

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

**MAY 1, 2, 1923**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY  
COMMISSION HELD IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,  
MAY 1st, and 2nd, 1923.

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On the morning of May 1st, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. O. Shirley, W. H. Massie, H. B. Sproul, R. K. Sanders, and I. Walker Truxton, met at their office in Richmond, Virginia, and gave a public hearing to all interested in the allocation of funds made March 28th, 1923, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 403, Acts of 1922.

From 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. the Commission heard the Bristol and Salem Districts.

Senator Becker of Halifax County requested an allocation for the section of Route 12 from Clover to the Staunton River, a gap of about two miles. If this stretch was improved it would give a good road from the Staunton River to Danville. He requested the Commission to pass a resolution accepting an advancement under the Robertson Act for the construction of this section and authorizing the surveying of this road as soon as possible.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept an advancement under the Robertson Act for the construction of a section of Route No. 12 in Halifax County from Clover to Staunton River. Motion carried.

Mr. Martin of Halifax appeared before the Commission and stated that the Town of Halifax had advanced \$50,000.00 under the Robertson Act for the construction of the Streets but that

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at the time this money was advanced it was understood that it would be returned out of the 1922 collections, paid in February 1923, and requested that the Commission make an allocation for the return of this money. The town is very small and a great number of its citizens are colored and it was necessary for them to put up the money for the additional width of the streets and due to the difference in grade of the streets and the sidewalks, a large part of the sidewalks would have to be rebuilt. It has taken all of the resources of the town to pay the \$50,000.00 and they hope the State will return at least a part of the money advanced so that they can do the necessary work. At the time they put up the money they were under the impression that it would be returned the first of February.

Mr. Elliott of Bedford requested that the allocation of \$50,000.00 on Route 10, Bedford-East be changed to Williamsport-East.

From 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. the Commission heard the Lynchburg and Richmond Districts.

Mr. Hubbard, member of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham County, requested the Commission to use the allocation for Route 2 between Dillwyn and Spruces Corner to construct a soil road from Dillwyn-North as this would be of the most service to the people. Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Wood both stated that they thought this would be satisfactory to the people of Dillwyn.

Mr. D. B. Ryland of Lynchburg, requested that the allocation made to the Routes leading out of Lynchburg stand, as they have

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been bottled up and have no outlet. He stated that they were glad to get the allocation for Route 14 from Locke Mt. to Big Island and also from the end of the improved road to Altavista and requested that this be not changed.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Commission were then read and it was moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that they be approved. Motion carried.

The Commission then recessed for lunch until 2:00 P.M.

From 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. the Commission heard the Suffolk and Fredericksburg Districts.

A large delegation from the Suffolk District appeared before the Commission, represented by Mr. Peake of Waverly, General C.C. Vaughan of Franklin, Major Watkins, Mr. Howerton and Mr. Stevenson. They requested that the allocation of \$127,000.00 for Route 5 be applied to the Ridge Route rather than to any suggested route through Sussex C.H. They stated that this Old Ridge Route has always been the route which they considered as Route No. 5, and they did not want it changed and that Homeville be written into the allocation.

There were no delegations from the Fredericksburg, Richmond, Culpeper or Staunton Districts and the Commission, therefore, took this as an approval of the allocation made.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the allocation made to Route No. 2 from Dillwyn to Sprouss Corner be changed to read from Dillwyn-North. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the alloca-

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tion made to Route 12, from Chase City to Boydton, be changed to read Chase City, East and West. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the allocation made to Route 10 from East Radford-East be changed to read from the East end of the Bridge over New River east towards Christiansburg. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the allocation made to Route 5, from Southampton County Line to Sussex be changed to read from the Southampton-Sussex County Line towards Petersburg. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the allocation made to Route 16, Madison Mills to the East End of Project 103, be changed to read Madison Mills to Robinson River. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be directed to immediately ascertain the Routes on which allocations have been made and which have not been definitely established and notify the Clerks of the Counties through which such Routes run of such establishment. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the final allocation of funds for 1923, be as follows:

ALLOCATIONS MADE AND BROUGHT FORWARD PREVIOUS  
 TO MARCH 28th, 1923.

