

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

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On the morning of October 8th, 1925, the State Highway Commission, consisting of Messrs. M. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Nassie, Secretary, H. B. Spraul, and A. J. Huff, met at their office, 314 State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

A delegation from the Danville Chamber of Commerce and Pittsylvania County, headed by Mr. Holland, appeared before the Commission and offered to loan \$75,000.00 for the construction of a section of Route 14 from near Gretna north to Hurt, a distance of nine miles, this money to be loaned the Commission temporarily until funds are available in the early part of 1926. This offer was made so as to give an opportunity to those who had their crops destroyed in the neighborhood of Whittle by a severe hail storm, to work as well as their teams to make a lively hood until they could have the benefit of another season's crops. The delegation was advised by the Commission that they would take the matter up and render a decision before the meeting adjourned.

A delegation from Waverly, Sussex and Surry Counties, headed by Senator W. O. Rogers and Captain George A. Savage, came before the Commission asking that the road leading from Wakefield via Dendron and Surry C.H. to Scotland Wharf, a distance of 16.8 miles, 5.2 miles in Sussex County and 11.6 miles in Surry County, be taken into the State Highway System. They stated that this road would connect this entire section with a standard gauge railroad. Senator Rogers filed a brief giving the population, wealth, etc. of this section, and requested that it be given serious consideration when the distribution of mile-

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age under the 2½% Clause was made for 1926.

The minutes of the meeting of the State Highway Commission held at Woodstock, Virginia, on August 14th, were then read and it was moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Huff, that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the Commission confirm the award of Project F316, Route 341, Parksley-Alma House, to the low bidder, Baker-Hoyan Company, at their unit prices to the amount of \$65,000.00, work to start at Parksley. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission confirm the award of Project F408, Route 21, Luray-Shenandoah River, to the low bidder, L. R. Gilbert, Fredericksburg, Virginia, at his bid of \$88,260.56, setting aside 10% additional to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$600.00 for detours, making a total of \$97,686.51 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to take up with the contractor on Project F408, Route 21, Luray - Shenandoah River, the question of extending this project at his unit prices to the amount of \$125,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the contract for the construction of the bridge over Beaver Creek, Route 10, Project 142A, be awarded to the low bidder, Atlantic Bridge Company, Roanoke, Virginia, at their bid of \$5,500.69, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of contingencies and engineering and \$125.00 for detour, making a total of \$6,065.75 chargeable to this Project. Motion carried.

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

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- To Alexandria Light & Power Company, to erect five poles along State Highway No. 251, Arlington County,
- To Town of Ashurst, to lay a 6" water main along State Highway No. 18 through the Town,
- To W. T. Ashe, Gloucester, Virginia, to construct a concrete approach to the new ferry landing to connect with State Highway No. 391 at Yorktown,
- To J. M. Swahn, to place a 1" water pipe under and across State Highway No. 21, Page County,
- To Blue Ridge Oil Company, to construct a concrete driveway into filling Station at Leesburg, Virginia,
- To Blue Ridge Oil Company, to construct a concrete driveway into filling Station at Middleburg, Virginia,
- To Blue Ridge Oil Company, to construct a concrete driveway into filling Station at Harrison, Virginia,
- To Broache and Hizer, to lay a 15" pipe in ditch in front of store at Aylett, Virginia, State Highway No. 13,
- To Business and Professional Women's Club, Staunton, Virginia, to plant Shrubbery and beautify State Highway No. 33, just south of Staunton,
- To Town of Cambria, to lay a 1 1/2" water line across State Highway No. 23 in the town of Cambria near residence of G. H. Smith,
- To A. C. Carter, Stafford C.M. Virginia, to construct a concrete entrance to service station on Route 31 for a distance of about 80 feet,
- To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, to erect four poles along State Highway No. 251 at Hume Springs, Arlington County,
- To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, to lay a two duct conduit under State Highway No. 251, at Wilson Boulevard and to erect two poles and attach anchors thereto.
- To Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, to construct a conduit line and branch within right of way of State Highway No. 31 just north of north abutment of the bridge over the Appomattox River,
- To H. F. Coard, Accooma, Virginia, to move a small building (12 X 16') along State Highway No. 34 from Qalay to Accooma,
- To Daughters of the American Revolution to erect a marker at the Old Quaker Memorial Church on State Highway No. 10,
- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install a 3/4" lead tap under State Highway No. 10 for residence of Mr. Roy Smith,

