

Minutes of Meeting of the State Highway Commission
of Virginia, Held in Richmond
March 12, 1969.

The members of the State Highway Commission met in the Central Highway Office Building at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning, March 12, all members being present as follows: Messrs. S. D. May, Chairman, E. P. Barrow, G. Wallace Carper, W. N. Chinn, Jr., S. S. Flythe, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Ruda, Secretary, W. M. Sclater, Jr., and Tucker G. Watkins, Jr.

Mr. May advised the Commission of the necessity to use Convict Labor on highway maintenance work and the necessity for curtailing the hourly free labor; the situation being such that those who have been with the Department on an hourly basis for ten and twelve years will be carried every other week, thereby giving all employees part time work of two weeks a month approximately.

The Commission discussed the status of highway funds in a general way.

RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF

RUSSELL PATTERSON ELLISON

WHEREAS, Russell Patterson Ellison, Executive Assistant to the State Commissioner of Highways, came peacefully to the end of his earthly career on January 9, 1969, at the age of 65, and WHEREAS, "Pat" as he was affectionately called by his host of friends, was born in Richmond, Virginia, reared in Waynesboro, educated at Washington & Lee University, and served in the armed forces in World War I, from 1917 to 1919; and

WHEREAS, his career with the Highway Department began on April 4, 1911, and successively progressed through the intermediate stages from levelman to resident engineer, district engineer, equipment engineer, and on until he attained the highly responsible position of Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, which position he held at the time of his demise, having given to the Highway Department and to the State of Virginia services of unexcelled merit and duration. He has earned his rest. His passing leaves a great void in this Department, and

WHEREAS, occupying the position he so long held, friendliness was one of his outstanding characteristics. His charm of personality, his engaging humor, his conversational and anecdotic gifts and his frank and forthright manner, coupled with his high qualities as a Christian gentleman, endeared him to all, and WHEREAS, he was endowed with a keen intellect and manifested great zest for his work, but deeper than all this, he had a faculty of inspiring loyalty in friends, in associates, and particularly in subordinates, that goes only with great personality, and WHEREAS, to this man, fellow-worker and beloved friend, whose loss will ever remain an abiding grief, we, members of the Highway Commission, humbly pay homage.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Members of the State Highway Commission, join the members of the family in their grief and express to them our sympathy in their great loss, and our deep and sincere appreciation for the unselfish services rendered to the Comissior and to the State by our departed friend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread on the official minutes of the Commission and a copy transmitted to the family of the decedent.

Unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the State Highway Commission, held on March 12, 1959.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary

At 9:30 the Commission proceeded by automobile to the Mosque Theater for a Public Hearing at 10:00 o'clock on the location of Interstate Route 64 from Richmond to Clifton Forge.

Mr. S. D. May addressed the group on behalf of the Highway Commission as follows: It is my pleasure to welcome you this morning. This is the largest highway hearing ever held in the State, these are two of the longest routes ever considered, and more funds are involved than in any previous hearing. This is not the \$64 question, nor the \$64,000 question, but this hearing involves the eventual expenditure of approximately \$200,000,000.00 or more. Therefore, it is an important hearing and this is the sore hour.

Will you allow me to present the members of your Highway Commission.

At the far right is Senator Burgess E. Nelson of Mount Jackson, representing the Statuton Construction District; next is Mr. Walter H. Ghinn of Fredericksburg, representing the Fredericksburg District; then Mr. William M. Solater of Marion, representing the Bristol District; and next is Mr. Sol. W. Rawls of Franklin, representing the Suffolk District and Mr. Rawls is also Secretary of the Commission.

At the left is Mr. G. Wallace Carper of McLean, also in Virginia, representing the Culpeper Construction District; next is Mr. S. S. Flythe of Martinsville, representing the Salem District; then Mr. Emory P. Barrow of Lawrenceville, representing the Richmond District; and then Mr. Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., of Halifax, representing the Lynchburg District; and my name is Sam May, Chairman of the Commission.

First we will give you the ground rules for the hearing.

We will have a short description of the two routes by Mr. K. M. Wilkinson of our Traffic and Planning Division, under whose close supervision the study of the two Routes was made; following that the advocates of the Southern Route will be given a maximum of two hours, then the Albemarle Community Association will have a maximum of 50 minutes, after which we will adjourn for lunch.

Following the lunch period the advocates of the Northern Route will be given time equivalent to that used by the Southern Route Group, plus that used by the Albemarle Association Group.

At the conclusion of their exposition we will adjourn for approximately 10 minutes, to be followed by a Rebuttal period not in excess of 15 minutes by the Southern Group and then a similar Rebuttal period for the Northern Group, after which we will adjourn.

It is now my pleasure to present Mr. K. M. Wilkinson, of our Traffic and Planning Division, who will briefly describe the studies of our engineers covering the two Routes for Interstate Route 64 between Clifton Forge and Richmond. Mr. Wilkinson."

Following Mr. Wilkinson's presentation the Chairman introduced "the gentleman who for the next two hours will be the Generalissimo of the Southern Route Forces - Senator Mosby O. Parrow."

At this time, after hearing Mr. Bernard P. Chamberlain, representing the Southern Route Group, the Commission adjourned for lunch, to reassemble and hear the advocates of the Northern Corridor, starting at 2:50 P.M. At 5 o'clock the Chairman asked to be allowed to make a statement, and it was made to the effect that Senator Parrow and Mr. Parry had agreed to send in in writing the rebuttal of the two respective sides, and the meeting adjourned.

All reports and available speeches and records were turned over to Edwards and Kelsey, Consultants. Mr. Lee the Court Reporter likewise received copies of reports, etc. The consultants recommendation is to be made within sixty days from the date of authorisation, which was February 20th.

Approved-

S. D. May
Chairman

Attested -

S. W. Rawls
Secretary