Route 1, From Bridge over Potomac Yard to D. C. Line	4,860.45
Route 2, Dillwyn - North	25,000.00
Route 3, Opossum Creek - Fancy Hill	100,000.00

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Route 3, Overhead Bridge B&O Tracks - Staunton South	12,000.00
*Route 9, Gloucester C.H. - Gloucester Point	65,000.00
Route 9, Cobham - Trevillians	250,000.00
Route 10, Glenvar-Christiansburg, Bridge over the Roanoke River	45,518.06
Route 10, Bridges near Chilhowie	3,482.26
Route 11, Norton-Forks Appalachia Road	24,256.80
Route 12, Staunton River-Clover for Proj. 98A	29,277.98
Route 12, Hillsville-Wythe County Line	30,133.09
Route 12, Chase City - East and West	75,000.00
Route 12, Henry Co. Line-East End Proj. S-55.	55,212.84
Route 13, Bridge over Pamunkey River and Road Between Manquin and Pamunkey River	129,957.10
Route 13, Bridge over Appomattox River, Proj. 215	50,439.10
Route 14, Chatham - Gretna	50,000.00
Route 17, Bridge at Penn-Laird and Approaches	20,000.00
Route 18, Hartburg - Gladys	75,000.00
Route 18, Clifford - Colleen	75,000.00
Route 20, Burkeville - Keysville	40,000.00
Route 20, Southern Railway underpass west of Jetersville	10,000.00
Route 21, Luray - East	100,000.00
Route 23, Newport - Hogen Store	71,935.04

ALLOCATIONS FOR 1923.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Route 10Y Bridges for open streams between Hansonville and Lebanon	10,000.00
Route 11, Bolton - Buzzard Roost (Conv. Camp)	36,000.00

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Route 10, End of Proj. 129-Appalachia (Conv. Camp)	36,000.00
Route 10, Ross Hill-West End Proj. 122 " "	36,000.00
Route 10, Jonesville - Five Miles West " "	54,000.00
Route 11, End of Proj. 94-Gosburn " "	36,000.00
Route 11, Fawcett-East End of Con- tract for Project 208 " "	54,000.00
Route 11, Extension Proj. 3265, Buchanan County	50,000.00

SALEM DISTRICT

Route 22, Bridges over Craig Creek, Craig County	25,000.00
Route 3, Roanoke South towards Rocky Mount	75,000.00
Route 12, Stuart - Gruse (Conv. Camp)	36,000.00
Route 14, Judith Creek-Looke Mt. " "	36,000.00
Route 10, East End Bridge over New River East towards Christiansburg	100,000.00
Route 12, Town of Galax	25,000.00

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

Route 10, Appomattox towards Concord	60,000.00
Route 18, Goodwin Creek towards Martin's Store (Convict Camp)	54,000.00
Route 14, Top of Look Mt. to Big Island	100,000.00
Route 14, End of Proj. 70 towards Altavista	100,000.00

RICHMOND DISTRICT

Route 13, Richmond - Fauquier River	100,000.00
Route 9, Richmond towards Providence Forge	150,000.00
Route 20, Lunenburg & Keysville	66,000.00
Route 1, Solomon's Store - Ashland	50,000.00

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SUFFOLK DISTRICT

Route 4, End of Proj.31-North (Northampton County)	150,000.00
Route 10, Surry County Line - Smithfield	40,000.00
Route 5, Southampton-Sussex Co.Line-Petersburg	127,000.00
Route 9, Toano - New Kent County Line	50,000.00

FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT

Route 9, Gloucester C.H.-Gloucester Point	65,000.00
Route 13, King William C.H. - Sharon Church	30,000.00
Route 1, Grand Corner - Palmouth	88,000.00

GUILFORD DISTRICT

Route 6, Middleburg - Paris (Conv.Camp)	36,000.00
Route 21, Massie's Corner-Amieville " "	36,000.00
Route 16, Madison Mills-Robinson River " "	54,000.00
Route 7, Stevensburg - Lignum	10,000.00
Route 2, Jones Run - Remington " "	98,000.00
Route 2, Leesburg - Aldie " "	54,000.00

STAUNTON DISTRICT

Route 14, Covington - Clifton Forge	50,000.00
Route 16, End of Proj.29 <sup>4</sup> - East (Page County)	50,000.00
Route 6, Chamberville towards W.Va.Line	30,000.00
Route 17, Bridgewater - Augusta County Line	30,000.00
Route 3, Lexington - One Mile South	15,000.00
Route 3, Opossum Hollow - Fancy Hill	55,000.00
Route 9, Lone Fountain - Forestry Reservation (Convict Camp)	36,000.00
Route 7, Riverton-Double Toll Gates (Convict Camp)	54,000.00

+ An equal amount to be raised under the Robertson Act.

