

**Minutes of the Meeting of the State Highway
Commission of Virginia, and Inspection
Trip in the Hampton Roads Area,
November 13 and 14, 1943.**

At the meeting of the State Highway Commission on September 15th, it was decided to hold an inspection trip in the Hampton Roads area. In accordance with that understanding the following members of the Commission met at the Suffolk District Office at 9:00 A.M., Friday, November 13th; Messrs. E. P. Barrow, Emmett H. Poindexter, S. W. Rawls, Secretary, J. B. Wampler, J. F. Wyses and J. A. Anderson,

Accompanying the Commission on the trip were Mr. Thos. H. MacDonald, Commissioner, Public Roads Administration, Mr. B. P. McWhorter, Senior Highway Engineer, Public Roads Administration; Mr. C. S. Mullen, Chief Engineer, Mr. T. F. Loughborough, Construction Engineer and Mr. J. M. Hagan, District Engineer, State Highway Department.

Mr. Geo. P. DeHardit joined the Commission that evening and a meeting was held at the Elliott Hotel, in Suffolk at 8:00 P.M. The following business was transacted:

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyses, that the minutes of the September 15th meeting be approved, as sent out to the members. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyses, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm rejection of bid received September 24th on Project 33-PAS 099 A1W, A2W, Route 168, NCL Newport News-5.3 Mi. N. NCL Newport News, due to excessive prices. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyses, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-RR 1411 A1, Intersection Route 17-1.3 Mi. W. Route 17, to the bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at his bid of \$121,568.06; that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$10,000.00 for right of way, making a total of approximately \$145,700.00 chargeable to this project, subject to approval of the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyses, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project 33-PAP 1403 AMD, Route 11, 4.1 Mi. N. Dublin-0.4 Mi. W. Dublin, to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Corporation, Wytheville, Va., at their bid of \$412,217.01; that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$180.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$453,600.00 chargeable to this project. Additional funds required to be charged against the 1942-1943 allocation to Glenvar-West. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project SM-PAS 699 A1W, A4W, Route 168, NOL Newport News- 3.3 Miles North, to the low bidder, Heehler Bros., Highland Springs, Va., at their bid of \$439,119.45; that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$3,277.00 for work by the railroad, making a total of approximately \$486,300.00 chargeable to this project, subject to approval of the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 1283 N, Route 611, Intersection Route 1 at Pohiek Church -0.6 Mi. S. Intersection Route 1, (Lorton Rifle Range), to the low bidder, Blackwell Engineering and Construction Company, Warrenton, Va., at their bid of \$22,755.65, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$1,500.00 for right of way, making a total of approximately \$26,500.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 1421 ANL, Bridge over C & O Tracks (58th Street) Newport News; From Intersection Route 60 (Virginia Avenue) - Intersection Route 168 (Jefferson Avenue), to the low bidder, on solicited bids received October 19th, Bowers Construction Company, Raleigh, N. C., at their bid of \$75,691.40, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$6,600.00 for work by the railroad and \$5,380.00 for steel furnished by the State, making a total of approximately \$96,200.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that the Commission confirm the cancellation of contract on Project S 556 BL, Route 60, Bridge over Clinch River at Blackford, due to inability to secure steel. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that the Commission confirm the cancellation of Class "C" Contract for surface treatment in the Staunton District, due to the fact that priority rating could not be obtained. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardt, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that the Commission confirm the cancellation of contract for Plant Mix Schedule #11, in the Fredericksburg District, due to difficulties encountered in securing materials and labor. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and Chapter 237, Act approved March 27, 1940, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of roads in Augusta County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 3, 4 and 5 as shown on plat dated April 11, 1942, Project 1386 FS2, Route 605, including the grade crossing on Section 4. That sections 1, 2 and 8 be added to the Secondary system, section 2 being a connection. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of road in Pulaski County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system: Section 1 as shown on plat dated July 16, 1942, Project 754 G1, 754 A1, G2, Route 100. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, the following sections be abandoned: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 as shown on plat referred to. Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 be dropped from the Secondary system, having been taken into the new location of Route 100, and sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 be added to the Secondary system. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 125 in Pittsylvania County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof: Section 3 shown on plat dated September 16, 1942, Project 1199 G1, H2. Sections 1 and 2 also shown on the plat be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 8 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, 6 and 9 as shown on plat dated August 20, 1942, Project 568 DGE. That sections 2, 5, 7 and 8 shown on the plat be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, sections 3, 10 and 13 be abandoned, sections 4, 11 and 12 be added as connections and sections 14, 16, 15 and 17 be dropped from the Secondary system, having been taken into the new location of Route 8. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 234 in Loudoun County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof, and revert to the Secondary system: Section 1 as shown on plat dated July 22, 1942, Project 1250 A. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 58 in Lee 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 October 19, 1942, Project 122 AR2, B2. That sections 2 and 3 be abandoned as a part of the Primary System and revert to the Secondary System. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, section 4 be added to the Secondary System as a connection. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 237, Act approved March 27, 1940, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 614 in Nottoway 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 shown on plat dated February 12, 1942, Project 1336 K1, 3, K1, 2. That sections 3 and 4 be added to the Secondary System in lieu of abandoned sections 1 and 2. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 15 in Loudoun 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 August 10, 1942, Project 1217 A, B1. