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Minutes of Special Meetings of the State Highway Commission
 Held at Richmond, Virginia, January 14, 15, 16, 17,
 1920.

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The State Highway Commission, with all members present, met on January 14th, 1920, in the office of the State Highway Commissioner, Room 506 Lyric Building, Richmond, Virginia, to consider, on the request of the State Highway Commissioner, the transfer of certain funds on various projects. After hearing from the Commissioner and discussing the matter, the Commission adjourned without taking any final action on the Highway Commissioner's request.

The State Highway Commission, with all members present, met on January 15th, in the parlor of the Murphy Hotel Annex to hear a delegation from Prince William County with reference to change in Routes on The State Highway System.

After hearing the Prince William delegation, a Committee from Alexandria County, composed of Mr. Garrett, County Engineer, and Mr. Charles T. Jesse, Delegate from Alexandria County, appeared, together with representatives from Fairfax County, all petitioning the Commission with reference to changing Route 21 in Fairfax and Alexandria Counties in order that the State Route might be so relocated as to join the South branch of the new Key Memorial Bridge now being built by the Federal Government across the Potomac River from Georgetown. Pending further information and the filing of briefs by interested parties the

Commission adjourned without taking any final action in this matter.

The State Highway Commission, with all members present, met in the office of the State Highway Commissioner, Room 506 Lyric Building, on January 16th.

The minutes of the meetings of December 26th and 27th were read and approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign same.

The bill of S. Goffin for \$25.00 for extra service, cleaning up the Senate Chamber for eight days, commencing December 15th, having been approved by Col. John W. Richardson, Registrar and Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, on motion duly seconded and adopted, was approved for payment, and the Highway Commissioner was instructed to draw the proper voucher for the amount.

Mr. G. F. Coleman, State Highway Commissioner, took up with the Commission a plan for cooperation between his Department and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg for establishing at that institution a Division of Tests; the arrangement to be cooperative, the Polytechnic Institute agreeing to furnish the necessary testing equipment and the laboratory, the Highway Department agreeing to pay a part of the salary of the testing engineer; this engineer to be employed either by the Highway Department or by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, but to be mutually satisfactory. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute also agrees to supply from its student body laboratory assistants, the Highway Department agreeing to pay them a monthly salary to be agreed on between the Institute and the Highway Department.

The Highway Commission approved the suggestion of the Highway Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for the year 1920, and that the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000), or so much thereof as may be required, should be set aside for that purpose.

The application of the Northern Virginia Power Company to erect poles and string wires on the West side of the Winchester-Dartingsburg Turnpike, running from the West Virginia Line in Frederick County to the City of Winchester, Virginia, was discussed and left open, the Highway Commissioner being requested to obtain from Federal and State authorities any ruling governing the policy which they have adopted or will adopt concerning the erection of high power transmission lines along national or state highways.

On motion the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 A.M. Saturday, January 17th.

The State Highway Commission, with all members present, met at 10 A. M., January 17th, in the office of the State Highway Commissioner, Room 506 Lytle Building.

Upon the request of the State Highway Commissioner the Commission adopted the following resolution, by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED, That S. B. Whitehead, Commonwealth's Attorney of Nelson County, Virginia, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to institute and conduct in the Circuit Court of Nelson County, Virginia, condemnation proceedings for

the purpose of having condemned sufficient lands of J. H. Wood, located on the State Highway, No. 18, running from Lovington, Nelson County, Virginia, to Afton, Virginia, for the construction of that portion of the said State Highway that passes through the lands of the said J. H. Wood, as shown by the maps, diagrams and records now on file in the office of the State Highway Commissioner in Richmond, Virginia, and the said S. B. Whitehead is hereby appointed the agent of the said State Highway Commission for the purpose of instituting said proceedings and taking the necessary oaths required therein.

Upon the request of the State Highway Commissioner, the Commission authorized the State Highway Commissioner to proceed with certain work, enumerated below, with funds allotted as follows:

First: Route 10 - \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the work of widening the road between Salem and Bennetts, which work is now being executed by the Convict Road Force; this additional work to be continued by the same arrangement.

Second: Route 18 - \$40,000, between Lovington and Afton, \$20,000 each first and second year; this amount to be transferred from "New Construction" to "Other State Work".

Third: Route 20 - \$45,000, Chesterfield Line to Burkeville,
\$25,000 the first year and \$20,000 the second year, trans-
ferred from "New Construction" to "Other State Work".

Upon the request of the State Highway Commissioner
the Commission adopted the following resolution by unanimous
vote:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the right-of-way of The State
Highway System shall not be less than fifty feet in width, except
where, in the judgment of the State Highway Commissioner, it is
deemed inexpedient to procure right-of-way of that width.

Upon motion the Commission adjourned, subject
to the call of the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN.

SECRETARY