

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Highway Commission of Virginia, Held in
Lexington, November 12, 1948.**

On Friday, November 12, the State Highway Commission met for lunch at 12:20 P.M. at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Lexington, Virginia. Immediately after lunch the Commission held an executive meeting and transacted the following business. Present - Messrs. J. A. Anderson, E. P. Barrow, Geo. P. DeHardit, J. P. Harpine, Wayles R. Harrison, S. W. Rawls, J. B. Wampler and J. F. Wyszor.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm the minutes of the September 10 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission approve the permits issued from September 10 to November 12, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the permits cancelled by the Commission since the September 10 meeting, as authorized June 25, 1947, and recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 14 A1R, B-1, A5R, 69 B1, B2, A5R, B3, Route 260, Seven Bridges near Lone Fountain, to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Corporation, Wytheville, Virginia, at the bid of \$64,075.20 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$70,450.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project S 29 B1R, Route 58, Repairing Virginian RR Overpass on Route 58 Just East of Norfolk, to the low bidder, W. F. Magann Corp., Portsmouth, Virginia, at the bid of \$2,650.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$2,920.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 77 BR1, B1; 77 BR2, B2; 75 AR1, B1, Route 460, Bridge and Approaches Briary Creek, Bridge and Approaches Bush River,

bridge and Approaches Sandy River, to the low bidder, Bowers Construction Company, Raleigh, N. C., at the bid of \$130,834.80, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$2,118.60 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$146,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 652 B2H1, Route 17, Substructure Only - Bridge over Western Branch of Elizabeth River at Portsmouth, to the low bidder, Bowers Construction Company, Raleigh, N. C., at the bid of \$285,101.20 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$291,800.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 676 M1, F2W1, Route 11, N.C.L. Stephens City - 0.088 Mi. S. of S.C.L. Stephens City, to the low bidder, Garrett, Moon and Pool, Blackstone, Virginia, at the bid of \$58,829.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$68,100.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harpine, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 1051 M1, Route 460, E.C.L. Grewe - 1.325 Mi. W. of E.C.L. Grewe (Virginia Avenue), to the low bidder, Garrett, Moon and Pool, Blackstone, Virginia, at the bid of \$45,257.16, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$1,850.44 for work by State Forces (Surfacing), making a total of approximately \$51,600.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 1389 H3, 4, B2, Routes 603 and 809, 0.050 Mi. E. Int. Route 612-0.353 Mi. E. of King & Queen Co. Line AND 0.30 Mi. W. Middlesex Co. Line-0.030 Mi. E. of Int. Route 14 (Fork Shop), to the low bidder, James P. Dillard, Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$46,171.58 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$50,750.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 1436 A1, Route 73, SCL Norton-3.381 Mi. S. of SCL Norton, to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Corp., Wytheville, Va. at the bid of \$31,130.10 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$34,200.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 482 M1, 1081 M1R1, M2, Route 35, 0.316 Mi. E. of WCL Elkton-0.367 Mi. E. of WCL Elkton AND 0.053 Mi. W. of WCL Elkton-0.225 Mi. E. of WCL Elkton, to the low bidder, A. B. Terrace & Co., Elkton, Va., at the bid of \$38,366.07 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$42,200.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$22,000. State funds and \$20,200. by the Town of Elkton. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 1400 E1, E2, E3, E4, B15, Routes 350 and 1, contract No. 6 as follows:

(S.B.L.) 6.550 Mi. S. Int. Route 236-4.624 Mi. S. Int. Route 236 at
Lincolnia

(S.B.L.) 9.097 Mi. S. Int. Route 236-8.529 Mi. S. Int. Route 236

(S.B.L.) 11.508 Mi. S. Int. Route 236-6.550 Mi. S. Int. Route 236

(Service - N. End Bridges over Coccoquan Creek-Giles Run Underpass
Road Pt. I) (RF&P RR)

(Service - N. End Bridges over Coccoquan Creek-Giles Run Underpass
Road Pt. II) (RF&P RR)

