

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

MARCH 7, 1929

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The State Highway Commission of Virginia, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Commissioner, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, I. Walke Truxtun and H. G. Gilmer, met at their offices, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, on the morning of March 7th, 1929.

The meeting was called to order by the Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the minutes of the meetings of the Commission held in Norfolk and Richmond, January 9th and 10th; Newport News, January 24th; Charlottesville, January 29th; and Wytheville, February 5th; be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission grant an extension of time on Project 468-C, Route 10, Thaxton-Roanoke, of 167 days, returning liquidated damages amounting to \$1870.00 to the contractor, Pace Construction Company, Roanoke, Virginia, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor, Preston and Pollard, on Route 33, Project 520-B3, Bridge over Pigg River, be granted an extension of time to the actual date of completion, and that liquidated damages amounting to \$920.00 be returned, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the contractor, Roberts Paving Company, on Route 1012, Project 424-A, Princess Anne County, be granted an extension of time for a period of 89 days and that liquidated damages after that time be charged against them. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time of 50 days requested by the Roberts Contracting Company on Route 23, Project 507-AB1, Cruge's Store - North, be rejected and that the contractor be charged \$500.00 for overtime. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission reject the claim of the contractor, Haynes Construction Company, for storage of bags, on Route 14, Project 527-B, Bridge over Cherrystone Creek, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission reject the request of the contractor, Haynes and Lawrence, Salem, Virginia, for an extension of time on Route 119, Project 520-B, Bridge over Pound River, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the contract for the construction of Bridge over Big Otter River, Route 10, Project F-143-F, be awarded to the low bidder, A. N. Campbell and Company, Inc., Lynchburg, Virginia, at their bid of \$26,198.45 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$29,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contract for the construction of 1.643 Miles Grading and Drainage, Route 10, Project F-499-G, be awarded to the low bidder, Marye and Blankenship, Shawsville, Virginia, at their bid of \$28,135.21 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$2200.44 for Guard Rail, making a total of approximately \$34,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the contract for the construction of Bridge over Appomattox River, Route 20, Project F567B, be awarded to the low bidder, Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, Inc., Roanoke, Virginia, at their bid of \$18,061.27, setting aside 10% additional to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$20,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission regrets very much that they are unable to cooperate with the Cooperative Education Association of Virginia, in furnishing them with news items for the Community League News, but they have no one they could assign to this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commissioner be authorized to have a valuation made of the Chincoteague Toll Bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that Mr. F. P. Staples be appointed Special Officer. Motion carried.

A delegation from Pittsylvania County, headed by Dr. Womack, Supervisor, and including the Comptroller and the Attorney General, appeared before the Commission and asked that the County be given some relief on account of the Comptroller distributing the 1½% gas tax on the basis of taxes paid in 1925 instead of 1926. This caused the County a severe loss as 1925 was not an average year for the county and requested that the Commission take into the System substantial mileage on the road leading from Chatham to Callands under the 2½% Clause.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that by reason of the conditions presented by Dr. Womack, the Comptroller and the Attorney General, over which the Commission had no control; the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County be notified that the Commission will add during the year, five miles of road leading from Chatham towards Callands, extension of Route 302, from the 2½% mileage for 1929. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following Permits be granted under the Rules and Regulations of the Commission:

Job Sheet No. 28-1
At Workday Co.

To Appalachian Electric Power Company, Roanoke, Virginia, to erect an electric transmission line along Route 33 from Stony Battery towards Buchanan,

To F. A. Branscome, Hillsville, Virginia, to construct an entrance into filling station and garage on Route 15,

To H. W. Brunck, Falls Church, Virginia, to grade road bank on Route 21 in front of his property,

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Clarendon, Virginia, to erect three poles on Route 21 at Buckland Springs

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Norfolk, Virginia, to place 50' of conduit from a pole at northeast corner of Virginia Avenue and Bainbridge Boulevard under Route 27,

To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Clarendon, Virginia, to erect one pole on Route 21 in Fauquier County,

To F. M. Clarkston, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, to construct an approach to store on Route 106,

To Town of Culpeper, to cut through pavement in front of Culpeper National Bank on Routes 32 and 37 and repair water main,

To Town of Culpeper, to cut through pavement on Main Street south of Davis Street to repair water service pipe,

To City of Danville, to erect and maintain a power line along Route 12 between Danville and Martin's Store,

To City of Danville, to erect an electric line along Route 14, Pittsylvania Co.

