

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

APRIL 23, 1931

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COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA, HELD IN
RICHMOND ON APRIL 23, 1931.

On the morning of April 23rd, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Commissioner, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, I. Wailes Truxtun and H. G. Gilmer, met in their office in the State Office Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the minutes of the meeting held in Eagle Rock, Virginia, on March 26th, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Route 38, Project F705-AB, 0.2 Mi. E. Goldenvale Creek-0.27 Mi. W. Goldenvale Creek, to the low bidder, J. I. Hicks & Bros., Evington, Va., at their bid of \$8,564.25, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$10,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Route 10, Project F598-AB1, 2 Mi. W. of Wytheville-3.19 Mi. W. Wytheville, to the low bidder, Haynes Construction Co., Chatham, Va., at their bid of \$56,888.82, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work; \$600.00 for detours, making approximately \$63,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Route 32, Project F493B, 7.83 Mi. S. Louisa County Line-Cummingham Creek, to the low bidder, C. A. Ragland, Louisburg, N. C., at his bid of \$16,681.75, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$1,020.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$20,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Routes 11 and 123, Project F177-DB1, 0.2 Mi. E. Clinch River-0.11 Mi. W. Clinch River, to the low bidder, M. S. Hudgins, Roanoke, Va., at his bid of \$33,253.65, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$37,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Route 31, Projects F205-AW and F225-BW, Fredericksburg-3.3 Mi. S. Fredericksburg, and Rappahannock River-Fredericksburg, to the low bidder, Virginia Construction Company, Fredericksburg, Va., at their bid of \$48,982.50, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$54,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract on Route 500, Project F4630, Fort Storey-0.57 Mi. E. Lynnhaven, to the low bidder, Brooke Construction Company, Norfolk, Va., at their bid of \$107,893.15, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$119,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F314-W, 1, 2, 3, Route 21, Halle Hill-Falls Church, to the low bidder, Corson and Gruman, 33rd and K Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., at their bid of \$66,606.11, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$1,265.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$75,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F260-SW, Route 31, 2.33 Mi. S. Ashland-Ashland, to the low bidder, Spotsylvania Construction Co., Inc., Highland Springs, Va., at their bid of \$30,906.11, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$34,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F435-A2, Route 23, Narrows-0.597 Mi. N. Narrows, to the low bidder, G. F. Franklin, Bassett, Va., at his bid of \$12,033.65, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$1,141.60 for surface treatment, making a total of approximately \$15,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F499-D, Route 10, 3.85 Mi. E. Bristol-2.0 Mi. E. Bristol, to the low bidder, East Tennessee Limestone Quarries, Johnson City, Tennessee, at their bid of \$34,545.65, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$38,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F658-B, Route 13, Bridge over Austin's Run, to the low bidder, Cobb and Homewood, Inc., Chapel Hill, N.C., at their bid of \$5,274.76, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$6,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F493-B2, Route 32, Bridge over Cunningham Creek, to the low bidder, Cobb and Homewood, Inc., Chapel Hill, N.C., at their bid of \$7,866.32, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$1,507.80 for overhaul, making a total of approximately \$11,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F712-A, Route 37, Westland-Whitestone, to the low bidder, J. M. Goshard, Gordonsville, Va., at his bid of \$43,413.15, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$48,000.00 chargeable to this project, with the understanding that the surface treatment be omitted, which will reduce the bid approximately \$9,000.00 and therefore come within the allocation of \$40,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F399-AB1, Route 32, Lusketts-C, 324 Mi. S. Limestone Branch, to the low bidder, R. W. Moore & Company, Staunton, Va., at their bid of \$72,590.91, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$942.00 for detours, making a total of approximately \$81,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission deny the request for an extension of time on Project 643A, Route 54, Loudoun County Line-Shenandoah River, by Poffinberger and Mause, Myersville, Maryland, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request for an extension of time by Jarbus and Houghton, Mechanicsville, Maryland, on Project 649-AC, Route 31, Snake Hill-Gum Tree, Evington, be accepted in accordance with proposition made by them, that is that we return the liquidated damages on receipt of release from them of their claim for steam shovel rental, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the permit issued to Mr. Charles Whalen, Fairfax, Virginia, on December 16th, 1930, be cancelled as it has been decided not to undertake the work specified at this time. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that permit issued to the Virginia Gas Transmission Corp., on January 13th, for work in Botetourt County, be cancelled as requested. Motion carried.

