

Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Highway Commission of Virginia
Held in
Lexington, November 15, 1956

At 12:15 P.M., Thursday, November 15, the State Highway Commission met in the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Lexington, Virginia. Present - Messrs. J. A. Anderson, E. P. Barrow, S. S. Flythe, S. D. May, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Rawls, Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., and Wm. A. Wright.

Following lunch the executive session was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the minutes of the meeting of October 4 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission approve the permits issued from October 4 to date, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the permits cancelled by the Commissioner from the October 4 meeting to date, inclusive, as authorized June 25, 1947, and recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Annual Report for the year beginning July 1, 1955, and ending June 30, 1956, having been signed by all Members it be forwarded to the Governor. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Revenue Bond Project, Routes 17, 82, and 266, Int. Route 60-0.15 Mile N. of N. End James River Bridge (James River Bridge Approach), City of Warwick, to the low bidder, Peninsula Engineering Co., Inc., Hampton, Va., at the total bid of \$80,451.10, to be financed from the Revenue Bond Reserve Maintenance Fund; subject to the approval of the consulting engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Revenue Bond Project Contract III, Route 200, 0.961 Mile N. of Lancaster-Middlesex County Line-1.742 Miles S. of Lancaster-Middlesex County Line, Lancaster and Middlesex Counties, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at the bid of \$150,661.70 and that \$5,256.00 be set aside for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$154,000.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed under the Revenue Bond Act; subject to the approval of the consulting engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Toll Plaza - Rappahannock River Bridge at Grey's Point, Route 200, Revenue Bond Act, Contract IV, to the low bidder, Harwood Construction Co., Newport News, Va., at the total bid of \$75,000.00, to be financed under the Revenue Bond Act; subject to the approval of the consulting engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1569-17, Route 678, N. Int. Route 615-Shenandoah County Line, Page County, to the low bidder, John A. Hall & Company, Roanoke, Va., at the bid of \$29,889.16 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$32,850.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds (Forest Highway Funds). Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1505-22, Route 687, 0.155 Mile N. Int. Route 220 (Near Covington) - 0.922 Mile N. of Int. Route 220 (Near Clearwater Park), Alleghany County, to the low bidder, McDowall & Wood, Inc., Salem, Va., at the bid of \$49,674.90 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$54,650.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with 50/50 State and Federal Funds provided in the Matched Federal Aid Secondary Funds to the County for 1957-58 and subsequent years. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1595-05, Route 649, 1.081 Miles S. Int. Route 340 and Skyline Drive - 0.249 Mile N. Int. Route 606, Warren County, to the low bidder, Pioneer Construction Co., Inc., Roanoke, Va., at the bid of \$98,154.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$107,950.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds; additional \$75,286.00 required to be provided in the Matched Federal Aid Secondary Funds to the County for 1957-58 and subsequent years. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1582-23-24, Route 685, 0.342 Mile S. Int. Routes 672 and 679-Int. Routes 672 and 679, Rockingham County, to the low bidder, Moore Brothers Co., Inc., Verona, Va., at the bid of \$50,077.65 for construction and \$1,000.00 for Right of Way, a total of \$51,077.65; and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$56,200.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$28,650.00 State and \$27,550.00 Federal Funds; additional \$55,103.00 required to be provided from the 1957-58 Matched Federal Aid Secondary Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Wright, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1546-08-09, Route 626, Bridge and Approaches Mount Holly Creek, Isle of Wight County, to the low bidder, Malpass Construction Co., Inc., Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$78,111.50 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$85,900.