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The State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Shirley, Commissioner, I. Walke Truxtun, and H. G. Gilmer, proceeded to Abingdon, Virginia, and held a public hearing at the Court House on May 17, 1929, as advertised, a petition having been filed requesting same, on the relocation of Route 10 entering Bristol.

After a number of witnesses on both sides had presented their views, the Commission transacted the following business.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commissioner be authorized to hold up the award of contract on Route 31, Project S-569-A, Richmond - South, until rights of way can be cleared up and if the low bidder, Brooke Construction Company, Inc., Norfolk, Virginia, desires the work at their unit prices bid at that time, to award the contract to them. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the contract for improving Route 501, Project S-584-A, Virginia Beach-State Rifle Range, be awarded to the low bidder, Brooke Construction Company, Inc. Norfolk, Virginia, provided the Military Board gives the right of way at once, and that the balance of this appropriation amounting to approximately \$45,000. or the entire appropriation if the work on the Rifle Range Road is not put under contract, be transferred for widening and improving the bad curves on Route 10 between Suffolk and Portsmouth. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for Project S-529-A, Route 25, Glebe Road, to the low bidder, Jarbee and Houghton, Mechanicsville, Maryland, at their bid of \$24,074.26, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$900.00 for detours, \$316.36 for Guard Rail and \$6,062.00 for Surface Treatment, making a total of approximately \$34,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project F519B3 Route 32, Bridge over Robinson River, to the low bidder, J. R. Ford Company, Inc. Luray, Virginia, at their bid of \$11,343.92 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$13,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission confirm the award of contract for the construction of Project S-245, Route 106, Kentucky Line-Appalachia, to the low bidder, Preston Construction Company, Harlan, Kentucky, at their bid of \$51,536.90, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$57,000.00 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the Commissioner be authorized to award the contract on Route 32, Project F-519-AB1,2,4, between Route 16 and Galpaper, to the low bidder, G. B. Hester, Greensboro, N. C. at his bid of \$100,000.00 for grading and drainage, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$110,000.00 chargeable to this Project, provided rights of way can be secured at reasonable cost. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission confirm the Commissioner's action in authorizing the Commonwealth's Attorney of Highland County to offer a reward of \$75.00 for the apprehension of T. N. Thaxton. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce and various others asking that a new road be established between Suffolk and Portsmouth be passed by for the present. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, that the citizens of Mila and vicinity requesting the construction of a bridge across the Great Wicomico River at Mila instead of at Tipers, be notified that if they can get the Toll Bridge Company to construct the bridge at this point and make a provision for paying the excess cost of the bridge at this point over the cost of the bridge at Tipers to the State, that the Commission will change the location of the Bridge to Mila, but the Commission cannot see its way clear to make an additional expenditure of \$100,000.00 for the bridge at Mila due to the need of speedily improving the unimproved mileage in this District. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the J. G. Jones Sand Company be granted a permit to cross Route 500 near Lynnhaven Inlet with an overhead conveyor, with the understanding that if this is not operated for a period of six months it shall be removed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, whereas, notice having been given in accordance with Chapter 212, Acts approved March 19, 1926, that certain grade crossings of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company's tracks on Route 32, between Alpha and Dillwyn, would be closed unless there were objections filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission, on or before noon, April 15, 1929, and:

Whereas, there were no objections filed, the Commission hereby orders the following crossings closed as designated:

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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 748/49	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. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request to construct the Glebe Road along its present location be rejected and that Mr. James W. Head be notified that it will be necessary for the Commission to proceed on the former location unless he secures the rights of way for the change agreed upon, immediately. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request of the Chamber of Commerce of Covington for an allocation to improve Route 800 from Covington towards the Rayon Plant be carried over and taken up when allocations of funds are made another year as there are no funds available at this time for such purpose. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the location of Route 514 from Yorktown to Hampton be as originally planned over the route to within one mile north of Big Bethel, thence by a new survey bearing eastwardly in the most advantageous location to Hampton. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the City Manager of Fredericksburg be notified that the Commission has no mileage available nor could they take in the Bridge over the Rappahannock River leading into Fredericksburg on Route 37 at this time. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gilmer, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Commission be authorized to advertise for the improvement of Route 31 starting at the end of the United State's property and extending to Four Mile Run and thence on as far as the appropriation will provide, with the widening of the concrete towards Alexandria. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Gilmer, Whereas, notice having been given in accordance with Chapter 212, Acts approved March 19, 1926, that three of the four undergrade crossings (the one east of Mud Tunnel excepted) of the Chesapeake & 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, would be permanently closed, substituting therefor the two overhead crossings recently constructed near Mile Post 293 and Callaghan Station, unless there were objections filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commission on or before noon, April 15th, 1929, and:

Whereas, the two objections made by Carl Byers and Mrs. Rosa Byers, having been withdrawn, the Commission hereby orders the undergrade crossings closed as above. Motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Commissioner.

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APPROVED -

A. G. Shirley
Commissioner.

ATTESTED -

Walter H. Massie
Secretary.