

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 1922

MINUTES OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE STATE
HIGHWAY COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 1922,
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The members of the State Highway Commission, with H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, Hugh B. Sprowl, H. E. Sanders, and I. Walke Truxtun in attendance, met at the office of the State Highway Department, Tenth and Marshall Sts., Richmond, Virginia, September 13th at 9:00 A.M.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders that the minutes of the meeting held on August 4th and also minutes of the meeting held at Bristol on August 26th, be approved as read and corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that all bids for the improvement of the Streets of the Town of Halifax, Halifax County, be rejected and the work readvertised. Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that a permit be granted the Amherst Telephone Company of Amherst, Virginia, to erect, maintain and operate a telephone line on and along Route No. 18 of the State Highway System in Amherst County, Virginia, under the usual regulations and charges for such permits. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Chairman notify A. N. Washington Company, Guinea Hills,

Virginia, that they must take out a permit for the right to operate and maintain the gas pump and motor oil tank on State Highway No. 13 at Guinea Mills in Cumberland County, Virginia, or the State Highway Commission will remove the same from the right of way. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the following traffic officers be appointed under the provisions of the law governing such appointments and that their term of office shall begin on the dates given below:

July 18th,	J. R. Gullipepper,	Traffic Officer No.	156,
July 21st,	J. E. Wales, Jr.,	"	152,
Aug. 12th,	W. H. Cox,	"	157,
Aug. 12th,	W. H. Bew,	"	158,
Aug. 14th,	H. P. Shaphard,	"	159,
Sep. 1st,	O. H. Beebe,	"	160,
Sep. 5th,	Merton Recht,	"	161.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an additional allocation be made to the Falmouth Bridge, Route No. 1, Project No. 225, of \$18,464.80, to cover the amount of the bid accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Fruxton, that the Commission accept the \$25,000. offer to be advanced under the Robertson Act for the construction of a section of Route No. 11, in Russell County from the end of the improved road to Indian Creek, provided a sufficient amount will be advanced to extend the work to Maiden's Spring Branch. Motion carried.

A delegation from the Town of Graham, headed by Mr. V. L. Saxton, appeared before the Commission and made a request

that the Commission build the uncompleted section of State Highway No. 11 through the Town of Graham to the West Virginia line.

After a thorough discussion of this request it was moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Chairman be authorized to get an opinion from the Commission's legal advisor, Mr. J. F. Hall, as to their authority and notify the people of the Town of Graham that such has been done and they will be notified later as to the action taken by the Commission after this opinion has been rendered. Motion carried.

A delegation from Waverly, Clarendon and Homeville, headed by Mr. W. T. Daniel, appeared before the Commission and requested that the section of road leading from Homeville through Waverly to Spring Grove, a distance of approximately twenty miles, be added to the State Highway System under the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Clause. They also stated that if this road was added to the State System they would advance the money to build it under the Robertson Act.

After thoroughly considering this request, it was moved by Mr. Truxtun, and seconded by Mr. Sproul, that Mr. W. T. Daniel be notified that the Commission could not make the addition at this time but will file their request and again take it up for further consideration at the time when other requests for similar additions will be considered. Motion carried.

Mr. J. B. Ashbrook appeared before the Commission and requested that they allow him compensation for his Ford car which was damaged by reason of a culvert washing out on Route No. 20, in Goschland County, after a very heavy storm.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to write Mr. Ashbrook that the Commission regrets very much that an accident had happened to his Ford automobile on Saturday night August 26th at 10:00 o'clock at the culvert near Elkheart School on State Route No. 20, but that this was due to no fault of the Commission or its employees and therefore, the Commission could not reimburse him for the damage done. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the offer to advance \$50,000 under the Robertson Act, for the construction of the section of Route 11 west of Lebanon by Copper Creek Valley and Dickensonville in Russell County be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the offer to advance \$300,000 under the Robertson Act, for the construction of a section of Route 28, from Nelson County line to Charlottesville in Albemarle County be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the petitioners be notified that the Commission would be very glad to improve the section of road between Yellow Branch and Castle Craige, Route 14, Campbell County, approximately 7 miles

if they have funds available, but that there was no funds available at this time. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that additional allocation of \$30,000 be made to Project 69, Route 9, Lone Fountain to West Augusta. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that an appropriation of \$12,822.06 be made for the reconstruction of the section of Route No. 22, leading to Catawba Sanatorium. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Chairman be authorized to make an effort to secure an additional width of right of way on State Highways heretofore constructed up to the standard width of fifty feet, wherever practical. Motion carried.

At one o'clock the Commission recessed for lunch and reassembled at two.