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with 50/50 State and Federal Funds; additional \$20,086.00 required to be provided from the 1957-58 Matched Federal Aid Secondary Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1545-15-15-18, Route 614, 3.233 Miles S. of W. Va. Line-0.110 Mile S. of W. Va. Line, Highland County, to the low bidder, Moore Brothers Co., Inc., Verona, Va., at the bid of \$72,790.85 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$80,060.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds; additional \$8,800.00 required to be provided from the 1957-58 Matched Federal Aid Secondary Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1707-07, Route 250, 0.977 Mile W. Lone Fountain-2.00 Miles W. Lone Fountain, Augusta County, to the low bidder, Moore Brothers Co., Inc., Verona, Va., at the bid of \$56,754.87, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$946.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$63,400.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$32,186.00 State Funds and \$31,214.00 Federal Funds; additional \$8,332.00 required to be provided from the Staunton District Construction Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 2984-10-11-12-13, Route 88, 0.045 Mile W. of Mill Creek-0.063 Mile S. of Mill Creek AND 0.159 Mile N. of Cove Creek-0.065 Mile S. of Cove Creek, Scott County, to the low bidder, B. G. Young & Sons, Johnson City, Tenn., at the bid of \$108,635.10, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$902.23 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$114,800.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$57,800.00 State and \$57,000.00 Federal Funds; additional \$54,800.00 required to be provided from the Bristol District Construction Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1741-28-32, Route 58, 4.571 Miles E. Turbeville P. O.-1.681 Miles W. Turbeville P. O., Halifax County, to the low bidder, Laramore Construction Co., Inc., Danville, Va., at the REGULAR BID of \$535,362.87, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$8,898.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$592,800.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$298,350.00 State and \$294,450.00 Federal Funds; additional \$22,800.00 required to be provided from the Lynchburg District Construction Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1963-04-05-06-07, Contract No. 4, Route 55, 0.737 Mile W. New Kent-King William County Line-0.176 Mile E. WCL West Point, New Kent and King William Counties, to the low bidder, L. S. Abernathy & Co., Glen Allen, Va., at the bid of \$184,845.18, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$506.00 for work by State Forces and \$2,750.00 for Railroad work, making a total of approximately \$184,800.00 chargeable to this project (\$25,226.00 for King William and \$159,574.00 New Kent County); to be financed with \$92,558.00 State and \$92,047.00 Federal Funds, \$17,772.00 to be provided from the Fredericksburg District Construction Reserve Funds and \$99,344.00 from the 1957-58 Richmond District Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1769-12-13-15, Route 211, Widening of Bridges over Dry Run and Pass Run - East of Luray, Page County, the low bid being 11.3% over our estimate, and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received October 24 for the construction of Project 1525-10-11, Route 661, Int. Route 676-Int. Route 670 (Counts), Dickenson County, the low bid being 10.9% over our estimate, and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on proposals received October 29 for the construction of Project 1629-09, Route 1, Occoquan Creek Bridge Repairs, to the low bidder, Goodwyn & Walls, Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$54,784.84, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$28,994.00 for cost of Structural Steel, making a total of approximately \$87,250.00 chargeable to this project; to be provided from the 1957-58 Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Wright, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 31 for the construction of Hampton Roads Project - Contract No. D-2, to the low bidder, The Leo Butler Company, Inc., College Park, Maryland, at the total bid of \$4,063,041.00, to be financed with Revenue Bond Act Funds; subject to the approval of the consulting engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 24, to the second low bidder, Clyde R. Royals, Hampton, Va., on Projects 1599-07 and 1599-09, Routes 718 and 622 in York County as follows: 0.065 Mile E. of Int. Route 175 (E. of Tampico)-Int. Route 622 (E. of Seaford); AND 0.045 Mile W. of Int. Route 650 (Coopers)-Int. Route 718 (E. of Seaford) -

