

**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

**JANUARY 8, 9, 1924**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE  
HIGHWAY COMMISSION, HELD AT RICH-  
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On the morning of January 8th, 1924, the Commission, consisting of Messrs. E. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Kassic, Secretary, H. B. Sproul, R. K. Sanders, and I. Walke Truxtun, assembled at their office, Tenth and Marshall Streets, Richmond, Virginia and held a meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

A delegation from Buckingham and Appomattox Counties appeared before the Commission, headed by Senator Ferguson and requested that the section of road leading from Buckingham C.H. to Vera, be added to the State Highway System under the 2<sup>1/2</sup> Clause, a distance of approximately seventeen miles. This road would be of great benefit locally as well as to the State, being the shortest Route between Lynchburg and Richmond. The section from Appomattox to Vera has already been added to the State Highway System by the Legislature and if the section from Vera to Buckingham C.H. could be added it would connect the two County seats and bring the entire section in connection with Lynchburg, which is its market. They further stated that while this section was not very thickly settled, it was very rich and needed development and the establishment of this road as a State Highway would greatly aid this movement. This was the road over which General Lee traveled just after the surrender at Appomattox on his way to Richmond, camping one night on the way. The spot

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where he camped being on the section of this road between Buckingham C.N. and Sprouse's Corner and has been set aside as a park and they want to bring this historical spot into more prominence.

The delegation was advised that the matter would be taken under advisement and given due consideration when the distribution of the mileage under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause was made.

A delegation from York County, headed by Mr. Hogg, then appeared before the Commission and petitioned the Commission to take into the State Highway System the section of road leading from Yorktown to E. A. Sinclair's Gate, a distance of approximately nine miles. This would connect them with the improved roads in the southern part of the County and give an outlet to Hampton. At the present time this road is almost impassable and to get from Yorktown or Hampton it is necessary to go around by Lee Hall and Newport News.

They were advised that this matter would be given due consideration when the distribution of the mileage under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause was made.

A large delegation from Scott, Lee and Wise Counties appeared before the Commission, headed by Mr. Lloyd M. Robinette, and requested that the Commission add to the State Highway System the section of road leading from Jonesville to the Tennessee Line. This is a part of what is known as the Lonsoms Pine Trail and is the direct north and south Route from Detroit to Florida. This road passes through a gap in the mountain and is on a very good grade, the entire distance, with the exception of about one mile

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having been graded under the supervision of the State Highway Department at an expense of approximately \$70,000.00. The only bridge necessary on this road is the one over Blackwater Creek and this is about to be constructed. This road will open up a section of country which has no hard surfaced roads and will be a trans-mountain highway. It is one of the most used roads in that part of the Country. Mr. Thompson of the Tennessee Legislature stated that he was sure if the Virginia Highway Commission would add this road, or even a section of it, the Tennessee Commission would meet them at the State Line with a State road. The section of road requested from Jonesville to the Tennessee Line is approximately thirteen miles.

The delegation was advised that this matter would be given careful consideration when the distribution of the 2½% Clause was made.

Several of the gentlemen from Wise and Scott Counties also requested that the section of road from the Wise County Line through Lee County for a distance of approximately four and one-half miles known as the Wild Cat Road, be added to the State Highway System. This would connect the Counties of Scott and Wise, Scott being a productive County and Wise, having mining towns, a consumer, and they most vigorously urged that this section of road be added to the State System.

Mr. T. C. Edwards and several others from Middlesex County appeared before the Commission and requested that the Commission recommend to the Legislature that the section of road from

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Saluda to Urbanna, which was dropped from the State System, be re-established. They stated that this road carried more traffic than any other road in that section and would serve a large number of people. They were advised that this matter would be taken under advisement by the Commission.

Mr. C. G. Holland of the Danville Chamber of Commerce then appeared before the Commission in behalf of the road leading from Danville to the North Carolina Line. He stated that this road had been built about three times by the Chamber but that as they had no funds with which to maintain it, it was going to pieces. He further stated that if the Commission would add this 2½ miles to the System, they would put it in first class condition before it was taken over. He was advised that the North Carolina Commission had also requested the addition of this road and that it would be given careful consideration when the distribution of the 2½% mileage was made.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

After lunch the Commission again assembled and there appeared before them a delegation from Caroline County headed by Mr. C. P. Lyon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dew, and requested them to add to the State Highway System the section of road in Caroline County leading from Goodloes to Chilesburg, State Aid Road No. 7, a distance of approximately seven miles. They stated that this road was in very bad condition and it would greatly benefit the local people if it were added to the State System. They were advised that this matter would be given careful consideration when the distribution of mileage under the 2½% Clause was

made.