Mr. Fleming Saunders and Mr. W. H. Irvine, of Evington, appeared before the Commission in regard to the location of Route 43, requesting the cut-off as surveyed be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commissioner proceed with the construction of the section of road between Botetourt County Line and Natural Bridge, Route 33, if funds can be transferred from some other projects for this purpose. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following permits be granted under the rules and regulations of the Commission.

- Appalachian Electric Power Co., Bluefield, West Va., to erect 6900v power line and communication circuit over and along Route 113 from near plant of Marion Brick and Tile Co., toward Attaway.
- Appalachian Electric Power Co., Bluefield, West Va., to erect four crossings over Route 20, near Ferrum.
- Appalachian Electric Power Co., Bluefield, West Va., to erect 6 poles along southerly edge of new right of way of Route 10, at Seven Mile Ford.
- Appalachian Electric Power Co., Bluefield, West Va., to erect a 3 wire 2300v power line and communication circuit along Route 10, west from Stephens Fur Farm between Wytheville and Crockett.
- Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install a 1" water service to premises of John M. Langston School, Route 21.
- Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" water service connection to premises of Arthur B. Tate, Route 25.
- Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 1" water service connection to premises of Katie R. Clements, Lee Highway at Fought Ave.
- Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Va., to install 3/4" water service connection to premises of Mrs. T. B. Murphy, Globe Road, Route 25.
- Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Clarendon, Virginia, to install 1" water service connection to premises of W. R. Fitzsimons, Route 25.
- Tom Bailey, Ivy Depot, Va., to grade entrance to filling station on Route 39 near Ivy.
- D. A. Bell, Goldvein, Va., to install tile drain under Route 38 near Goldvein.
- G. C. Campbell, Martinsville, Va., to construct entrance to filling station on Route 33, south of Martinsville.
- G. & P. Telephone Co., Richmond, Va., to erect a 30 ft. pole on White Oak Road in the vicinity of R.F. & P. Underpass, Route 624, and string 3 B.P. drop wires across Leeland Road.
- G. & P. Telephone Co., Richmond, Va., to erect one additional pole on Route 53, at Int. of Route 39, approximately.
- G. & P. Telephone Co., Richmond, Va., to place three poles on Route 39, 1 - 1/4 Mi. W. Providence Forge; 2 - 1/2 Mi. W. Teana and 3 - 1 Mi. E. Teana.
- G. & P. Telephone Co., Clarendon, Va., to erect one guy pole on Route 31 about 5 Mi. S. of Alexandria.
- G. & P. Telephone Co., Clarendon, Va., to erect one pole with anchor and place 143' of two creosoted wood duct underground conduits on Route 25.

C. & P. Telephone Co., Richmond, Va., to string two 109 iron wires across Route 17 at Churchville, to furnish service to M. S. Newcomer.

Christiansburg, Town of, to lay $\frac{3}{4}$ " water pipe across Route 10, .2 Mi. E. of Main Street, in front of residence of A. L. Smith.

Mrs. Mattie M. Coffee, Sabot, Va., to construct entrance to filling station on Route 19 at Sabot, and to level off and lower top of cut about 4 ft.

D. C. Curtis, Lee Hall, Va., to grade R/W and use same as entrance to service station on Route 514A.

D. C. Curtis, Lee Hall, Va., to grade R/W and use as entrance to service station on Route 39, in James City County.

D. C. Curtis, Lee Hall, Va., to grade R/W and use as entrance to service station on Route 39, in Warwick County.

Danville, City of, to construct 2300-6600v electric line and maintain same on Route 14, 48 poles and 2 crossings.

East Coast Telephones, Inc., Warsaw, Virginia, to move 41 poles from north side to south side of Route 38 between Tappahannock and Center Cross.

East Coast Telephones, Inc., Warsaw, Va., to move 19 poles from right to left side of Route 604 between Center Cross and Bowlers Wharf.

Eastern Shore Public Service Co., Ezmore, Virginia, to erect 3 poles, 1 anchor guy and 1 guy crossing, 24 ft. from center of road.

Edmondson Electric Co., Abingdon, Va., to lay water main from present main in center of Main Street, across to north side of street to north of Cummins Alley, Route 10.

Franklin, Town of, to construct a power line on Route 507, Southampton Co.

J. W. Horasby, Yorktown, Va., to grade R/W and use as entrance to service station on Route 514, York County.

D. R. Kornegay, Richmond, Va., to construct double entrance to filling station on north side of Route 13, 5.5 Mi. W. of Richmond.