Project	1599-07	1599-09
Net Bid	\$64,681.27	\$88,575.08
IG	8,468.12	9,557.50
Contract Total	\$71,149.39	\$102,932.58
Approximate amount		
Chargeable to each	\$71,150.00	\$102,950.00
Financed - State	35,575.00	51,475.00
Federal	35,575.00	51,475.00

Additional \$95,883.00 required on Project 1599-09 to be provided in the Matched Federal Aid Secondary Funds to the County for 1957-58 and subsequent years. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that, WHEREAS, under authority of Section 58-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the City of Norfolk for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the City of Norfolk on additional streets totaling 4.087 miles, effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 58-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by Town of Blackstone for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the Town of Blackstone on additional streets totaling 1.006 miles, effective beginning the second quarter, October 1, 1956. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. May, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 58-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the Town of Wytheville for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the Town of Wytheville on additional streets totaling 0.472 mile, effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 55-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the City of Hopewell for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards, also several streets to be deleted from mileage payments; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the City of Hopewell on additional streets totaling 3,014 miles and a deletion of payment on 0.206 miles, making a net addition of 2,808 miles; effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that, WHEREAS, under authority of Section 55-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the City of Galax for payment at the base rate of \$500 per mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly maintenance payments at the base rate of \$500 per mile annually be made to the City of Galax on additional streets totaling 1,5875 miles; effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. May, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 55-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by the City of Virginia Beach for payment at the base rate of \$500 per mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly maintenance payments at the base rate of \$500 per mile annually be made to the City of Virginia Beach on additional streets totaling 4,601 miles; effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 320 in Roanoke County being no longer necessary for use as a highway they be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shown on plat dated September 10, 1956, Project 4560-01-02. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 80 in Rockbridge County being no longer necessary for use as a highway they be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 shown on plat dated July 25, 1956, Project 2161-05. That as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27 of the 1950 Code, Section 2 shown on the plat referred to be transferred from the Primary System to the Secondary System. Further, that as provided under Article 2, Section 55-141 of the Code, as amended, the following sections be added to the Secondary System as connections: Sections 6 and 7 also shown on plat dated July 25, 1956. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that, WHEREAS, the sum of \$15,000 was set up in the 1953-54 allocations for the extension of sidewalk and curb and gutter on Route 240 in the Village of Gosport in Albemarle County, and WHEREAS, it is very improbable that the necessary right of way can be secured for the construction of the aforesaid sidewalk and curb and gutter, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned \$15,000 allocation be transferred to the Culpeper District Construction Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that WHEREAS, by proper resolution dated September 18, 1956, the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County has requested the discontinuance of a certain road in the Secondary System, and WHEREAS the Resident Engineer representing the Commission did post notice and hold a hearing to ascertain whether or not such road should be discontinued, the proposed discontinuance meeting no valid opposition; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following road be discontinued as a part of the Secondary System as provided by Section 55-78.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended; effective this date. FAUQUIER COUNTY - Route 675, from a point 0.65 mile north of Route 606 running in a northwesterly direction 0.45 mile to a point 0.40 mile southeast of Route 674. Length 0.45 Miles. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that, whereas, by deed dated July 27, 1956, recorded in the Clerk's Office of Augusta County in Deed Book 422, Page 369, Reginald Small, et ux, conveyed to the Commonwealth all of a certain parcel of land in said County shown on Sheet 4 of plans for Route 250, Project 1707-07, and lying between the lands of Lester L. and Clara M. Hevener and Route 738, portions of which tract of land are within the rights of way required for these routes, the remaining or residue portion not being necessary for public road uses and proposed to be conveyed to the said Lester L. and Clara M. Hevener as a part of the consideration for their conveyance to the Commonwealth of certain lands or rights of way shown on Plan Sheets 4 and 5, pursuant to option-agreement dated April 5, 1956; Now, Therefore, the State Highway Commissioner having certified in writing that the said remaining or residue portion of the said parcel of land does not constitute a section of any public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, the conveyance of the same to the said Lester L. and Clara M. Hevener, with special warranty of title, is hereby approved, and the Commissioner is authorized to execute a deed accordingly, pursuant to Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, as a part of the consideration for their conveyance to the Commonwealth of the said additional lands or rights of way. