

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

**SEPTEMBER 10, 1924**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE  
 HIGHWAY COMMISSION, HELD AT RICHMOND,  
 VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1924.

The State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. J. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, H. S. Sproul, A. J. Huff and I. Frank Truxtun, met at their office, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, on September 10th, 1924 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of July 9th, 1924, at Richmond, Virginia, and on August 20th and 21st, at Eland, Roanoke and Salem, Va. were read.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the minutes of the meeting of July 9th, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the minutes of the meeting held August 20th and 21st, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the contract for the construction of 4.11 miles of 18' concrete road from 3.34 miles south of Homeville to .27 miles north of Homeville, Route 35, Project 145B, be awarded to the low bidder, Baker-Moyer Company, Richmond, Va. at their bid of \$135,580.88 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, and \$7,900.00 for detours, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$157,038.96. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contract for the construction of 2.87 miles of grading and drainage, Route 32, Project 184A, 1.2 miles south of Ferrantou to 11.3 miles north of Remington, be awarded to the low bidder, G.R. Colbert, Fredericksburg, Va. at his bid of \$19,279.60 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering,

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and also \$1,104.00 for detours, making a total of \$22,311.56 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the contract for the construction of the Bridge over South Anna River 3.6 miles north of Ashland, Route 31, Project 3580, be awarded to the low bidder, Laton Bridge Company, Knoxville, Tenn, at their bid of \$25,802.90 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$28,383.19 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contract for the construction of 1.563 miles of 18' asphaltic concrete road in the Town of Cape Charles, Va, be awarded to the low bidder, R.J. Lassiter and Co, Norfolk, Va, at their bid of \$23,130.44 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$25,443.48 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that:

Whereas: it has pleased Divine Providence to take from our midst our fellow Commissioner, Rufus K. Sanders, of Saltville, Virginia, who had so efficiently and zealously served as a member of the State Highway Commission for two years and who had recently been reappointed for a period of four more, and

Whereas; the service rendered by Mr. Sanders was of great value to the State and especially so was his advice and judgment to the members of the Commission in properly deciding the many important questions affecting the welfare and prosperity of the people of the State,

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the State Highway Commission, in session this 10th day of September 1924, extend their most profound sympathy to Mr. Sanders and the other members of his family in the great loss that they have sustained, and,

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is it further resolved; That a copy of these minutes be sent to the widow and that they also be spread upon the minutes of the Commission as a token of the esteem and affection in which he was held by the members thereof. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the location of Route 123 from Route 12 to the North Carolina line be over the Charlton Survey and that the offer of Mr. Ross to pay the excess cost to put this in maintainable condition over the old line of approximately \$300.00 be accepted, also that the cost of a bridge over New River on this route be investigated but that action be postponed on same until a report can be made by the Chairman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fraxton, seconded by Mr. Huff, that:

Whereas, charges having been preferred against Special Officer Macenda, and that these charges having been thoroughly investigated and found wanting, the Commission orders that this officer be continued as one of the Special Traffic Officers of the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Masala, that the following permits be granted under the usual rules and regulations of the Commission:

- To Mr. D. O. Fleasants, Newport News, Va. to cut a hole through curb and open up a duct so that lighting fixtures could be installed on the Hampton Creek Bridge,
- To Mr. E. H. Walker, Gate City, Va. to lay a 1½" water pipe under Route No. 10.
- To The Virginian Railway Company to cross Routes 10 and 23 with transmission lines.
- To The Pulaski Country Club, to run a 1½" water pipe under the concrete bridge three miles east of Pulaski, Route 10.
- To E. J. Thompson, Miner, Va. to erect telephone line on State Highway No. 23, through Miner,

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- To Old Dominion Canning Co, to connect with the power line of the Texas Company at Christiansburg, Va, to Highway No. 10,
- To Allen J. Daville, Richmond, Va. to place two markers for Civil War Memorials along State Highway No. 13,
- To Mr. J. A. Jones, East Stone Gap, Va. to lay a 4" sewer pipe across State Highway No. 116, at East Stone Gap,
- To The Bachelors Hall Rural Telephone System, to cross Route 12 between Danville and Martinsville with an electric wire,
- To Woodlawn Development Company, Hopewell, Va. to place a 3" water pipe under Route No. 10-11.
- To J. A. Crumpacker, Roanoke, Va. to erect speed signs on either side of Blueridge Springs Hotel, stating "Road Intersection 15 Miles per Hour",
- To S. M. Shephard, Mayor, Ashland, Va. to lay curb, gutter and sidewalk for one block each side of Railroad on Thompson and England Streets, Route 39,
- To J. A. Kinchel, Frazierell, Va. to lay a water pipe under State Highway No. 117 in town of Frazierell,
- To Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co, to replace, remove and relocate certain poles on Route 36 between Winchester and Boyce,
- To Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co, to replace and relocate certain poles on Route 36 between Winchester and Boyce,
- To Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co, to replace, relocate and remove certain poles along State Highway No. 37 between Berryville and the West Virginia Line,
- To Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co, to place certain poles and guy stubs on Route 37 between Winchester and Berryville,
- To A. B. Littlepage, to construct an entrance to his garage and filling station at intersection of Routes 13 and 30, King William County,

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that J. L. Pitts and Company be awarded \$6,340.10 on their claim of \$26,000.00 in full settlement for all work and claims of every nature on Project 101, Route 17, Healing Springs-Falling Spring. Motion on trial.