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- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead tap under State Highway No. 10 to the Eureka Brick Company,
- To Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water, Norfolk, Virginia, to install two  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead taps under State Highway No. 10 to residence of E. Bolton and G. H. Willis, about one mile east of Rossmont,
- To Town of Edinburg, to place a side walk and hand rail over Spring Hollow Branch north end of Edinburg, State Highway No. 33, Shenandoah County,
- To Electric Transmission Company of Virginia, to erect an electric power and light line along Route 10 between Pomington Gap and Incesville,
- To L. W. Hired, Abington, Virginia, to install a 4" water line along Route 10 from east corporate limits of Abington for a distance of 625 feet,
- To Farmers Manufacturing Company, Waverly, Virginia, to construct a tram track across Route 35 near Lamb, Virginia,
- To H. L. Fields, Middlethian, Virginia, to string a banner across Route 13 at Middlethian, advertising a Church dinner,
- To J. T. Figg, Warner, Virginia, to install a 1" pipe line under Route 38 between dwelling and store, Middlesex County,
- To D. H. Gannaway, Hampton, Virginia, to construct a concrete curb and gutter 6' from edge of concrete for a distance of 1000' along Route 394, placing 6" macadam between concrete and curb to conform to present grade,
- To Giles County Fair Association, to lay a water pipe along Route 23 for a distance of 2030 feet from point near B. Mason's to Fair Grounds,
- To R. O. Halsey, Orange, Virginia, to lay a 1" water pipe along Route 374 from City limits of Orange towards Unicoi for a distance of 900 feet,
- To H. T. Hatch, Louisa, Virginia, to construct a 4' concrete walkway to connect with Route 39, with a 12" pipe in gutter to take care of drainage,
- To Kinsey and Bernard, Boones Mill, Virginia, to lay a 4" sewer pipe and 1" water pipe across Route 33 at Boones Mill,
- To G. A. Kyle, Staunton, Virginia, to place a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " water pipe along Route 39 for a distance of 350 feet, Staunton City limits west,
- To Town of Lexington, to place a 4" water pipe across Route 14 one mile west of Lexington, Rockbridge County,
- To Louisa Light & Power Company, Mineral, Virginia, to construct an electric light line between Pendleton and Louisa, Route 39,
- To B. P. Luck, Middleburg, Virginia, to construct a concrete curb and gutter in front of his place to connect with present pavement on Route 36, Middleburg,

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- To J. R. Maddox, Louisa, Virginia, to construct a concrete sidewalk near the east city limits of Louisa, Route 39,
- To James E. Martin, Washington, D.C. to install sewer and water pipes across Route 251 near Potomac Yards, Arlington County, Lot 38 Block 6, and Lot 33, Block 4, Wilmer Park,
- To J. R. Maxwell, Maxwell, Virginia, to construct a fill between retaining wall and edge of meadow on Route 11 at Maxwell, Virginia.
- To Oakridge Telephone Company, to erect 315 poles along Route 18 at Oak Ridge Nelson County, Virginia,
- To J. K. Phelps, Roanoke, Virginia, to lay a 2" water line along Route 33 with two crossings under the highway about 6 miles north of Roanoke,
- To Potomac Service Station, to construct a concrete driveway at intersection of Routes 31 and 251, for a distance of about 98 feet,
- To Potomac Filling Station, to construct a strip of 6" concrete pavement 16' wide and 90' long for entrance into station on Route 31, Arlington County,
- To Richmond and Aylett Telephone Company, to replace 78 poles along Route 30 from Central Garage east to a point  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile beyond Buford,
- To S. T. Ritchie, to place a 3" pipe line under Route 10 at his store, Dinwiddie County,
- To Roanoke Railway & Electric Company, to erect an electric transmission line along Route 33 from Roanoke to intersection of Route 232 and thence along Route 232 to Starkey, a distance of 4.3 miles,
- To Rosalyn Gas Company, to lay a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe at three points on Route 21, to supply gas to dwelling at Lee Highway and Spring Drive, to Lee Heights Office, and to dwelling #610 Lee Heights,
- To Saluda Motor Company, to lengthen culvert in front of garage, Route 30,
- To D. B. Showler, Craigsville, Virginia, to place a 6" tile sewer along Route 17 in Craigsville for a distance of 540', and also across roadway,
- To David D. Smith, Alexandria, Virginia, to lay a 6" sewer line across Route 251, Arlington County,
- To D. D. Smith, Ballston, Virginia, to construct a concrete sidewalk and drive way in front of store on Route 31, near Globe Road,
- To W. T. Spodgrass, Charlottesville, Virginia, to erect two "Danger - Go Slow" signs on either side of the Crest Orchards, Route 28, during the active season of apple harvesting.

