

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Highway
Commission of Virginia, Held in
Richmond, November 6, 1953.

At 8:30 Friday morning, November 6, the Commission met in the Central Highway Building, Richmond, on call of the Chairman. Present - Messrs. E. P. Barrow, Geo. P. DeHardit, Samuel D. May, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Rawls, Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., J. F. Wycor and J. A. Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the minutes of the October 15 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that permits issued from the October 15 meeting to date and recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. May, that permits cancelled by the Commissioner from the October 15 meeting to date, as authorized June 25, 1947, and recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

The Chairman advised the Commission that Mr. Howard C. Rogers planned to be present today but on orders of his doctor he had to remain at home.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for moving one story frame building on Route 10, Project 4180-05, Chesterfield County, to the low bidder, William B. Patram and Co., Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$5,684.92 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$4,050.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for moving frame building and moving frame service station on Route 6, Project 5157-01, Goochland County, to the low bidder, Rice House Moving and Construction Corp., Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$1,670.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$1,850.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Myrow, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for moving one and one-half story frame dwelling on Route 501, Project 1874-04, Prince George County, to the low bidder, Rice House Moving and Construction Corp., Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$5,451.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$5,750.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for moving two story dwelling and one story smoke house on Route 501, Project 1840-05, Greensville County, to the low bidder, Rice House Moving and Construction Corp., Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$4,156.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$4,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for modification of Operating Equipment Lift Span - James River Bridge, to the low bidder, Virginia-Carolina Electrical Works, Inc., Norfolk, Virginia, at the bid of \$46,870.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$51,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 5060-01, Route 111, BCL Cambria-0.285 Mi. W. of BCL Cambria, Montgomery County, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Co., Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$40,877.48, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$110.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$45,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 4185-05, Route 71, Scott County Line-1.491 Mi. E. Scott County Line, Russell County, to the low bidder, Moore Brothers, Staunton, Virginia, at the bid of \$148,792.78, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$110.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$155,800.00 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 22 for the construction of Project 8288-04-05; Route 840, Bridge and Approaches South Fork Shenandoah River - Near Grove Hill, Page County, to the low bidder, A. B. Torrence and Co., Inc.; Elkton, Virginia, at the bid of \$254,707.71, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$8,561.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$263,268.71 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 1588-02, Route 607, Int. Route 172 (N. of Massick)-0.008 MI. N. of Route 172 (Pauls Store), York County, to the low bidder, E. W. Woolfolk, Bowling Green, Virginia, at the bid of \$27,056.94 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$29,750.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 1826-08, Route 651, Int. Route 618 (S. of Darville)-Int. Route 610, Dinwiddie County, to the low bidder, Burton P. Short and Son, Petersburg, Virginia, on REGULAR BID of \$43,754.93 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$48,137.82 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 1854-10, Route 601, Int. Route 522 (Orchid)-2.451 MI. N.E. Route 522, Louisa County, to the low bidder, A. C. Shearer Company, Chapel Hill, N.C., on ALTERNATE BID of \$57,075.85 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$62,783.43 chargeable to this project; additional \$15,860.00 required to be charged against the 1954-56 Federal Aid Secondary allotment plus matching funds to Louisa County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 2890-01, Route 51, Ferry Landings - Jamestown and Scotland; James City and Surry Counties, to the low bidder, F. J. Gannaway and Company, Norfolk, Virginia, at the bid of \$175,649.88, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$17,500.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$210,700.00 chargeable to this project; the cost of this project to be charged to operating cost of Jamestown Ferry. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 1805-08-10, Route 622, 2,507 MI. N. of S. Int. Route 624 (Near Stapleton)-Int. Route 600 (Near Riverville), Amherst County, to the low bidder, C. M. Moyer, Staunton, Virginia, at the bid of \$85,186.87 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$91,800.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$30,258.98 required to be charged against the 1954-55 Federal Aid Secondary allotment plus matching funds to Amherst County. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Projects 1764-02, 2064-04, Routes 58 and 17, Group #41, Int. Airline Blvd. Route 58 and Rodman Avenue Route 685-Route 58 AND 0.002 MI. W. of WCL Portsmouth-0.086 MI. E. of WCL Portsmouth (Western Branch Blvd.), City of Portsmouth, to the low bidder, W.W. Harsing, Rockfish, Virginia, at the bid of \$40,068.05 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$44,100.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$2,976.00 required to be supplied 50% from City of Portsmouth and 50% Suffolk District Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Projects 1548-14; 5448-01, Routes 601 and 156, 0.106 MI. E. of Int. Route 648 (Gill Road)-Int. Route 156 (Willis Church Road and Conn Route 156), Henrico County, to the low bidder, C. H. Lawson, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$41,509.80 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$45,680.00 chargeable to this project; the \$5,700.00 required for connection at Route 156 to be taken from the Richmond District Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Project 1828-08, Route 650, Int. Route 655 (Carneal's Store)-Int. Route 624 (S. of Lloyd's P.O.), Essex County, to the low bidder, R. H. Rose, Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$42,177.61 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$48,400.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$9,857.76 required to be charged against the 1954-55 Federal Aid Secondary allotment plus matching funds to Essex County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Wynn, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 22 for the construction of Projects 1504-08-10, 1572-08, Route 604, Bridge and Approaches Appomattox River, Amelia and Powhatan Counties, to the low bidder, Mallard Construction Co., Manassas, Virginia, at the bid of \$107,543.51 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$118,500.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$54,271.24 required on portion of the Project in Amelia County to be charged against the 1954-55 and 1955-56 Federal Aid Secondary allotments plus matching funds to Amelia County. Additional \$6,426.06 required on portion of the Project in Powhatan County to be charged against the 1954-55 Federal Aid Secondary allotment plus matching funds to Powhatan County. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission award contract on bids received November 5 for the construction of Project 2108-07-08, Route 80, 0.063 MI. W. WCL Clifton Forge-3,665 MI. W. WCL Clifton Forge, Alleghany County, to the low bidder, Codell Construction Company, Inc., Winchester, Kentucky, at the bid of \$729,290.64 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$802,200.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$95,974.00 required to be supplied when 1954-55 allocations are made. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided under Article 6, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 47 in Charlotte County being no longer necessary for uses as a part of the Primary System it be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Section 9 shown on plat dated March 10, 1952, Project 6618-02-04. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided under Article 6, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 288 in Bath County being no longer necessary for uses as a part of the Primary System they be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 shown on plat dated July 14, 1953, Project 4808-01. That as provided under Article 2, Section 55.27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, the following section be transferred to the Secondary System; Section 2 shown on the plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Senator Nelson, that as provided under Article 2, Section 25-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 5 in Charles City County being no longer necessary for uses as a part of the Primary System they be transferred to the Secondary System; Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated August 22, 1953, Project 2518-05-09. That as provided under Article 6, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code, Amended, the following section be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Section 3 also shown on plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Wyson, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 53-78.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 91 in Washington County being no longer necessary for use as a part of the Primary System they be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated May 1, 1951, Project 4485-01-02. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the claim of the Adams and Tate Construction Company for cancellation of penalty on Project 1902-04, Route 480, Bedford County, amounting to \$180,00 be denied, in accordance with recommendation of the Department's Engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyson, seconded by Mr. May, that the claim of Taller and Cooper for reduction in liquidated damages on Project 2036-03, Route 17, Toll Collecting Facilities - York River Bridge, be approved in the amount of \$350,00 as recommended by the Engineers of the Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that whereas, the City of Richmond having concluded a one-way operation trial period of 90 days on portions of certain primary extensions within the City in an effort to relieve congestion; and whereas, this one-way operation as adopted by the City of Richmond, reviewed and recommended by the Department's Engineers, has proven to satisfactorily relieve said congestion; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the following routings of Primary extensions within the City of Richmond are hereby approved;