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Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted the Roberts Contracting Company, Pulaski, Va. on Project 112A, Route 33, Doanoke, Five Miles South, for a period of thirty days, or to December 1st, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted to R.H. Langhorne, Swington, Va. on Project 143C, Route 10, 3 miles East of Bedford-Bedford, for a period of thirty days as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted to Overstreet and Kance, on Project 143C, Route 10, bridges and Culverts, 3 miles East of Bedford-Bedford, for a period of forty-five days, or until September 1st, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted the Roberts Paving Company, Clara, Md. on Project 145A, Route 35, Southampton County Ides-Bowerville, for a period of thirty days, or to September 1st, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted the Poodleton Construction Company, Shawsville, Va. on Project 1460, Route 10, Three Miles East of Bedford-Bedford, for a period of thirty days, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted Perkins and Barnes, Blackstone, Va. on Project 172B, Route 32, Alpha-Gold Hill, for a period of thirty days, or to May 30th, 1924, without penalty and the full penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Cassie, that an extension of time be granted Messrs. Phillips and Neal, Harlock, Md, on Project 100, Route 34, Cape Charles-Six Miles North, for a period of thirty days, or to October 1st, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Lullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Cassie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted H. H. George and Son, Richmond, Va. on Project 183, Route 31, Granes Corner-Palmouth, to September 25th, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Lullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Cassie, that an extension of time on Project 189A, Route 14, Bridge over Jackson River, be granted N. W. Curtis, Lynchburg, Va. for a period of thirty days. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted the Pace Construction Company, Roanoke, Va. on Project 192A, Route 33, 3.86 Miles North Greenville to 1.1 Miles South Greenville, to the actual date of completion of this Project and that they be relieved of the liquidated damages amounting to \$461.50 as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Lullen. Motion carried.

Mr. Burgess of Burgess and Atkinson, Contractors on Project 209, Route 19, Columbia-Fife, appeared before the Commission in regards to this Project. He stated that while he knew that the stone to be quarried at Columbia was very hard that he had no idea that it would be so difficult to quarry and that he had been put to a good deal of expense by reason of having to replaster a number of houses which had been damaged by blasting and that he had lost quite a good deal of money on this job and requested that the Commission grant him as much extension of time as possible.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Cassie, that the contractor on

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Project 209, Route 19, Columbia-Fife, Burgess and Atkisson, be charged with the actual engineering costs on this job and that the penalty of \$10.00 per day be waived on account of the difficulties encountered. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that an extension of time be granted V. E. Cornett and Company, Independence, Virginia, on Project 223, Route 116, Glinchport-Natural Tunnel, to July 15, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that an extension of time be granted C. H. Master, Greensboro, N.C. on Project 227, Route 12, Patrick County Line-Stuart, to July 1st, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted Fuller and Bruce, on Project 3255, Route 11, Streets of Easwell, for a period of thirty days from May 1st, due to delay in awarding the contract which ran the time of completion into cold weather, and that the contractor be charged only the cost of engineering during this period. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Masie, that an extension of time be granted Burgess and Derrier, Scottsville, Va. on Project 260, Route 31, Solomon's Store-Ashland, for a period of one month, or to September 1st, 1924, and that the penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that an extension of time be granted Robert Martin Company, Salem, Va. on Project 265A, Route 111, Grundy-Wanger, for a period of thirty days, or to June 15th, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.



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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted the Clintwood Construction Company, Clintwood, Va. on Project 281, Route 1141, Clintwood-Wise County Line, for a period of thirty days, or to May 1, 1924, and that the penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted to Messrs. Perkins and Barnes, Bluestone, Virginia, on Project 285, Route 20, Burksville-Keyesville, to March 1, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Traxton, that an extension of time be granted Jones and Combs, Abingdon, Virginia, on Project 287, Route 1141, Dickenson County Line-Donkey, for a period of forty-five days after June 17th, or to August 2nd, 1924, and that the penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted the Virginia Engineering Company, Newport News, Virginia, on Project 295A, Route 39, .11 Miles West Chickahominy River-Seven Pines, for a period of thirty days from August 30, 1924, and that the penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted C. H. Oliver and Company, Doswell, Virginia, On Project 318B, Route 30, King William G.H.-Sharon Church to July 15th, 1924, and that the penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted Mr. L. J. Gandler, Virginia, Va. on Project 321, Route 36,