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, whereas, Stanley Furniture Company, Inc., proposes to expand its operations along Route 57 in Henry County, and Norfolk and Western Railway Company proposes (a) to move a section of its railroad and facilities from its existing 100-foot right of way adjacent to the southwesterly side of the highway fee right of way and reestablish the same upon a new right of way along or near Smith River, and (b) to abandon this section of existing railroad right of way and convey the same to Stanley Furniture Company, Inc., subject to the rights and easements heretofore granted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in connection with Route 57, Project 1102-C1-2, by certain deeds of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Henry County, which existing railroad and highway rights of way are shown on Sheets 8 and 9 of plans for said route and project, and the former extends from a point opposite Highway Centerline Station 78/55 to a point opposite Highway Centerline Station 88/00; and whereas, the described section of existing railroad right of way is a part of the land acquired by Roanoke and Southern Railway Company, predecessor to Norfolk and Western Railway Company, in condemnation proceedings, in which the report of Commissioners was entered on August 26, 1890, and is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 24, Page 195; and the Commonwealth of Virginia as owner of the adjoining highway fee right of way along the northeasterly side (a) may have a contingent reversionary right or interest in and to this section of existing railroad right of way, and, in the event of its abandonment, (b) may become the owner of the title thereto and therein, pursuant to Section 25-34 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, and in order that Stanley Furniture Company, Inc. may be vested with good title in and to this section of existing railroad right of way following its abandonment and conveyance as aforesaid, it is desired that such right, interest and title, if any, as the Commonwealth of Virginia may be vested with therein and thereto be released and quitclaimed to Stanley Furniture Company, Inc. contemporaneously with or following the conveyance of such section of abandoned railroad right of way to it by Norfolk and Western Railway Company; such release and quitclaim on the part of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be subject to and exclusive of the rights and easements granted by Norfolk and Western Railway Company as aforesaid; and whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that exclusive of the rights and easements and the areas covered thereby granted to the Commonwealth of Virginia as aforesaid, the described section of existing railroad right of way, whether or not abandoned, does not constitute a section of the public road and is deemed of no benefit and not necessary for the uses of the State Highway System; Now, therefore, after the abandonment of the described section of existing railroad right of way and its conveyance to Stanley Furniture Company, Inc., the release and quitclaim to Stanley Furniture Company, Inc., contemporaneously with or following such abandonment and conveyance, of such right, interest and title, if any, as may be vested in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be deemed to have been approved and the State Highway Commissioner authorized to execute a deed accordingly, subject to the existing rights and easements granted to the Commonwealth of Virginia as aforesaid, for a consideration of \$1.00, pursuant to Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that, whereas, in connection with Route 54, Project 5142-05, in Hanover County, the Commonwealth acquired a part of the 80-foot right of way, together with a residue parcel of land, including the northerly one-half of a section of the old location of Route 54, as shown on Plan Sheet 7, from Williams Carter Wickham, Executor and Trustee u/w of Elsie Warwick B. Wickham, by deed dated October 6, 1955, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 156, Page 415, pursuant to option-agreement dated September 14, 1953; the said section of old location being designated as Sect. 5 on plat dated July 20, 1956, and abandoned by a resolution adopted by this Commission at the meeting held on October 4, 1956, pursuant to Section 33-76.5 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; and Whereas, the westerly portion of the said residue parcel of land is adjacent to the lands of Susan Paulett Johnson, who conveyed a part of said right of way to the Commonwealth by deed dated October 15, 1953, and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 155, Page 156, pursuant to option-agreement dated September 18, 1953; the consideration for said right of way to be the Commonwealth's conveyance to Miss Johnson of the said westerly portion, containing 0.08 acres, more or less, between Stations 248/10 and 249/12 approximately (following the completion of construction of the new location of Route 54); and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the said portion does not constitute a section of the public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System; Now, Therefore, as provided for by Section 33-76.6 of the said Code, as amended, the conveyance of the said portion of land, containing 0.08 acre, more or less, to the adjoining landowner, the said Susan Paulett Johnson, or her successor in title, with special warranty of title, in consideration of her deed dated October 15, 1953, is hereby approved and the execution of a deed accordingly authorized. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, whereas, in 1924 the Commonwealth of Virginia acquired certain lands east of the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, now U. S. Route 1, and the present Richmond District Headquarters Office site and along and adjacent to the east side of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's right of way, in Chesterfield County, which lands are a part of the Richmond District Headquarters property and are known as the old "Mule Farm" and include a parcel of 42.82 acres, more or less, acquired from C. M. and A. M. Duke, husband and wife, by deed dated May 31, 1924, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of said County in Deed Book 174, Page 272, which parcel of land is shown on a survey plat on file in the Central Office of the Department of Highways at Richmond and identified as R/W File #35; and Whereas, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company proposes to widen its right of way and improve its railroad along the said parcel of land and desires to acquire a portion thereof, of a normal width of 50 feet, adjacent to its said right of way and extending from the north line of said parcel southerly 200 feet, more or less, and containing 2.25 acres; and the State Highway Commissioner deems that the sum of \$892.00, at the rate of \$400.00 per acre, is adequate consideration for said portion and has certified in writing that the same does not constitute a section of any public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System or Secondary System of State Highways; Now, Therefore,