Little Oil Co., Richmond, Va., to build entrance to filling station near Dill Road on Route 13.

Lynchburg Gas Co., Lynchburg, Va., to lay $1\frac{1}{2}$ " gas line across Campbell Avenue, about 100 ft. W. of Green St.

Newport News Waterworks Commission, to cross Route 39 by tunneling under at intersection of Kecoughtan Road and Pochin Place, laying an 8" water main.

Newport News Waterworks Commission, to cross Route 512 near Int. of our line, Seaboard Avenue, by tunneling under concrete.

Norfolk Department of Public Works, Division of Water Supply, to install $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap under Route 10 to supply residence of W. B. Taylor.

Norfolk & Western RR. Co., Roanoke, Va., to install and maintain electrically operated automatic wig wag flashlight signals on Route 18, MP 155 plus 4430.

Old Dominion Power Co., Big Stone Gap, Va., to construct two wire crossings over Route 10, one mile west of Jonesville.

O. T. Patton, Bluefield, West Va., to build drop inlet in place of existing headwall, with grate not less than 12" square, and lay 34' of 12" drain pipe in ditch line, to be filled over as entrance to proposed filling station, left of station 238 plus 30, at Adria.

Pearisburg, Town of, to lay 5' sidewalk within Town, in front of property of C. W. Kelley.

Mrs. Margaret Peck, Alexandria, Va., to construct driveway from Route 31 to building.

John A. Pettigrew, Eagle Rock, Va., to lay 4" sewer pipe across Route 17, at or near foot of hill on south side of Eagle Rock, to run along side of road about 50 ft., thence across it.

Radford, City of, to erect 3 poles and 2 guys on E/W of Route 10 and make one crossover to serve filling station and residence.

Rocky Mount, Town of, to lay sewer line across Route 20, near N.C.L. of the town.

Rosalyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to install service connection to residence of Mr. Oliver Scott, Route 25, Alcovn Heights.

Rosalyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to make service connection to residence of J. W. Scrivener, 1601 Memorial Drive, Route 711.

Rosalyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to install service connection to residence of Bob Washington, 203 East A Street, Fort Berry Station.

Rosalyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to install $\frac{3}{4}$ " service pipe on Route 712.

Rosalyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to install service connection to premises of Vernon G. Metz, Route 25.

Rosalyn Gas Co., Clarendon, Va., to install service connection to premises of A. F. Vassau, Route 21, Falls Church.

E. O. Seymore, Martinsville, Va., to drive 1½" water line under Route 12 for house connection.

Shenandoah River Power Co., Harrisonburg, Va., to erect 27 poles from corporate limits north of Mt. Crawford to Dayton Road, about 5400 ft.

W. L. Simmons, Union Level, Va., to grade entrance to filling station on Route 31, 8 miles from N. C. Line.

G. L. Spicer, Galpeper, Va., to erect filling station and grade entrance to same on Route 37, about 2 miles W. of Galpeper.

E. L. Sutphin, Hillville, Va., to construct entrance to filling station on Route 15, Carroll County.

Virginia East Coast Utilities, Richmond, Va., to construct an electric line on 30 ft. poles beginning at Route 37 and extending along west side of Route 610 for 1.45 miles.

Virginia East Coast Utilities, Inc., Richmond, Va., to erect an electric transmission line on north side of Route 30 for 6752 ft.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to construct wires for the conduct of electric current over and across Route 31, about 337 ft. W. of S.A.L. grade crossing at Bahole Creek Bridge.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to erect two crossings on Route 30, at Timberlake's Store and six miles east of King William C.H.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to erect a crossing of 3 #4 secondary wires over Route 31 at Stop 11½.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to erect a crossing of 3 #4 primary wires over Route 31 north of Stop 24.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Petersburg, Va., to make crossings in Town of McKeeney, on Route 31, as shown on print submitted.

Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., to erect a crossing of 3 #4 primary wires over Route 17 just west of Crosier.

Virginia Gas Transmission Corp., Richmond, Va., to construct a pipe line under and across Route 56 at its Int. with the Augusta-Reckbridge Co. Line.

Virginia Gas Transmission Corp., Richmond, Va., to construct pipe line across and 3' below graded surface and 1' below any water ditching on either side of Route 17.

Virginia Hot Springs Co., to install manholes on Route 800, Bath County.

Virginia Public Service Co., Charlottesville, Va., to cross Route 701, about one mile E. of Clamont with 2 #4 ACER conductors, 4KV primary voltage.