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West Virginia Line-Care, for a period of thirty days, and that the penalty as provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted Gannaway-Hudgins Company, Haxpton, Va. on Project 328, Route 394, Phoebus-Buckroe Beach, for a period of sixty days or to August 15th, 1924, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Wallen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted Tunstall-Johnson Company, Norfolk, Va. on Project 345, Route 101, Virginia Beach-Fort Story, for a period of thirty days. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Mr. C.L. Hottle, Contractor on Project 197, Route 10, Huffs to Old Glade, be charged with engineering cost from the date of completion in the contract until the actual date of Completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Chairman be instructed to get bids on the two miles of road west of Christiansburg and if satisfactory arrangements could be made to put this work under construction. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted to the Allport Construction Corporation, Richmond, Va. on Project 186, Route 12, Two Miles West of Danville to Sandy River Bridge, to March 1st, 1924, and that the penalty provided in the contract be enforced after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that inasmuch as a thorough investigation having been made of Project 205, Route 31, Spotsylvania C.H.-Fredericksburg, and the charges made against the contractor, Spotsylvania Construction Company, not having been sufficiently upheld, that the Chairman

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be instructed to notify the Spotsylvania Construction Company that they can proceed with the work on Project P-372, Route 31, Thomas Store South, and that the award of this contract is hereby confirmed. Motion carried.

A delegation from Brunswick County appeared before the Commission and requested that the concrete road being constructed between Lawrenceville and Edgerton be continued, using concrete construction, to the intersection of Route 31, which will cost approximately \$35,000.00 additional. They stated that they would try to put up at least some of this money under the Robertson Act, but that due to some recent improvements in that District, the Treasury was very low.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Brunswick County to advance one-half of the cost of extending the concrete road between Lawrenceville and Edgerton, but if it is found impossible for the County to put up one-half of this amount, to proceed with the work and charge the entire amount against next year's allocation. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to write the Virginia Portland Cement Corporation, that it is the policy of the Commission to encourage manufacturing and other companies who locate in Virginia, and to cooperate with them as far as permissible by law to make their operations successful. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the offer of the Mary Baldwin College, as set forth in their letter of August 11, 1924, be accepted by the Commission, with the understanding that this property is to be rented in the near future and that the Chairman be authorized to have prepared a bill to present to the Legislature to authorize this transfer. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the Chairman be authorized when necessary to appropriate sufficient money for the upkeep of convict camps to run them until other allocations are made. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the convict camp now working on the road between Old Glade and Glade Springs be continued on this Route until other provisions are made and that the 1925 allocation be anticipated for this purpose. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the road leading from Route 13 to Sharon Church through King William County to West Point, State Highway No. 30, be named the "Pamunsky Trail". Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be instructed to have a preliminary survey made of the road leading from Gate City to the Tennessee Line in the direction of Kingsport and report to the Commission what it would cost to put this in condition. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that permission be granted The Shenandoah Valley Incorporated, to plant trees along the Valley Pike from Winchester to Roanoke, where we have a fifty foot right of way, trees to be placed five feet from the edge thereof. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Masie, that the request of G. P. Lathrop and Company to be allowed an additional 10¢ per barrel on cement due to an error on their part in bidding be denied as similar requests have heretofore been refused by the Commission and it could not make an exception in this case. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the convict camp be continued on Route 17, Project 332, Bridgewater-Augusta County Line, until the end of the year or new allocations are made and that 1925 allocations be

anticipated for this purpose. Motion carried.

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The Commission then recessed for lunch.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission accept an advancement of \$275,000.00 under the Robertson Act from Wise County, with the understanding that the Commission will designate the type of road to be constructed and that the work be done only to the amount of the loan. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman notify the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County on or about July 1, 1925, the Commission will advise them whether they will accept the loan of \$279,000.00 under the Robertson Act. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept the advancement of \$5,000.00 under the Robertson Act from C. S. Luck and Sons, on Route 39 from the end of the work being financed by the Town to the intersection of the Ashland Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the location of Route 26 between Fytheville and Glend be down the mountain to the northeast to old road and thence in the general direction of the old road to Glend. Ayes: Messrs. Shirley, Massie, and Truxtun. Nays: Messrs. Sproul and Huff. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the most feasible engineering route between Floyd and Foolsine be adopted for State Highway No. 23 and the Chairman be directed to have such surveys made as may be necessary to determine such route. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the terminal and controlling points of the road to be established into the State Highway System

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in Princess Anne County, under the 2<sup>1/2</sup> Clauses, be as follows: from Thomas Corner on State Highway No. 10 to or near Kempville, thence to Princess Anne Court House and that the unconfirmed mileage allocated to this County of five miles for maintenance and the six miles from the Rappahannock River opposite Tappahannock to Warsaw for construction, be applied to this road and further that this action of the Commission be confirmed at the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission offer Mr. W. T. Ashe, \$14,150.00 for the Yorktown and Gloucester Point Ferry, being the valuation made of this ferry, and if an agreement cannot be reached to proceed with condemnation. Ayes: Messrs. Shirley, Sproul, Truxtun and Huff. Nays: Mr. Masie. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

APPROVED:-

H. G. Shirley  
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

Mad. H. Masie  
Secretary.