++ Provided arrangement can be made whereby the State can take the Ferry at some future date. Motion carried.



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Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that, whereas the Commission is advised by its Attorney, Mr. Hall, that the taking over of a road or bridge heretofore constructed would not come under the provisions of the Robertson Act; that the offer of the South Hill Bridge Company to sell the bridge over the Roanoke River at Goodes Ferry to the Commission under the terms of the Robertson Act be declined. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that a recess be taken until 10:00 A.M. on May 2nd. Motion carried.

MAY 2nd, 1923.

On the morning of May 2nd, the Commission, all members being present, met in the Assembly Room at Tenth and Marshall Sts. Richmond, Virginia, at 10:00 A.M. and gave a public rehearing on the location of Route 18 from Afton to Martin's Store in Nelson County.

After this hearing the Commission held a regular business meeting.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission designate the Route known as the McCall's Gap Route as the established State Highway Route No. 105 between Old Glade Springs and Saltville, provided, that the alignment through the underpass of the E.W. R.R. be projected on a straight line for fifty feet beyond the toe of the embankment of the railroad fill. Motion carried.

Whereas the road leading from the Mouth of Wilson over what is known as County Road No. 18, to the North Carolina line, Gray-

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son County, Virginia, having been advertised in accordance with the law for a period of thirty days, and a public notice being given that any objections to this location must be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before April 1st, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon, and whereas, there were no objections filed to the location so advertised; It was moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Commission hereby declares the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in this County between the points designated and to be known as Route No. 123. Motion carried.

Whereas, the road leading from Big Stone Gap towards Natural Tunnel for a distance of approximately six miles, having been advertised in accordance with the law for a period of thirty days and a public notice being given that any objections to this location must be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or Before April 1st, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon, and whereas, there were no objections filed to the location so advertised; It was moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission hereby declares the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in the Counties of Wise and Lee, between the points designated and to be known as Route No. 116. Motion carried.

Whereas, the road leading from Tazewell, via North Tazewell and thence to connect with the West Virginia State Highway System at the Virginia-West Virginia Line, Tazewell County, Virginia, having been advertised in accordance with the law for a period of

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thirty days, and a public notice being given that any objections to this location must be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before April 20th, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and whereas, there were no objections filed to the location so advertised; It was moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission hereby declares the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in the County of Taxewell, between the points designated and to be known as Route No. 117. Motion carried.

Whereas, the road leading from Phoebus to Buckers Beach in Elizabeth City County, having been advertised in accordance with law for a period of thirty days, and a public notice being given that any objections to this location must be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before April 20, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon, and whereas, no objections were filed to the location so advertised; It was moved by Mr. Frustun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission hereby declares the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in this County, between the points designated and to be known as Route No. 394. Motion carried.

Whereas, the road leading from Newcastle along Johns Creek to a point at or near Rubble bridge, thence to a point at or near Paint Bank and from there to the top of the Mountain and the West Virginia Line, Craig County, Virginia, having been advertised in accordance with law for a period of thirty days, and a public notice being given that objections to this location be filed in

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writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before April 9th, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon, and whereas, there were no objections filed to the location so advertised: It was moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission hereby declares the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in this County, between the points designated and to be known as Route No. 22. Motion carried.

Whereas, the road leading from Smithfield on State Highway No. 10 to Isle of Wight C.R. known as County Road No. 1, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, having been advertised in accordance with law for a period of thirty days, and a public notice being given that objections to this location would have to be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before April 10th, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and whereas, no objections were filed; It was moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Spraul, that the Commission hereby declares the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in this County, between the points designated and to be known as Route No. 108. Motion carried.