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, section 3 shown on the plat referred to be added to the Secondary System as a connection. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 234 in Prince William County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof: Section 2 as shown on plat dated July 22, 1942, Project 1250 A, and Section 1 be abandoned as a part of the Primary System and revert to the Secondary System. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 be abandoned, sections 7 and 8 be dropped from the Secondary System, having been taken into the new location of Route 234, and sections 9 and 10 be added to the System as connections, all as shown on plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 8 in Giles 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 September 15, 1942, Project 1185 M1. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and Chapter 237, Act approved March 27, 1940, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Secondary roads 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, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 as shown on plat dated September 4, 1942, Project 1273 A. Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 be added in lieu of abandoned sections and Section 23 be added as a connection, all as shown on plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Primary highways in Warren County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Section 2B, 3B and 4 (Route 3) and Section 6 (Route 55) as shown on plat dated April 15, 1942, Project 1015 AD, CD3, E1, 2. Sections 2A, 2C, 3A, 3C (Route 3) and Section 5A (Route 55) be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1942, and Chapter 237, Act approved March 27, 1940, Sections 7 and 8 be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof, Section 1 be abandoned as a part of the Secondary system, having been taken into the new location of Route 3, and Sections 5B and 9 be added to the Secondary system as connections. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Secondary Route 625 in Prince William County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway it be abandoned: Section 5 shown on plat dated August 10, 1942, Project 1217 AE1, and sections 2, 4, 6 and 7 be dropped from the Secondary System, having been taken into the new location of Route 15. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by General Anderson, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since the residue parcel of Lot 1, Block 2 of Park View Subdivision, acquired from the James River Bridge System on Route 239, Project 1288-A1, Warwick County, containing approximately 0.25 acre, will not be required for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the sale of this parcel of land, lying outside of the highway right of way, to H. F. Garyantes is approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, special warranty deed making conveyance to said H. F. Garyantes in exchange for a consideration of \$400.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since it will not be necessary to retain that part of Lot #14 of Cottage Green Subdivision acquired by the Commonwealth from Maude F. Clifford and Jack Clifford, her husband, by deed dated March 24, 1942, recorded in Deed Book 128, Page 122, Spotsylvania County, lying outside of the regular highway right of way acquired for Alternate Route 1 and Connection with Secondary Route 610, Project 1235 C1, for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the sale of this residue lot, containing approximately 0.14 acre, to A. L. Decatur is approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a special warranty deed making conveyance of this parcel of land to said A. L. Decatur in exchange for a consideration of \$300.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since the parcels of land acquired by deeds from Charles E. Strang, B. L. Jenkins and Pauline P. Warner, lying between the centerlines of old Route 5 and the West side of normal right of way 35 ft. west of the centerline of relocated Route 5; and the parcel acquired from S. E. Frayser lying between the North side of normal right of way, 35 ft. North of centerline of Route 146, and centerline of old road (known as Osborne Turnpike), Project 1221-El., D, in Henrico County, are not necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of these parcels, lying outside of the highway right of way, to Ethel Frayser Archer is approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth special warranty deed making conveyance of these parcels of land, and quit-claiming such right, title and interest as the Commonwealth may have in the abandoned right of way of the old roads adjacent thereto, to Ethel Frayser Archer in exchange for right of way through her property. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that permit No. 5272, Route 220, Henry County, issued October 4th, 1941, to H. L. Turner, East Salem, Virginia, be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that permit No. 12252, Route 17, Norfolk County, issued February 17th, 1942, to the Norfolk County Board of Supervisors, be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that permit No. 11332, Route 10, Chesterfield County, issued May 8th to W. H. Mason, 704 Broadway, Hopewell, Va., be cancelled as recommended by the Chief Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that permit No. 24180 S, Route 650, Giles County, issued October 14th, 1942, to the Appalachian Electric Power Company, Elmsfield, West Va., be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission allocate to the City of Martinsville the \$900.00 per mile construction fund for the year 1942-43, to be applied to the reconstruction of the B. and W. Railway Underpass on Route 108 in the City. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission allocate to the Town of Norton the \$500.00 per mile construction fund for the year 1942-1943 for expenditure on Route 23 in the Town. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission allocate the \$500.00 per mile construction fund to the City of Bristol for 1942-1943 to be expended on Route 11 to continue the work for which the 1941-1942 money was allocated. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that inasmuch as Primary Route 152 in Halifax County, a distance of 0.32 mile, was deleted from the system and transferred to the Secondary System, that 0.854 mile of this Route in South Boston, from Wilburn Avenue, Edwards Street to the Airport be dropped as approved State Highway mileage in the City of South Boston. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that inasmuch as Primary Route 297 in Campbell County, a distance of 0.8 mile, was deleted from the system and transferred to the Secondary System, that 0.096 mile of this Route in Lynchburg, from U. S. Route 901 to State Route 291 (Forest Road to W.C.L. Lynchburg) be dropped as approved State Highway mileage in the City of Lynchburg. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the following exchange of mileage be made: that U. S. Route 250 in Albemarle County be put on the newly improved section of Route 240, and that No. 240 be placed on the section now numbered 250 from Meckum River to Crozet, and extend Route 230 south from Crozet to present Route 240. Motion carried.