Moved by Mr. Mansie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that action on the request of the Chamber of Commerce of Danville to add to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, the road from Danville to the North Carolina State Line, a distance of approximately 3 miles, be postponed until later and be brought up at the same time other similar requests are being considered. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that in accordance with requirements of a Special Act, the State Highway Commission hereby approves the route known as the Simons Ridge Route, between Eagle Rock and Fincastle in Botetourt County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that dates for hearings to determine the location of certain sections of State Highways be as follows:

Route No. 2, Orange to Culpeper, to be heard in the Court House at Orange, Virginia, on October 26th, 10:00 A.M.

Route No. 18, Afton to Lovington, to be heard in the School House near Greenfield, Virginia, on October 27th, at 2:00 P.M.

Route No. 19, Goodland C.H. to Dixie, to be heard at the Town Hall in Columbia, Virginia, at 2:00 P.M. October 16th.

Route No. 2, Fork Union to Louisa County Line, to be heard in the Town Hall at Columbia, at 10:30 A.M. October 16th.

Route No. 9, Richmond to Providence Forge, to be heard at the office of the State Highway Department, Tenth and Marshall Streets, Richmond, Virginia, at 2:00 P.M. on October 17th.

Route No. 9, Gloucester C.H. to Mathews C.H. at the Court House in Mathews at 2:00 P.M. on November 8th, 1922.

Route No. 7, Templeman's Cross Roads to Northumberland Co. Line at the Auditorium at Hague, Virginia at 11:00 A.M. November 9th, 1922. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that General J. P. Jervey, City Manager of Portsmouth, be notified that the assurance given in Mr. D. E. Williams's letter to him of August 16th is not sufficient in the judgment of the Commission to assure that the North Carolina Commission will join Va. with an improved road at the State Line and that the remaining portion of Route 12-X from Deep Creek to the N.C. State Line will

not be taken over until the Commission has positive assurance.
Affirmative; Wade H. Massie, H. B. Sproul, R. K. Sanders, and
H. G. Shirley; Negative; I. Walks Truxtun. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the
request of the Virginian Railroad to place a passing track across
Broad Creek Boulevard on Route 27, be not granted. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that
the Chairman be authorized to institute condemnation proceedings
to secure a grade crossing over the Virginian Railroad at Sebrell
Route No. 5. Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the
Chairman be authorized to look into the size of the bridge neces-
sary on the road between Flint Hill and Chester Gap in Rappahan-
nock County and have plans prepared and to allocate a sufficient
amount of funds to build this bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that ad-
ditional allocation be made of \$24,600 to Project 215, Route 13,
Bridge over the Appomattox River. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders that the
contractor, C. B. Hester, On Project 116, Route 10, Cabin Point
to Surry C.H. be allowed \$420.00 on his claim of \$900.00 for time
lost in beginning his work due to lack of stakes, as recommended
by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that an al-
location of \$3750.00 be made to the Rifle Range Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to allocate such funds as may be necessary to keep the convict camp running until the next regular allocation is made. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Chairman be authorized to take up and adjust the matter in regards to excessive charges on bonds required to be furnished by the Contractors. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request to add to the State Highway System under the 2½% Clause, the road leading from the Virginia-Tennessee Line to Plum Creek, approximately 55 miles, and the Route proposed by Mr. Sanders to be substituted instead of this road which leads from the Tennessee Line by way of Housous, Bodi, Glade Springs, through McCall Gap to Plasterop, Saltville, McGrady, North Holston, Broad Ford, Cove, Carew and Sharon Springs be filed and brought up for consideration with similar requests for additions to the State System at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that no further action be taken in regards to Compensation Insurance until some plan can be worked up in cooperation with the other State Departments covering the entire phase. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission add to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, the road leading from Tasley to Onancock, a little less than two miles, in Accomac County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the application of certain citizens of Accomac County to advance \$50,000 under the Robertson Act, to build the road leading from Tasley to Onancock, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Commission only appoint as traffic Officers men who are recommended by the Local Road Authorities or by other reliable citizens. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission hereby appoints H. G. Shirley, Wade H. Massie, H. B. Sproul, I. Walks Truxtun, R. K. Sanders, and George P. Coleman, Traffic Officers, with all the powers conferred by law. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that a sufficient amount be allocated to complete the section of road starting at or near the intersection of Route 7 going east towards Warrenton. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that five miles of Project 192 be advertised, beginning at south end of Project 61-B and extending south. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to start work on the following Projects as soon as rights of way have been secured: Project 72-B, Route 13, Project 171, Route 13, Project 186, Route 12. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the reorganization plan as submitted be approved with the exception

that the Right of Way Department be transferred to the Executive Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the widening of .85 miles of road west of Lynchburg on Route No. 14 be delayed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that there being no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourn until called again by the Chairman. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:-


Chairman.

ATTESTED:-


Secretary.