Whereas, the road leading from Buckingham C.R. over what is known as County Road No. 1, to intersect State Highway No. 2, at or near Sprouces in Buckingham County, having been advertised in accordance with law for a period of thirty days, and a public notice being given that objections to this location would have to be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before March 26th, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock noon, and whereas, no objections were filed, It was moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded

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by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission hereby declare the route so advertised to be an established State Highway in this County, between the points designated and to be known as State Highway No. 322. Motion carried.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the road leading into the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble Minded near Lynchburg, Virginia, be taken over for maintenance only until the location of State Highway No. 18 is finally established and the road leading into the Colony be immediately put in passable condition. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the following hearings be set:

June 6th, at 10:00 A.M. in the Court House at Washington, Va. on the location of Route 21 from Massie's Corner to Warrenton:

June 7th, at 2:00 P.M. in the Court House at Sussex, Va. on the location of Route 5, from Petersburg to the Southampton-Sussex County Line near Sebrell, Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of the Board of Supervisors of Frederick County to locate Route No. 7 from Winchester to the W. Va. Line be taken up later. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the request to add to the State System, under the 2½ Clause, the section of road from Jonesville to the Tennessee State Line be postponed until such time as there is mileage available and then be

given consideration. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request to add to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, the section of road leading into Hopswell, be postponed until such time as there is mileage available and then be given consideration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that Harry Beckner, Patrolman, be appointed traffic officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request of the Board of Supervisors of Wise County to return the \$13,800.00 advanced under the Robertson Act be complied with and that this money be returned and the work stopped on the section of road on which this money was to apply. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that permit be granted P. H. Wray to erect a pole line on the right of way of Route No. 3, from the end of the present line to his dwelling, provided he will agree to allow further extension of this line should there be such a request. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Board of Supervisors of Bappahannock County be relieved of paying \$7,500.00 on their contribution of \$18,000.00 on Route No. 7, provided they will turn over to the State \$10,500.00 in view of the fact that a like amount of State Aid funds was used on this road. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission accept the advancement under the Robertson Act of \$10,000.

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for the construction of a concrete bridge over Gunn's Run and approaches thereto, on Route No. 41, between Charles City and Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that permit be granted the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company under the usual condition, to construct an underground conduit under the Columbia Pike west of Washington and Alexandria Pike. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that permit be granted the Steele's Auto Service Company, Inc., to erect and operate telephone lines along State Highway No. 10, known as the Virginia Beach Boulevard, provided that no advertisement of any kind will be allowed on the posts or boxes, other than the regular directory and that this line be connected with the central exchange. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Commission reaffirm their former decision in the selection of Route 18 and that this location be via Greenfield from Afton to Martins Store. Motion carried.

A Delegation from Alexandria, consisting of Messrs. Evans, Jones and Ogden, appeared before the Commission and requested them to construct Route No. 6, known as the Little River Turnpike with a width of 18 feet instead of 16 feet as called for in the plans. They stated that in their opinion the heavy traffic on this road justified the construction of an 18 foot road for a distance of approximately four and one-half miles from the city limits

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Mr. Riddle of Clintwood appeared before the Commission and requested that they at least give them a rock road from Clintwood to the forks of the road so that it would be passable the entire year and requested a portion of the \$400,000.00 advanced under the Robertson Act be used on this section while the location of the road between Haysi and Fremont is being settled, and if possible appropriate sufficient money from the gasoline tax to apply on this section.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that if the Board of Supervisors of Dickenson County will pass a resolution requesting the State Highway Commission to use a portion of the money advanced by the Board under the Robertson Act for the construction of the road between Haysi and Fremont on the road from Clintwood to the Forks of the Road, while the location of the road between Haysi and Fremont is being definitely located, that the Commission will agree to make such transfer. Motion carried.

Mr. R. B. Turner, and Mr. Tisdale, Mayor of Clarksville, appeared before the Commission and presented an order from the Town Council of Clarksville stating that the bridge over the Roanoke River at Clarksville would be turned over to the State Highway Commission as of December 31st, 1924. Mr. Turner stated that the Town was anxious to cooperate with the State but that the Bridge brought in about \$10,000.00 yearly from tolls and that if it was turned over to the Commission before the date mentioned that it would be difficult for the town to pay off its debt and do the



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Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Mayor and Town Council of Clarksville be notified that the State Highway Commission will pay the cost of repairs on the Bridge over the Roanoke River at Clarksville, not to exceed \$6,000.00 with the understanding that the bridge be turned over to the State Highway Commission, free of tolls, as soon as the road leading from Clarksville to the North Carolina Line has been completed by the contractor and accepted by the U.S. Government, but under no circumstances will the Town be asked to suspend tolls before July 1st, 1934. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:-

H. G. Shirley  
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

Madge H. Warner  
Secretary.