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- To Standard Oil Company, Falls Church, Virginia, to construct a concrete shoulder on Route 21, Fairfax County,
- To B. H. Smart, Fairfax, Virginia, to construct steps and walkway down the back slope of right of way on Route 36 to his property,
- To C. C. Topp, Williamsburg, Virginia, to move two 10 x 12' houses along Route 39 between Williamsburg and Grove,
- To Union Station Auto Supply Company, Alexandria, Virginia, to construct a concrete driveway into filling station,
- To Virginia Northern Power Company, Warrenton, Virginia, to construct an electric transmission line along Route 32 between Warrenton and Remington,
- To Virginia Railway & Power Company, to erect 60 poles along Route 103 from 3600 feet south of Suffolk to intersection of Somerton Road,
- To Virginia Railway & Power Company, to string two #4 B & S gauge 2200 volt 1 phase, across Route 39 at points 1000' and 2000' west of Charles City Road respectively,
- To Virginia Service Station, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to construct a driveway into filling station near Falmouth Bridge, Route 31,

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be instructed to insert in the contract a provision which will require the contractor to remove from the right of way and adjacent property, all buildings and equipment within thirty days after the completion of the contract. Yeas Messrs. Massie, Sproul, and Shirley, Nays: Mr. Huff. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that all poles erected along any State Highway shall be set back not more than two feet from the property line. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of the Virginia Service Station to place a concrete apron from their filling station to the roadway, Route 31 near Fredericksburg, Virginia, be rejected as it would cause congestion of traffic at this point. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Masais, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of the Alexandria Suburban Motor Vehicle Company, for a parking space on State Highway No. 36 at Fairfax, Virginia, be rejected as it would create congestion of traffic at this point. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the overhang of shed of Mr. R. L. Long at Middletown, Virginia, Route 33, be allowed to remain, provided no car will be allowed to park on the right of way for the purpose of taking on gas or to be repaired, at this point. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masais, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the request of the Winfree Motor Company, Chester, Virginia, to allow his sign to overhang on State Highway No. 31, be denied as the Commission had required others to remove signs and felt they could not make an exception in this case. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Masais, that an extension of time be granted R. W. Curtis on Project 390, Route 251, Bridge over Pinnett Run, to March 3rd, 1925, applying the penalty after that date, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Masais, that an extension of time be granted R. W. Curtis on Project 356G, Route 121, Bridge over Nettoway River, for a period of 30 days from Aug. 15, 1925 to Sept. 15, 1925. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Masais, that an extension of time be granted the Turner Construction Company on Project 1960, Route 22, Craig Creek Bridges and Approaches, to April 10th, with no liquidated damages charged, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Masais, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the request of Burgess and Dorrier for an extension of time on Project 260A, Route 31, Solomon's Store - Ashland, be denied as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Mo-

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then carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of Phillips & Neal for an extension of time on Project 180A, Route 34, Eastville-Cape Charles, be denied as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Shirley; that an extension of time be granted Robert Martin Company on Project 450, Route 14, Big Island - Snowden, to the actual date of completion as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted Ford & Harvey on Project 310C, Route 12, Edgerton-Laurensville to March 26, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that an extension of time be granted Jamison Brothers on Project 118B, Route 33, 6.16 Miles South of Roanoke to 10.13 Miles South of Roanoke to the actual date of completion, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted the Warden Construction Company, on Project 248A, Route 18, Clifflord-Collean, to the actual date of completion, July 1, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted G. L. Hettell on Project 208B, Route 11, 4.5 miles West of Tazewell to Claypool Hill, to February 1, 1925. Motion carried. The son-in-law of Mr. Huff being interested in this contract previous to Mr. Huff becoming State Highway Commissioner, he retired before its consideration and did not vote.

