County Line, be notified by the Chairman, that the Commission will set a date on which they will give a hearing to all persons interested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the question of Workman's Compensation Insurance be referred to the Chairman to be taken up with the Industrial Accident Commission and Insurance Company and report back the rates he can secure. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fruxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Commission add to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, the road leading from Suffolk south, approximately fourteen miles, to connect at the State Line with the road now being built by the North Carolina Highway Department from Sandbury north, provided that the North Carolina Highway Commission will give assurance that they will extend their construction to meet this road at the State Line. Motion carried.

A delegation from Grayson County, consisting of Mr. Ohas. H. Cox, Mouth of Wilson, Mr. H. P. Burnett, Independence, and Mr. Emmet Thomas, Marion, appeared before the Commission and requested that they assist in building a bridge and take over a section of road from the North Carolina State Line north via the proposed bridge to connect with Route No. 12, a distance of about one and one-half miles and stated that they had on hand, ready to apply on this work, about \$9,000. and that the cost of the proposed bridge would be about \$16,000.

It was moved by Mr. Massie and seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the location of Route 12 through Grayson County be first determined and that the question of this connection be also

studied in connection with such location and that action be delayed until such studies could be made. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Chairman arrange a date for a hearing on the location of the road between Gloucester C.H. and Mathews C.H., Route 13. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Macsie, that the request that the Commission add to the State System the road leading from Danville to the North Carolina State Line towards Yanceyville be delayed until the State Highway Commissioner makes a report on the condition of the same. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman arrange a hearing to determine the location of Route No. 18 in Nelson County between Arden and Lovingston. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Commission approve the following anticipations under the Robertson Act and authorize the work to be put under contract as soon as possible:

Route 11 - City of Taxewell (Citizens)	"Sum Necessary"
Route 11 - Board of Supervisors of Wise County, Donkey-Va-Ken. Line	\$185,000.00
Route 18 - Halifax County, Board of Supervisors, South Boston-N.C. Line	50,000.00
Route 11 - Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Grundy to Raven	100,000.00
Route 11 - Board of Supervisors of Dickenson Co. Hayti-Fremont	\$200,000.
Clintwood-Wise Co. Line (towards Pound)	150,000.

	Clintwood-Wise Co. Line (towards Cosburn)	<u>50,000.</u>	400,000.00
Routes 12 and 18	Town of Halifax (Citizens)		50,000.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the question of bridge on Route 10 between Seven Mile Ford and Chilhowie be referred to the Chairman of the Commission for his action. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission allot to Mr. Daniel's Committee, at their next meeting, twenty minutes to present their request in regards to taking into the State Highway System the road leading from Homeville through Waverly to Spring Grove. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Mr. Sexton be given fifteen minutes of time to present the claims of the Town of Graham in the controversy over the construction of streets within the Town limits at the next meeting of the Commission held in Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the question of rerouting Route 17, as changed by the Legislature to Parnassus and Goshen, be referred to the Engineer for a report and that the Chairman take such steps as are necessary to have the road from Lebanon to Deerfield included in the Forestry Service under the Department of Agriculture and secure such funds as may be available under that Department for its improvement. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Chairman be authorized to take the matter of improving the Rifle Range Road up with the Board of Supervisors of Princess Anne County with the view of having them appropriate money out of their next State Aid allotment for this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to enter into and execute all agreements covering the two stage Federal Aid Projects for construction of the State Highway System of Virginia and other Project Statements. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Fruxton, that no action be taken on the request of the Southern Railroad Company concerning signing of contract for spur tract to the quarry at Culpeper. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Fruxton, that the Commission cannot take over and construct the road from South Hill to the North Carolina State Line near Hurlina, until all toll charges have been eliminated from Gooda's Ferry Bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders that the Chairman notify Mr. Jones that as soon as the results of the survey now being made of the road from Appalachia up Looney to the Kentucky State Line are known, the Commission will act on the request of the Appalachia Chamber of Commerce in regards to taking over this section of road under the 2½ Clause. Motion carried.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 1:30 P.M. to meet at 2:30 P.M.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Commission accept offer made by General Jervey, Mr. Preston and Mr. West, viz; that they turn over to the Commission \$40,000.00 in fee and advance \$34,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the improvement of a section of Route No. 12 known as the Dismal Swamp-Canal Road, starting at the City limits of Portsmouth and extending three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) miles to Deep Creek, and acceptance be delayed on the remaining portion of this Route from Deep Creek to the North Carolina Line until the Commission have assurance that the section of road extending from the North Carolina State Highway north to the Virginia Line will be constructed and join up with Route No. 12, road leading down the Canal to the State Line and further that they accept the offer made by General Jervey, Mr. Preston and Mr. West for the advancement of funds under the Robertson Act for the completion of Route No. 27 leading from Norfolk south to the North Carolina Line, joining up with the State Highway being constructed by the North Carolina State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to investigate how far the \$150,000. allocated to Accomac County will extend on the improvement of Route No. 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the improvement of the road leading to the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, as requested by Mr. LeRoy Hodges, be

taken up with the Board of Supervisors of Campbell County and see if arrangements cannot be made to improve it under the State Aid Law. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the Chairman be authorized to issue permits for the use of the State Highways for public utilities companies and others under the rules and regulations of the Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxton, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman arrange a date for a hearing on the selection of the location for Route No. 9 from Providence Forge to Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to turn over to the County Road Authorities such surplus War Material and Equipment as not needed by the Commission, the Counties to pay transportation and other charges. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the Chairman be authorized to rent quarters of sufficient capacity to take care of the entire office force and sublet the building now occupied at 116 South Third Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the contract for Project S-138, Route 11, from Donkey to Pound Gap in Wise County be awarded to Jones and Combs under the revised bid amounting to \$183,924.11 and as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:-