To J. P. Downer, Richmond, Virginia, to construct an entrance to filling station on Route 39 just west of Charles City Road,

To Town of Farmville, to erect an electric light line along Route 10 from Rice to Farmville, crossing same five times,

To Town of Farmville, to place an electric light pole line along Route 10 from Farmville to the N&W underpass west of Farmville, crossing same at 2 points,

To J. Arley Hammond, Meredithville, Virginia, to grade an entrance to filling station on Route 31, 11 miles north of South Hill,

To G. B. Hawley, East Radford, Virginia, to construct an entrance to service station at Jefferson Park, Route 408, Prince George County,

To International Harvester Company, Richmond, Virginia, to transport a thresh-er loaded on a truck from Richmond to Montrose, Virginia,

To G. N. Jackson, Sandston, Virginia, to enlarge driveway into filling station on Route 31 near Solomons Store,

To W. E. McGoy, Manassas, Virginia, to carry by truck 1 tank 9'6"X 3'10" from The Plains to Mandy Point, weight of tank approximately 4000 pounds,

To McKesson Land Corporation, Petersburg, Virginia, to make water and sewer connections at lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 59, Walnut Hill Addition, Route 35,

To Northington's Service Station, South Hill, Virginia, to cover the approaches to service station in South Hill with stone screenings,

To Old Dominion Gas & Electric Corporation, Hopewell, Virginia, to extend service to the residence of Mr. Rice, Woodlawn, on Route 408,

To J. I. Fetuske, Martinsville, Virginia, to construct an entrance to filling station and also drive water pipe under Route 33,

To Rappahannock Garden Club, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to plant trees along Route 31 from Bridge over Rappahannock River at Falmouth to the Corporate limits of Fredericksburg,

To C. G. Reager, Huntley, Virginia, to construct an entrance to filling station on Route 37 near Huntley,

To Carl Riddleberger, Consumers Utilities Company, Staunton, Virginia, to lay a 3" gas line along Route 39 between Staunton and Waynesboro,

To S. Stuart Boyer, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, to install 8" water main on Route 19 from Lock Lane eastwardly approximately 400 feet,

To Shenandoah River Power Company, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to construct an electric light line along Route 17 from 1.3 miles east of Wikton to Swift Run,

To A. R. Sherwood, Fairfax, Virginia, to lay 120' of 18" metal pipe in ditch and construct a driveway into filling station on Route 21,

To Standard Oil Company of N.J. Parksley, Virginia, to construct a concrete entrance to filling station on Route 521, Accomac County,

To W. W. Stoner and Miss Katherine B. Curry, Fairfax, Virginia, to construct two driveways into tourist camp on Route 21 putting in necessary drainage,

To Texas Company, Potomac Beach, Virginia, to lay two 3" pipes across Route 611 at Potomac Beach,

To Virginia East Coast Utilities, Inc., Waverly, Virginia, to erect one pole on Route 29, crossing same at one point,

To Virginia Electric and Power Company, Suffolk, Virginia, to cross Route 506 with an electric light line approximately 2 miles from intersection of Whaleyville Road,

To Virginia Public Service Company, Alexandria, Virginia, to erect two 35' poles and two anchor guys on Route 25 near Russell Road and one crossing,

at Sheet No. 51-P
M Waddy Co.