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A delegation from Gloucester and York Counties consisting of the two Boards of Supervisors, came to see the Commission with reference to the Ferry at Gloucester Point. They stated it was their desire to assist the Commission in every way possible in securing this ferry at some future date. This matter was thoroughly discussed and the delegation was advised that there had been an opinion given by the Commission's Attorney that they could take an option on this ferry but could not enter into an agreement which would bind any future Commission. It was the desire of the Commission to get a ruling on this matter from the Attorney General also, before taking any definite steps.

Messrs. Russell, Buchanan, and Thompson, then appeared before the Commission and requested that an allocation be made to the road leading from Taxewell to the West Virginia State Line. They stated that this was a very important road to that section as it would connect the coal fields and Virginia would get some of the trade instead of it all going to West Virginia. They stated that they considered it the most important road in the Southwest.

The minutes of the meeting held at Luray, Virginia, November 13th, 1923 were read, and it was moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

The minutes of the meeting held at Richmond, Virginia, December 11th and 12th, 1923, were then read and it was moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that they be approved. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of three miles of 18 foot bituminous macadam road on Route 10, Project S-1460, East of Radford, be awarded to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Company and Albert Bros., Shawsville, Virginia, at their bid of \$69,846.22, and that 10% Additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$87,830.84. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that all bids be rejected on Project S-279, Route 27, Great Bridge to the North Carolina Line, and that this work be done by force account. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contract for the construction of 5.2 miles of black top asphalt Route 39, Project 2950, Richmond-Seven Pines, be awarded to McGuire and Rolfe, Inc., Richmond, Va. low bidder, at their bid of \$136,524.75 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering, making a total of \$150,177.22 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of 13 miles of gravel road between Bottoms Bridge and New Kent C.N. Route 398, Project 322, be awarded to Battershill and Goode, Charlottesville, Va. to the amount of \$100,000.00, the grading to be done for the entire distance and traveling as far as this amount will reach. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that all

bids be rejected on Project S293C, Route 23, Newport Hoges Store.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that where traffic congestion is such as to require a large number of special traffic officers, the Commission deems it advisable to designate one officer as Chief Traffic Officer, and whereas this condition already having arisen in the Tidewater Section. Mr. Alexandria Peppin, State Traffic Officer No. 137, is hereby designated in this section. Motion carried.

The Commission then adjourned until the next day.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Chairman be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, for the installation of telephones in the new office building. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the agreement entered into between the State Highway Commission and citizens of Martinsville, to advance \$63,500.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of a section of Route 33 between Martinsville and Daniel's Creek, be cancelled due to the inability of these citizens to raise the money and that this money be charged against the 1924 allocation for this section. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that as there are no vacancies in the traffic corps on State Highway No. 11, at the present time, the request of Mr. L.G. Stewart to be appointed traffic officer in this section be turned down. Motion carried.



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Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that to carry out the agreement made with the Winchester-Berryville Turnpike Company, the section of the turnpike leading from Winchester to Berryville, being established as State Highway No. 37, it is ordered that the section from Berryville to the east side of the Shenandoah River be added to the State Highway System as of January 15th, 1934, under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause and to be known as State Highway No. 325. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County to use the convict force now working in that County, on the County road from Chantilly to Herndon, be turned down as the Commission has no authority to grant such request. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the following permits be granted under the usual rules and regulations:

To The Home Telephone Company, to reset poles on State Highway No. 10 and 108, requested by J.W.F. Calloway, Smithfield, Va.

To Moses Brothers to lay a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " water pipe along and across No. 33.

To T.F. Dixon, Norton, Va, to place a 3" waterpipe along No. 11.

To Planters Nut & Chocolate Co, to construct a 48" gauge lumber tramway across Route 12.

To J.S. Warden, West Graham, Va, to bore under No. 11 with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe

To H.G. Saul to construct concrete pavement in front of his store, Route 36, Fairfax County.

Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that permit be granted the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to attach a cable to the Falmouth Bridge, over the Rappahannock River, Route 31, provided they will agree to pay \$50,00 annually for this privilege. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that Mr. T. C. Edwards and the other members of the delegation from Middlesex County who appeared before the Commission requesting that they recommend to the Legislature that the section of road leading from Saluda to Mathews Court House which was dropped from the System be reinstated, be notified that the Commission has decided not to make any recommendations to the Legislature for additional mileage to be installed into the State Highway System, except a piece where it was necessary to straighten out the Route to meet the wishes of the Bureau of public Roads so as to establish their primary Federal Aid System. Under this general policy the Commission could not recommend to the Legislature that this road be reinstated. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Masie, that the old location of Route 40 through Youngsland Chas. Old's property be abandoned and closed as soon as the highway is completed over the new location, insofar as the Commission has power to close same. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of Burgess and Dorrier to turn their contract for Project P-260, Route 31, between Solomon's Store and Ashland over to the Allport Construction Company, be turned down and that this Company

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be advised that if they desire to sublet this contract to Aliport Construction Company under the section of contract so providing, that permission will be given. Motion carried.