to the low bidder, T. E. Ritter Corp., Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$632,628.84 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$686,950.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Harpins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project S 1428 M2, Route 7, King Street Road-From Junneys Lane-0.074 Mi. East of W.C.L. Alexandria, to the low bidder, W. H. Armstrong & Co., Washington, D. C., at the bid of \$317,268.40, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$4,806.00 for surveys and plans and \$12,370.00 for right of way, making a total of approximately \$366,050.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harpins, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project S 1428 C1M1, Route 7, 0.719 Mi. E. of Int. Route 350-0.074 Mi. E. of W.C.L. Alexandria, to the low bidder, W. H. Armstrong & Co., Washington, D. C., at the bid of \$64,658.38, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$440.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$71,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Harpne, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 1360 G, Route 610, 1.82 Mi. N.W. of Int. Route 5 (Chancellorsville)-S.E. End Rapidan River Bridge, to the low bidder, Short and Thompson, Inc., Hopewell, Va., at the bid of \$9,583.38 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$10,500.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 1360 H, Routes 620 and 639, Int. Route 3-Int. Route 61 (Leawalls), Spotsylvania County, to the low bidder, Short and Thompson, Inc., Hopewell, Va., at the bid of \$8,286.06 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$9,100.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm rejection of bids received October 5, for the construction of Project 8 88 SW2, 247 SW2, 185 SW2, Route 1, Stafford C.H.-4.984 Mi. N. of Cranes Corner; 0.163 Mi. N. Stafford C. H.-0.034 Mi. E. Stafford C. H.; 2.353 Mi. S. of Cranes Corner-0.042 Mi. E. End of Rappahannock River Bridge, the low bid being 30.7% over estimate. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission confirm rejection of bids received October 5 for the construction of Project 589 201, 2, Route 33, 0.401 Mi. W. of W. End Lord Delaware Bridge-0.478 Mi. W. of W. End Lord Delaware Bridge and E. End Eltham Bridge-0.078 Mi. E. of E. End Eltham Bridge, the low bid being 26.2% over estimate. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner the following sections of old Route 250 in Albemarle County being no longer necessary for use 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, 12 and 18, Project 723-F, B, 4-6. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner the following sections of old Route 70 in Wise County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20, Project 94-RR-3, B-2, E-3. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner the following sections of old Route 49 in Lunenburg 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 shown on plat dated August 5, 1948, Project 630-DB5. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Dellagitt, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since part of the parcel of land acquired from A. Leo Salmons under omnibus deed dated May 19, 1947, covering right of way on Route 615, Project 1357-N, Princess Anne County, will not be required for the uses of the State Highway System in accordance with shift of line between Stations 338+61.3 and 348+62, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of this unused parcel, containing approximately 0.58 acres, lying outside of right of way retained for Route 615, in exchange for right of way required on the revised line is approved; and the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, a deed of quitclaim to A. Leo Salmons. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Chairman, J. A. Anderson, has certified in writing that a portion of the land acquired for the relocation of Routes 60 and 155, Project 257-R-4, at Providence Forge, in New Kent County, is no longer needed for the uses of the State Highway System because of a revision in the location of Route 155, and that J. R. Parker, the adjoining property owner, has agreed to convey to the Commonwealth that portion of his property needed and included within the 160 foot right of way of relocated Route 60 and pay the Commonwealth Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) in consideration of and in exchange for the release and conveyance to him of the said portion of land no longer needed.

THEREFORE, as provided for by Chapter 10, Acts of the General Assembly of 1940, the Chairman is hereby authorized, for the aforesaid consideration and exchange, to execute a deed releasing and quitclaiming all right, title and interest of the Commonwealth in and to the said portion of land no longer needed.

The parcels of land to be exchanged lie just east of the intersection of Routes 60 and 155 as relocated and are shown on a plat by Owen dated 9-28-48, on file in the office of the Right of Way Engineer, marked "R/W File #403." Motion carried.

THEREAS communications have been received from the Buckingham County School Board, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, the teachers of the Buckingham County Elementary Schools and certain home owners in the village of Buckingham, Virginia, requesting the Highway Department to build a sidewalk along the present Route 60 through Buckingham Court House, and

THEREAS other interests have recommended that Route 60 be relocated so as to bypass Buckingham Court House,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that after full consideration of these requests, the Commission is of the opinion that plans should be prepared with the estimated cost and other plans showing the location of the sidewalk through Buckingham Court House on the present alignment of Route 60 together with estimate of cost, and that these plans with all of the facts should be referred back to the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham County; that the Board should then call a meeting of all interested citizens for a thorough discussion of the various suggestions and arrive at a final decision; and that furthermore a qualified representative of the Highway Department should be present at this meeting to explain fully to the Board of Supervisors and the people what the proposals are.

Mr. J. R. Armstrong of Churchville, Augusta County, appeared before the Commission in company with Mr. A. S. Mattox, Associate Right of Way Engineer. He presented the problem of his property and Route 250 immediately in front of it. After carefully considering the matter the Commission decided that it should hold to the recommended line and that Mr. Armstrong should be so notified.

A report on the restudy of the Clermont Ferry was presented to the Commission, as requested at its meeting December 15, 1947. The Commission decided, after carefully considering the matter, that it was not feasible at this time to operate a State-owned ferry at this location.

A letter of November 11, 1948, from Mr. G. Leslie Hall, President of the Tidewater Automobile Association, relative to the Virginia Ferry Corporation's case regarding the Cape Charles Ferry, was read to the Commission. The Commission instructed the Chairman to let the Court decide the matter in its entirety.

On motion made and seconded the Chairman was instructed to forward to the Governor the Annual Report of the Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 1947-June 30, 1948, a copy of which had been mailed to each member of the Commission.