To Virginia Public Service Company, Clifton Forge, Virginia, to install two primary crossings, 1 secondary crossing and 6 guy stubs on Route 800,

To Virginia Public Service Company, Alexandria, Virginia, to erect 12 poles along Route 21 about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Merrifield, crossing same at one point,

To Winchester Fruit Exchange, Inc., Winchester, Virginia, to place a 2" pipe line across Route 33 south of Winchester,

To Henry Woodhouse, Washington, D.C. to install 200' of 18" pipe between Groveton and Gum Spring opposite George Washington Air Junction entrance,

To Henry Woodhouse, Washington, D.C. to extend driveway 160' on either side of drive and to extend present metal pipe line 300', or 160' on each side,

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission cancel Permit #3502 issued to Fred T. Amise, August 20, 1928, as the work was never done and has been abandoned. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Rust Engineering Company be notified that as they have not made any use of the industrial spur track across Route 31 between Washington and Alexandria, constructed under Permit #2185, dated December 9, 1926, that the Commission hereby gives notice that unless cause is shown otherwise, the tracks will be removed and the permit revoked within fifteen days. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that upon the request of the City Officials in such cities where zero mile stones have been erected and are owned by the city, that such point be taken for all measurements of State Highways. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the following notice be given in regard to closing certain undergrade crossings of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company's tracks on Route 14:

NOTICE

"THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA, in accordance with Chapter 212, Acts approved March 19, 1926, the Commissioner having petitioned that three of the four undergrade crossings (the one east of Mud Tunnel Excepted) of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company's tracks, between a point just east of Mile Post 293 and a point just west of Callaghan Station, on Route 14, be permanently closed, substituting therefor the two overhead crossings recently constructed near Mile Post 293 and Callaghan Station:

HEREBY GIVES NOTICE, that the above undergrade crossings will be closed as outlined, unless there are objections filed in writing at the

office of the State Highway Commission, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, on or before noon, April 15, 1929". Motion carried.

ok Street No. 24-P
 & Waddley Co.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following notice be given in regard to closing certain grade crossings of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company's tracks on Route 32 between Alfa and Dillwyn:

NOTICE

"THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA, in accordance with Chapter 212, Acts approved March 19, 1926, the Commissioner having petitioned that the following grade crossings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company's tracks on Route 32 between Alfa and Dillwyn be closed as designated:

At Mile Post 652/55.5	- Except for local traffic,
At Mile Post 675/94	- Permanently closed,
At Mile Post 695/60	- Permanently closed,
At Mile Post 705/79	- Permanently closed,
At Mile Post 740/49	- Except for local traffic,

as soon as the new location of the road on the east side of the tracks has been completed and opened to traffic;

HERSEY GIVES NOTICE, that the grade crossings will be closed as above outlined unless there are objections filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, on or before noon, April 15, 1929." Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the following notice be given in regard to the relocation of Route 10 east of Bristol in Washington County:

NOTICE

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, under Chapter 124, Acts of 1926, approved March 9th, authorizing the State Highway Commission to relocate Route 10, beginning at a point approximately two miles east of the East Corporate limits of Bristol in Washington County and extending to the Corporate limits, that

THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION has decided to make the said change and if there are any objections thereto they must be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission, State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia, on or before the 15th day of April 1929, as provided in Section 5, Acts of 1922 and subsequent amendments." Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the application of the Prince George and Chesterfield Railway Company for a permit to cross Route 407 between Dutch Gap and Hoperwell at grade, be rejected, but that a permit for an overhead crossing be granted and the Railway Company bear all the cost. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that after further consideration the Commission reject the request of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company for a permit to construct an industrial track across Route 101, near Lynnhaven Bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the contract for furnishing 4535 aluminum route symbols and 1363 R and L markers, be awarded to the second bidder, American Brass and Aluminum Castings Company, Portsmouth, Virginia, at their bid of \$2795.61, as they agree to deliver same within eighteen days, which is 40% less time than the other bidders. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commissioner be instructed to erect one of the old steel abandoned bridges over Reed Creek on the road leading to the Fish Hatchery, Route 114. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commissioner be authorized to make a survey of Route 26 from Wytheville to Independence at such time as there is a corps available. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the work on Route 12 start at the end of the three miles already constructed and grade and drain towards Damascus. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Route 34 be constructed parallel with the railroad from the Coal Kiln Road towards Rumore if right of way can be immediately secured and that this work be advertised at once. Motion carried.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned, subject to the call of the Commissioner.

APPROVED -

ATTESTED -

W. B. H. Massie
 Secretary.

H. G. Shirley
 Commissioner.