A delegation from Amelia County, headed by Dr. Southall, Mr. Jefferson and Judge Rand, appeared before the Commission and requested that the Commission add to the State Highway System the section of road leading from Morven to Amelia, a distance of approximately nine miles. This would complete the connection from Route 13 near Tobaccoville to Route 20 at Amelia and would be of great benefit to the people living back from the railroad as they have to come to Amelia to catch the train. They were advised that this matter would be given careful consideration when the distribution of the mileage under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Clause is made.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of Mr. George F. Coleman to have restored the 10¢ per sq. yd. the Lane Construction Company had deducted from their unit price on Project 113, Route 36, Alexandria-Fairfax, be turned down and that the Commission adhere to their former decision. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Matheson Alkali Works be requested to consider the turning over to the State the waste lime material from its plant at Saltville and furnishing the Commission with such detail information as they may have as to the cost of drying and its analysis for agricultural and road purposes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that inas-

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much as the time for completion on Project 217, Route 114, Clintwood towards Kentucky State Line, having been extended to July 1st, 1923, and the work not being completed by that date, the contractor Clintwood Construction Company, be notified that they will be charged liquidated damages after that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of Sanders and Parker to extend the time of completion on Project 215, Route 13, Approaches to Bridge over Appomattox river to January 15th, 1924, be granted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works to extend time of completion on Project S-215, Route 13, Bridge over Appomattox River, be turned down and that the full penalty called for in the contract be applied from the date of completion specified in the contract to the date of completion of the work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request of Baker-Royer Company, to extend time on Project S-214, Route 32, Bridge at Carysbrook, be granted to September 13th, 1923. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of Burgess and Atkisson to extend time of completion on Project 209, Route 19, Bridge over Bird Creek, be granted with the exception that the cost of engineering and inspection be charged against the contractor after July 9th, 1923. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of Burgess and Atkisson for extension of time on Project 209,

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Route 19, Vife to Columbia, be granted to February 15th, 1924, with the exception that the cost of engineering and inspection be charged against the contractor after November 1st, 1923. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of L.R. Gilbert for extension of time on Project 125A&B, Route 36, Fairfax County Line-Mt. Zion Church, be granted to October 1st, 1923, with the exception that the contractor be charged with the cost of engineering and inspection after July 23rd, 1923. motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that on Project 197, Route 10, Huffs to Old Glade, the contractor, C. L. Nettell and Company, be required to crush and store stone during the winter months and maintain traffic over this section of road, making all necessary repairs in the spring and to rush completion of this work as soon as the spring opens up and cost of engineering and inspection be deducted from the payment made to the contractor. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, on Project 136, Route 12 Bridge over Sandy River, be notified that should they fail to begin work within the specified time their contract will be annulled and the work taken over. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Royer-Ferguson Company, on Project 160BC, Route 35, Barrsville 4.6 miles west of Suffolk, be charged for liquidated damages for every day after December 31st, 1923, time specified for

the completion of the contract. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Masie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, C. L. Hottell and Company, on Project 209, Route 11, Tazewell to Claypoole Hill, be notified that unless they report within ten days a plan showing how and when this work will be finished, the contract will be cancelled and the work turned over to the Bonding Company for completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the contractor, Smith Brothers, on Project 178, Route 31, Clarksville to the North Carolina Line, be notified that unless satisfactory arrangements are made to crush stone for this work during the winter, or make other arrangements so as to complete this work before July 1st, 1924, the contract will be cancelled and turned over to the Bonding Company. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contractor, H. A. Donald, on Project 1923, Route 33, Sta. 437 to Fairfield, be notified to submit a plan within ten days after notice showing the equipment and methods whereby this work will be completed on or before June 1st, 1924. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Masie, that the contractor, Harrison Engineering and Construction Company, on Project 269, Route 342, Tasley-Crancock, be charged liquidated damages to the amount of \$1290.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, Harrison Engineering and Construction Company, on Project 246, Route 12, Franklin-K.C. Line, be notified that the penalty