Moved by General Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the request of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors to add 14 miles of secondary highways, Routes 665 and 671, being a connecting link between Routes 15 and 47, be not granted. Motion carried.

Two very timely and thoughtful editorials that appeared in the Times Dispatch September 22nd and 27th respectively, with reference to "Roads to the Future" and "The Shirley Highway", were brought to the attention of the Commission. The Chairman previously had expressed the appreciation of the Department in a letter to the Editor of the Times Dispatch.

Mr. Millen advised the Commission briefly as to the present construction and maintenance program and the outlook for the winter months.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission approve the permits issued from September 15th to November 15th inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the former location of Route 8 in Giles County, from a point near Bluff City, running on the south side of New River through Barrows and across New River, be retained as a part of the Primary system of highways and be given numbers which will best fit in with the numbered system of the State. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. DeHeddt, that Route 161, extension through Richmond, be designated to run over the Boulevard, across the Boulevard Bridge, thence along the Belt Boulevard to the new south corporate limits of Richmond; and from the south corporate limits of Richmond at the Atlantic Coast Line-Belt Boulevard to Route 1, giving to Richmond a total net mileage, excluding the toll bridge, of 2.952 to be taken over as of January 1, 1943. Motion carried.

On Saturday morning, November 14th, the Commission reassembled at 8:00 A.M. and continued the inspection trip until 1:00 P.M. By unanimous vote the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Commissioner.

Approved-


J. A. Henderson
Chairman.

Attested-


R. W. Rawls
Secretary.