pursuant to Section 55-76.6, or Section 55-76.11, or both, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the sale and conveyance of the said portion of land containing 2.25 acres to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, with special warranty of title, for a consideration of \$892.00 is hereby approved and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that the request of the Town Council of Altavista to add Routes 888 and 808 from Altavista to Volens, to the Primary System, having been fully and carefully considered, the Commission defer action on the request until spring, 1957. Motion carried.

The Commission was briefed regarding the proposed road from Stanleytown to Bassett on the south side of Smith River. The file was carefully studied by Mr. Flythe. The Commissioner was instructed to bring to the Commission at its next meeting a definite recommendation regarding this proposed addition.

Each member of the Commission was given a copy of the speech by J. A. Anderson to the Chamber of Commerce Executives at Natural Bridge, Wednesday, November 7, on Virginia's New Highway Program, for comments.

The Chairman gave the Commission a verbal progress report on the VAIC Studies affecting the Highway Department.

A further progress report was made by the chairman on the Revenue Bond Projects.

Messrs. Rawls and Watkins gave the Commission a very interesting report on the trip to Europe in October. They referred to road design and maintenance in Great Britain and other countries.

The Personnel situation was discussed fully. The use of consultants and discussions with Governor Stanley were all well covered.

A full report was given to the Commission by Mr. Geo. D. Felix, Right of Way Engineer, on the building program, a written report being given to each member. The Commission is to be kept advised on further studies.

The Interstate System was fully covered in a report. The Commission was advised of some of the problems in other States, they not being too different from the problems in Virginia.

A report was given the Commission on the Jones Point Bridge over the Potomac River, between Maryland and Virginia. We have had word from Commissioner Curtiss that the design of the Bridge has been authorized. The questions of maintenance and operation have not been resolved.

Suggestions from the Commission follow -

Mr. Barrow is interested in a much needed by-pass at Lawrenceville. He asks that we make our studies and consider early allocations for the project.

Senator Wright expressed delight that a traffic light at Tappahannock had been authorized. He hopes that it can soon be installed.

Mr. May is especially interested in Industrial Development Access Roads. He feels that the 1955 Act, setting aside nearly a million dollars for roads to new industries has proven of great worth to the Bristol District and other areas.

Mr. Flythe is interested in improving public relations by means of TV, Radio and the Press. He was well pleased with the reports we were able to give him. We will work along these lines.

Our Mr. H. L. Smith reported on the showing of our new film at two panels of the conference Thursday afternoon, November 15.

There were in attendance at the meeting of the Commission four or five reporters from different daily newspapers, our Mr. H. L. Smith and Mrs. Anne Wilkins, Supervisor of Fairfax County and another Fairfax official.

The Commission was advised of the program of the meeting of the American Association of State Highway Officials to be held in Atlantic City November 27-30, 1955. It was brought out that this program could be most timely and beneficial for our Commission. Each member was urged to attend if possible.

The Chairman thanked the Members of the Commission and expressed his appreciation for their attendance at the Highway Conference in Lexington November 15-16.

The next meeting of the Commission will probably be held in Richmond early in January, 1957.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Approved -


Chairman

Attested -


Secretary