Virginia Public Service Co., Charlottesville, Va., to cross Route 39 five times between Clamont and Cobham, as per plan submitted.

Virginia Public Service Co., Clifton Forge, Va., to make one crossing over Route 14 near southern entrance to Natural Bridge property.

Virginia Public Service Co., Warrenton, Va., to make one crossing of Route 32 at Opal with 2300v power line and 3 crossings of Route 38 just east of Opal.

Virginia Public Service Co., Newport News, Va., to make house connection with gas line on Route 39, surface to be unbroken.

Virginia Public Service Co., Staunton, Va., to cross Route 33 with 3-110v wires for service to Mrs. Maria Becock.

Virginia Public Service Co., Staunton, Va., to cross Route 810 with three 110v wires to residence of J. S. Robinson, on Parkersburg Pike.

Wakefield Oil Company, South Hill, Virginia, to grade entrance to filling station on Route 31, five miles from South Hill.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the State Highway Commission, at the request of the Eastern Park to Park Highway Association, approve of the routes selected by that body as a Park to Park Route. Motion carried.

A delegation from Nelson County consisting of Mr. Whitehead, Dr. Tunstall and others, appeared before the Commission in regard to the location of Route 18 through Colleen.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of Mr. H. Carl Bechen, to change the plans on Route 418, be denied, as the work is under way, the right of way having been given on the line and no changes can be made at this late date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that a survey be made on Route 18, leading west from Lynchburg. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the money set aside for eliminating the grade crossing at Franklin, on Route 12, be used for construction of the Bridge over Blackwater River, Route 12, Project 160. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that request of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company that construction of the proposed overhead crossing at Gambia, Route 23, be postponed for a year, be granted, but that the Commission cannot abandon the proposed route and will expect this work to go on in the future. Further that appropriation made for this work be expended on Route 23, between Narrows and West Virginia Line. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that no insurance be taken on the Gwynns Island Ferry. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the State Highway Commission cooperate with the State Highway Commission of North Carolina in establishing a road along the ocean front from Virginia Beach to Kitty Hawk, N.C. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's proposition number four, be accepted and the company requested to immediately proceed with construction of underpasses on Route 12, Project 657, between Portsmouth and Suffolk, with the understanding that the Atlantic Coast Line will reimburse the Commission for the company's portion of the cost two years from date of the completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the agreements entered into by the State Highway Commission and the various railroad companies concerning the operation of watchmen and signal lights on Route 10 in Nansemond County, be nullified, as under the opinion of the State Corporation Commission the State Highway Commission had no authority over such crossings. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the request to show name of the Cape Charles and Norfolk ferry on the state map be not granted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Massie, that no charge be made the cities and towns of the state on permits issued for the laying of water and gas mains so long as they do the work properly and the state is put to no expense on account of same. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request of J. T. Talley that the state pay the cost of moving filling station on Route 13, Section C, amounting to \$310.92, be settled on a fifty fifty basis. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that Mr. Wesley B. Edwards be allowed to make an entrance to his own property on Route 31, Project 5750, but not to build or fill cars on the state's right of way. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the maintenance agreement with the Town of Remington, Route 15, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company for overhead clearance of 25 ft. be granted where it is possible to do so, provided the railroad company will pay the cost over the 22 ft. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the state will build the connecting road between Routes 28 and 39 if the University of Virginia will build the overpass for the observatory road. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the contractor be notified to proceed with the construction of Route 500, Project F463-G, Fort Stacey=0.67 Mi. E. Lynnhaven, with the understanding that he shall construct the road from near Lynnhaven Inlet to the Ocean road for the full width, as quickly as possible so traffic can be turned over this road, and that he proceed as rapidly as possible with the completion of the balance of the project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Project 651-AD, Route 302, Princess Anne Court House-Intersection Route 27, be carried out as started, placing slag and oil for surface. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commissioner be authorized to make a proper entrance and grade down banks in front of the Confederate Cemetery on Route 306, near Vera, Accomack County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the money left on Route 520, Project 689A, be transferred to Route 34, Exmore-Belle Haven, after the surfacing on Route 520 has been completed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the cost of conditioning and oiling the road from Cabin Point to Claremont, Route 48, as well as that section taken over from Surry Court House to Scotland Wharf, be ascertained. Motion carried.

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

Approved-

H. G. Shirley
Commissioner.

Attested-

W. B. H. Massie
Secretary.