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Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of L. J. Obandler for an extension of time on Project 321, Route 36, Winchester-Gore, be turned down as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted Jamison Brothers on Project 118E, Route 33, 5.12 Miles North of Rocky Mount to Rocky Mount, to August 31, 1925, the actual date of completion, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time be granted the Robert Martin Company on Project 118C, Route 33, 10.13 miles south of Roanoke to 14.51 Miles South of Roanoke, to May 23, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that an extension of time be granted the Penleton Construction Company & Albert Brothers on Project 146B, Route 10, 6.09 Miles East of East Radford-East City Limits of East Radford, to April 15, 1925, as per recommendation of Chief Engineer Mullen. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following men be appointed special traffic officers:

J. A. Inskeep,	District Mechanic,	Lynchburg, Va,
H. S. Hamilton,	Resident Engineer,	Warsaw, Virginia,

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the State Highway Commission offer Mr. Frank Hallanger \$400.00 as full settlement for all claims he may have against the State Highway Commission due to the burning of his barn on Route 21 near Alexandria, Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to transfer the allocation made to Route 10 for improving the section

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from Appomattox to near Prospect, to Route 14 to improve five miles of road from the end of Project F259A, to Motley, and that the offer of the people of Danville to advance funds until the next allocation to build this road through to Hurt be rejected, the Commission having no power to accept temporary loans. Motion carried.

The Commission then recessed for lunch.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sprdul, that the State Highway Commission having entered into an agreement with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, dated July 20, 1923, covering the reallocation of a certain section of Route 14, and that the terms of this agreement having been complied with by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, the Commission accepts the section of road from the west corporation line of Clifton Forge, on the east side of Jackson River, to the point of divergence of the new and old roads, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, in Selma, as a State Highway, when a right of way deed is delivered by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company to the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Huff, that, whereas, S. W. Keys and Katherine Keys, his wife, conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia a certain right of way over their property on Route 105, Project 337, which is recorded in Deed Book 108, Page 171, at the Clerk's Office of Washington County, and it appearing that the right of way conveyed will not be used for highway purposes, that on delivery of a duly executed deed conveying the right of way on which the improvement was or will be made, the right of way which was thus conveyed and not occupied by the highway shall forthwith be abandoned as a highway and revert to the said owners. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to reimburse Mr. Harris and Mr. Arnold, the two men who lost their clothes in the fire at the Martinsville Hotel in an effort to save the State's property, to the amount of one-half of their loss, which in Harris's case is \$56.35 and in Arnold's case \$55.60. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission make a lump sum payment to the widow of Boyd Williams as agreed on between the Industrial Accident Commission and the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the City of Petersburg be notified that the Commission will pay such funds as remain of the appropriation after making the north approach to the Bridge over the Appomattox River amounting to about \$10,000.00, same to be applied to the \$75,000.00 which the State agreed to pay towards the construction of this bridge and when allocations are made in the spring, will give serious consideration and if possible make an allocation to cover the other \$65,000.00, being the entire amount to be contributed by the State towards this structure. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that it be the policy of the State Highway Commission to recommend the continuation of the 2½% additional mileage to the State System for construction, but that the 2½% for maintenance expiring in 1925 be not rebated. The 100 miles added yearly for construction means an additional two and one-half million dollars annually as well as a heavy cost on the maintenance fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be instructed to revise the Railroad Crossing bill so that the railroads will pay

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one-half of the entire cost incident to the elimination and not just one-half of the cost on their right of way. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to extend Mr. McArthur's contract for Project 263A, Route 114, Haystack, as far as the total allocation will go, at his original contract unit prices. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the Chairman be authorized to move the convict camp from Route 17 at Moscow, Project 332, to Route 14 near Clifton Forge and to spend any funds remaining of the allocation of \$50,000.00 made to this Route and to anticipate sufficient funds from next year's allocation to keep the camp running on this job. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Huff, that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

APPROVED:-

J. H. Shuley  
Chairman.

ATTESTED:-

Wesley H. Massie  
Secretary