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provided in the contract will be enforced and that the work must be pushed as rapidly as possible as soon as the weather in the spring will permit. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the contractor, Fuller and Bruce, on Project S-255, Route 11, Streets of Tagewell, be notified that no extension of time will be granted and the full penalty provided in the specifications will be enforced for noncompletion of the contract on time, until the date of completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contractor, Van Doren Brothers, on Project 257, Route 39, Providence Forge-Bottoms Bridge, be notified that unless within ten days after receipt of a notice from the Chairman, they do not submit a written statement showing what arrangements they have made to carry on the work, the amount of equipment they will place on this job and the time they expect to complete it, the contract will be cancelled. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the contractor, Roberts Contracting Company, on Project 256, Route 11, Burke Garden Siding-Tagewell, be notified that the cost of engineering and inspection will be deducted from their final estimate. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, W. W. Boxley and Company, on Project S-266, Route 114, be notified that as an extension of time to January 1, 1924 has been granted no further extensions will be allowed. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Scott and Trinkle, on Project F-271, Route 11, Claypoole Hill-Rosedale, be notified that it will be necessary for them to put two complete macadam outfits on this work as soon as spring weather starts and that they push the work to completion as rapidly as possible, but due to the failure of Midkiff to take this work there was a delay in awarding this contract to Scott and Trinkle and therefore a reasonable extension of time will be granted on this contract. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Ellis-Brooks and Company, on Project 267A, Route 39, Louisa-Cobham, be notified that they must make a detailed statement as to the manner they expect to do this work in the spring and the amount of equipment they will use and the length of time it will take them to complete this work, within ten days after receipt of notice from the Chairman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the contractor, Perkins and Barnes, on Project S-285, Route 20, Burkeville towards Keyville, be granted an extension of time to complete the work as the progress has been satisfactory and due to some delays on account of right of way revisions contractor was delayed this extension should be equal to the delays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, W. H. Clarke and Company, on Project 294, Route 21, Luray-Sperryville, be notified that no extension will be granted on this contract and that the full penalty for noncompletion of the



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work will be enforced and that the contractor be required to give a detailed statement of how they expect to carry on the work in the spring, the amount of equipment which will be used and the time they expect to complete. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contractor, K. G. Turner, on Project F-294, Route 21, Bridges over Dry Run and Pass Run, be notified that no extension of time will be granted on this work and that the full penalty for noncompletion as provided in the contract will be enforced. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contractor, Roland Clifford Company, on Project F-295, Route 39, Bottoms Bridge-Richmond, be notified that as no work has been done on this contract which was awarded September 10th, and calls for completion August 30, 1924, that they make a report within ten days after receipt of notice from the Chairman, as to how they propose to carry on this work, the equipment they expect to use and the time they will complete the work and if this is not satisfactory the contract be declared null and void and turned over to the Bonding Company for completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, F. F. White and Company, On Project F-301, Route 28, Nelson County Line-Red Hill Cross Roads, be notified that within ten days from receipt of notice they must make a written report as to how they propose to carry on the work, the amount of equipment they expect to use and the time they estimate it will require to complete it and if this is not satisfactory the contract be declared null and void and turned over to the Bonding Company for completion.

Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the contractor, Cranford Paving Company, on Project 9-314, Route 21, Falls Church-Halls Hill, be notified that as the paving was completed in contract time and it was only a question of dressing up the shoulders, the penalty for noncompletion be not enforced. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contractor, Carpenter and Petrie, on Project 320ABC, Route 10 Bridges over Broad Creek, Lynnhaven River and Thalia Arm, be notified that this work is not progressing as rapidly as it should and that they will report to this office within ten days what arrangements they expect to make to complete the work on contract time. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Atlantic Bridge Company, on Project 9329, Route 10, Bridge over Roanoke River and Approaches at Montgomery Line, be notified that at the present progress being made the work will not be completed by time specified in the contract and no extension will be granted and the full penalty for noncompletion of the work as provided in the specifications will be enforced, and that if better progress is not made upon receipt of this notice that the contract be declared null and void and turned over to the Bonding Company for completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the contractor, Robert W. Curtis, on Project 342, Route 10, Bridge over

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Roanoke River near Elizabethton, be notified that the full penalty for noncompletion of this contract will be enforced and that better progress must be made or the contract will be declared null and void and turned over to the Bonding Company for completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, Corson and Davis, on Project 48-C, Route 14, Big Island-Snowden, be notified that as there is only 60% of the grading completed and no surfacing has been laid and work on this Project has been exceedingly slow, that within ten days after receipt of notice from the Chairman, they make a detailed statement of what arrangements can be made to carry on this work satisfactorily to completion and the time it will require, or contract be declared null and void and turned over to the Bonding Company for completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, C. B. Hester, on Project 222, Route 18, Rustburg-Gladys be given an extension of time, due to delays in securing rights of way on this Project and revision on the same, having been unable to secure the proper location, equal to the amount of delays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contractor, Southern Construction Company, on Project S-219, Route 12, Streets of Halifax, be given an extension of time to July 20, and that the cost of inspection from July 15th to July 20th be charged against the contractor. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Roberts Paving Company, on Project 221, Route 34, Tasley-Six Miles South, be given an extension of time from December 28th, as this work progressed very satisfactorily and was completed on the 28th. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

W. S. Shirley  
Chairman

ATTESTED:

Wade H. Massie  
Secretary.