H. G. Shirley
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

Walter H. Massie
Secretary.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

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At the call of the Chairman, the Commission met on the morning of August 28th at East Radford, Virginia, those being present were Messrs. Shirley, Massie, and Truxton and proceeded to inspect the road between East Radford and Wytheville where they were joined by Mr. Sanders. From Wytheville they inspected the State Highways in Bland, Wythe, Hayth, and Washington Counties, ending the day at Bristol where a special night session was held and the following business transacted.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the bid of L. R. Boyd of Chester, Virginia, amounting to \$9,129.50 for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge over Swift Creek in Chesterfield County, Route No. 1, Project E-249, calling for the removal of the old bridge to a new location and maintaining traffic over it during the construction of the new bridge, be accepted, being the lowest bid received and that additional 10% be added to this amount covering contingencies and inspection, making total amount chargeable to this Project of \$10,042.45, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that bid of the Major Construction Company of Front Royal, Virginia, amounting to \$27,568.00 for building the substructure for the bridge over the Rappahannock River at Falmouth on Route No. 1,

Project No. S-225 be accepted and that 10% be added to this amount covering cost of contingencies and inspection, making a total cost chargeable to this Project of \$30,434.80 as recommended by Commissioner Coleman in his letter of August 21st. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the bid of the Atlantic Bridge Company of Roanoke, Virginia, amounting to \$57,300.00 for building the superstructure for the bridge over the Rappahannock River at Falmouth on Route 1, Project S-225 be accepted and that 10% be added to this amount covering cost of contingencies and inspection, making a total cost chargeable to this Project of \$63,030.00 as recommended by Commissioner Coleman in his letter of August 21st. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the bid of L. C. Turner of Roanoke, Virginia, amounting to \$3,535.70 for the construction of a bridge over Spring Branch in Pulaski County on Route 10, Project S-250 be accepted, provided the contractor at the same unit prices will widen the bridge to a width of 22 feet in the clear between guard walls and that the additional amount for this widening be added to the contract price, plus 10% for contingencies and inspection, be set aside for this Project, total amount being \$4,303.20, as per recommendation of Commissioner Coleman, in his letter of August 21st. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that bid of Marshall Brothers of Roanoke for the construction of a concrete bridge on Project 110, Route 22, north of Salem, amounting to \$3530.00 be accepted and that 10% be added to the bid, making the amount \$3883.00 to be allocated and set aside for this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that an allocation be made for the construction of a concrete bridge between Seven Mile Ford and Chilhowie, Route No. 10. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the bid of Battershill, Goode and Clay, of Richmond, Virginia, amounting to \$206,920.55 for the reconstruction of the section of road between Pulaski and Maxmeadows, Route 10, Project 151, be accepted and that 10% be added to the amount to be charged against this Project covering contingencies and inspection, making total amount of \$227,612.60 and that the time of completion of 400 days be reduced to one year as recommended by the State Highway Commissioner in his letter of August 25th. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the bid of L. J. Chandler, of Virginia, Virginia, of \$8,340.04, for the construction of the section of road between Bremo Bluff and New Canton Hill Route 2, Project B-251, and that additional 10% of the cost be added for contingencies and inspection to be charged against this Project, making a total of \$9,174.04 and as recommended by Commissioner Coleman in his letter of August 25th. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that contract for building the Streets through the Town of Halifax be held under advisement. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the action of the Chairman authorizing the advertisement of Project 84-C, Route 14, 5.7 miles, Big Island to Snowden; Project 32, Route 6, Fairfax C.H. to Chantilly, 1 mile; Project 125-A, Route 6, 4.75 miles from Sta. 14+90 to Mount Zion Church; Project 168, Route 6, 5 miles, Chantilly-Loudoun County Line; Project 173, Route 1, 6.43 miles, Richmond to Petersburg; Project 160, Route 3, 14 miles, Blue Ridge Church-Okeoverdale; Project 171, Route 13, 8.08 miles end of Project 72 from St. Paul to Brays; Project 202, Route 9, 6.27 miles from end of Project 109 to Cobham; be approved and advertisement authorized. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.

August 29, 30 & 31.

On the morning of the 29th, the Commission continued their inspection to Manassas, Glade Springs, in Washington Co., Marion via Sugar Grove through Smyth to Independence in Grayson County and from Independence back to Pulaski. They left Pulaski on the 30th and inspected the State Highways through Montgomery, Roanoke, Botetourt, Rockbridge Counties and to Staunton, leaving Staunton on the 31st they made an inspection of the Lee Highway

through Augusta, Rockingham, part of Shenandoah, Page, Rappahan-
nook, also to Front Royal, part of Warren and on through Fairfax
and Arlington Counties to Washington D.C. where the inspection
came to an end on the night of the 31st.

APPROVED:-

H. G. Shirley
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

Wesley H. Manie
Secretary