WHEREAS The Honorable George Preston Coleman died at his home in Williamsburg, Virginia, on June 17, 1948; and

WHEREAS Mr. Coleman was the second Highway Commissioner of Virginia, and an outstanding pioneer in highway development in Virginia and in the Nation; and

WHEREAS during the years he served as Highway Commissioner he established the firm foundation for the improvement of Virginia's highways and by personal example endowed the Highway Department with the highest ideals of service and devotion; and

WHEREAS after his resignation as Highway Commissioner he retained a deep interest in the Highway Department, its accomplishments and its personnel; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Highway Department has suffered a devastating loss in the death of Mr. Coleman, that his entire career is an outstanding example of the loyalty and devotion Virginia has received from her illustrious sons and his death is an irreparable loss to his native State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. George Preston Coleman.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Harpino, that the Commission make the following changes in Route numbers as recommended by its engineers:

1. Renumber the portion of Route 128 between Route 297 in Campbell County, and Route 460 in Bedford County to carry now Route Number 128 (shown in red on map attached to file).
2. Extend the marking of Route 297 from its present terminus at the intersection of Route 128 northeast, to the intersection of Route 29 in Lynchburg, eliminating Route 128 between these points (shown in green on map attached to file).
3. Eliminate Route 128 overlapping Route 29 (shown in yellow on map attached to file).

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the location description of the re-routing of U. S. Route 250 and Virginia Route 20 as proposed by the City of Charlottesville and requested in City Manager J. E. Bowen's letter to General J. A. Anderson dated September 18, 1948, in the City of Charlottesville, be as follows - the total mileage to remain the same:

U. S. Route 250 Westbound

Beginning at the East City Limits of Charlottesville at the west end of the Rivanna River Bridge proceeding west to the intersection of High Street (High Street is shown on the map as Free Bridge Road from Long Street to Lexington Avenue), left on High Street westerly to Preston Avenue, thence over Preston Avenue westerly to Grady Avenue, left and westerly along Grady Avenue to Rugby Road, left and southerly over Rugby Road, to University Drive (West Main Street) right and westerly on University Drive (West Main Street) to Ivy Road thence along Ivy Road to the West City Limits of Charlottesville.

U. S. Route 250 Eastbound

Beginning at the West City Limits of Charlottesville on Ivy Road and easterly along Ivy Road to University Drive (West Main Street), easterly along University Drive (West Main Street) to West Main Street, thence easterly over West Main Street to Water Street, right and easterly along Water Street to East Seventh Street at C & O Overpass, left and northerly along East Seventh Street to High Street, right and easterly along High Street to Long Street, right and easterly to the East City Limits at the west end of the Rivanna River Bridge.

Virginia Route 20

Beginning at the intersection of 7th and High Streets and southerly along 7th Street to the C & O Overpass, (this section overlaps a portion of U. S. Route 250 eastbound) over the C & O Overpass and southerly along Monticello Road to the South City Limits. Motion carried.

The annual rental charge for poles now located on the State's right of way being as follows -

Appalachian Electric Power Company	\$66.75
Northern Virginia Power Company	91.25
Virginia Electric and Power Company	24.75

it is moved by Mr. Wyszor, and seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that upon recommendation of the Auditor and the Right of Way Engineer, a five year charge be made as follows -

Appalachian Electric Power Company	\$353.75
Northern Virginia Power Company	456.25
Virginia Electric and Power Company	123.75

and the annual contract now in effect be cancelled. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. DeHardit, and seconded by Mr. Hampler, that a proposed Primary Construction Program for work through June 30, 1949, be accepted as presented, and that the following transfer of funds be approved -

From Route 1, Richmond District, Walthall Underpass Revision - \$550,000.
To Route 1, Richmond District, at Alberta.

From Balance of the 10% Fund of the 1945-1947 Federal Aid - \$ 71,000.
To Routes 25 and 58, Gate City-South, Bristol District.

From Route 380, Goodes Bridge over Appomattox River - \$ 27,000.
To Route 144, Bridge over Roanlin Creek, Richmond District,
Chesterfield County. Motion carried.

The Chairman brought to the Commission the executed agreement between the Department of Highways and the University of Virginia, covering the establishment and operation of laboratories, etc. for highway research. On motion of Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Nysor, the Commission approved of The Virginia Council of Highway Investigation and Research as covered by the agreement. Motion carried.

The Commission attended the Highway Conference held at V.M.I. November 11-13 and was pleased and delighted with every phase.

The Commission was advised that The Revenue Bond Act, which is before the Supreme Court for a decision as to its constitutionality, has not as yet been acted on.

A statement as to the Financial Control of the Department as of October 31, 1948, was given to the Commission.

Messrs. Nysor and Harrison, and other members of the Commission, expressed the feeling that highway revenues were not keeping pace with costs. The Commissioner explained to the Commission that a study was underway which should show us by July 1, 1949, whether or not our revenues would keep us reasonably abreast of our schedule set up in the Twenty Year Plan. The Commission also asked that our Five Year Program for allocations on the Primary System be ready by March 15, 1949.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Commission be tentatively set for the latter half of March 1949, at which time the tentative allocations for 1949-1950 will be made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

APPROVED

J. A. Anderson
Commissioner.

ATTESTED

D. J. Rawls
Secretary.