Route 60 westbound - along Broad Street to Eleventh Street, north on Eleventh Street to Clay Street, west on Clay Street to First Street, thence south along First Street to reintersect the present route at First and Broad Streets.

Routes 1 and 301 southbound. along presently used route south on Lombardy Street from Leigh Street to Broad St.

Routes 1 and 301 northbound. west along Broad Street to Bowe Street, north on Bowe Street to Moore Street, west on Moore Street to Lombardy Street, thence north on Lombardy Street along the present route.

Be it further resolved, that no change in present maintenance payments be made because of this approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wisor, seconded by Mr. May, that whereas, under authority of Section 55-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, request is made by the Town Council of Galax in its resolution dated August 24, 1953, for the addition of streets meeting the required standards and subject to payment at the basic rate of \$800 per mile annually; now, therefore, be it resolved, that quarterly payments be made to the Town of Galax on additional streets totaling 1,007 miles, effective beginning the second quarter, October 1, 1953. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that whereas, the Highway Commission having approved on July 28, 1953, payment of maintenance funds for Primary extensions in the City of Warwick totaling 51.04 miles, and whereas, this 51.04 miles of Primary extensions included 0.43 miles of Route 17, which is a part of the James River Bridge System, and is not to be maintained by the City of Warwick, now, therefore, be it resolved, that the total Primary extension mileage, eligible for payment in accordance with Section 55-113 of the Code of Virginia, be reduced by 0.43 miles, making the total mileage 50.61 miles eligible for maintenance payments effective beginning the first quarter, July 1, 1953. Motion carried.

Whereas, on July 1, 1953, after forty-five years of continuous service, Arthur Hamilton Pettigrew, having passed the mark of three-score years and ten, retired, and whereas, during his entire career with the Highway Department, Mr. Pettigrew was activated by a love of his work, and his fellow man, and whereas, Mr. Pettigrew is held in the highest esteem by all of his associates, resolved, that the State Highway Commission express its appreciation to this fine public servant for his outstanding contribution to the work of the Highway Department; resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Commission and a copy sent to Mr. Pettigrew.

Moved by Mr. Wisor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm its letter ballot action for the purchase of a tract of land in Rockingham County from Stuart F. and Pauline L. Geil, totaling 150 acres, to be used as a permanent convict camp site. Motion carried.

Letter of October 20 from Governor Battle, acknowledging receipt of the Commission's report for the year ending June 30, 1953, was read to the Commission.

Letter of October 29 to the Commission, Re Convict Labor, and attachments relative to the Commission appearing before a Committee of the VAIC was referred to the Commission; also letter of November 2 Re HJR 55 and Meeting of Commission with VAIC Committee on November 6. A confidential memorandum to the Commission of November 2 was likewise before the members. The Chairman went over these letters and memoranda in detail.

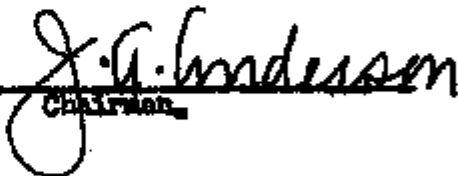
It was decided that the Commission would meet next on December 8 in the Central Office Building, Richmond, Virginia.

Each member was asked for comments and suggestions.

The Commission appeared before the VAIC Committee at the State Capitol at ten o'clock as requested. All the members were with this Sub-committee until 12:50 P.M. All contributed items of great value to the discussion with this Committee.

The Commission adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Approved -



Chairman

Attested -



Secretary