

Minutes of Meeting of the State Highway Commission
of Virginia, Held in Richmond
December 31, 1957

At 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 31st, the Commission met in the Central Office Building, Richmond, Virginia. Present - Messrs. F. A. Davis, Acting Commissioner, E. P. Barrow, G. Wallace Carper, S. S. Flythe, S. D. May, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Rawls, Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., and Wm. A. Wright.

The Meeting was called to order by the Acting Commissioner.

The following resolution having been approved by letter ballot, expressing the Commission's appreciation of General Anderson's services, it was confirmed and signed by all members.

Whereas, General James A. Anderson retires on December 31, 1957, as Highway Commissioner of Virginia, after serving sixteen years and five months, and whereas, it is the desire of the members of the Commission to record their sincere expression of their high regard and esteem for him and let him know in this simple way how they will ever cherish their association with him; and whereas, through the bigness and generosity of his heart, through his patience and understanding, through his probity of character and rectitude of purpose he has endeared himself to the members of the Commission, the members of his staff and the people of Virginia; and, whereas, through his retirement, the Commission will sorely miss his fine and splendid leadership, along with the uplifting and stimulating influence of a good Christian gentleman. It is the feeling of the members of the Commission that he measured fully up to that standard of man which makes man the nobler work of God; and, whereas, he has received many coveted honors covering local, national and international awards, he wore them all in humbleness and humility, and, whereas, to know General Anderson is to love and admire him; to observe him in action is to feel his dynamic and inexhaustible energy and his abiding and contagious enthusiasm. No job was ever too small, and none ever too great for him. He gave his all and best to both. With him there was no compromise between right and wrong, and he adopted a motto and lived it--"Nothing is too good for Virginia;" and, whereas, Virginia is losing a man of unusual administrative ability, an outstanding engineer and a man who, by personal example, has reflected great honor upon the Commonwealth of Virginia; and, whereas, no greater tribute can be pronounced upon any man than that in his private and public stations in life, he lived up to the duties of those stations. This General Anderson did faithfully and fully. Be it resolved, that we, as members of the Highway Commission, express our appreciation of this Great Virginian and wish for him and his family many happy and peaceful years which he so richly deserves.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the minutes of the meeting of November 26th be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission approve the permits issued from the November 26th meeting to date, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the permits cancelled from the 26th of November to date, inclusive, be approved, as authorized June 25, 1957, and recorded in the Department's records. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1758-11-15 (New 0058-058-011-015) Route 58, 0.183 Mile W. NCL Boydton-NCL Boydton (Underpass & Approaches A. & D. RR), Mecklenburg County, to the low bidder, Joe E. Taylor, Contractor, Emporia, Va., at the bid of \$73,268.82, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$643.00 for work by State Forces and \$23,058.00 for Railroad work, making a total of approximately \$104,500.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$52,500.00 State and \$51,800.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1770-06, (New 0058-070-006), Route 58, Special Design Bridge over Spoon Creek 15.0 Miles from Martinsville, Patrick County, to the low bidder, T. A. Loving and Company, Goldsboro, N. C., at the bid of \$54,956.51 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$80,450.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds; additional \$48,080.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1741-12-51-20-55, (New 0058-041-012-061-063-020), Route 58, 0.192 Mile W. of Int. Route 501-4.57 Miles E. Turbeville P.O., Halifax County, to the low bidder, Larimore Construction Co., Inc., Darville, Va., at the bid of \$502,566.81, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$11,834.00 for work by State Forces, \$8,498.00 for Railroad Work and \$117,700.00 for Right of Way, making a total of approximately \$890,600.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$342,450.00 State, \$348,590.00 Federal and \$1,960.00 N & W Railway Funds; additional \$157,568.00 required to be provided from the Lynchburg Construction Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1389-19-20, (New 0608-089-019-020), Route 808, 0.157 Mile W. of W. End of Bridge over Accakeek Creek-0.151 Mile E. of E. End of Bridge over Accakeek Creek (Near Brooke), Stafford County, to the low bidder, Donald H. Selvage, Amherst, Va., at the bid of \$58,287.85 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$61,900.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1388-15-14, (New 0548-088-015-014), Route 849, 1.098 Miles S. Int. Route 608 (E. Alsop P.O.)-1.022 Miles N. Int. Route 208 (E. Post Oak P.O.), Spotsylvania County, to the low bidder, L. S. Abernathy and Company, Glen Allen, Va., at the bid of \$82,555.95, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$1,320.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$92,150.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$48,750.00 State and \$45,400.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 2147-04 (New 0060-047-004), Route 50, 0.07 Mile S. of Int. Route 602-0.617 Mile N. of Int. Route 602, James City County, to the low bidder, E. W. Muller, Contractor, Warwick (Newport News), Va., at the bid of \$145,442.12, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$1,707.55 for work by State Forces, and \$198,000.00 for Right of Way, making a total of approximately \$359,700.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$180,700.00 State and \$179,000.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1844-35-28-29-71 (New 0220-044-033-028-029; 0220-120-071), Route 220, 0.897 Mile W. WCL Martinsville-0.82 Mile E. WCL Martinsville (Int. Fayette St.), Henry County & City of Martinsville, to the low bidder, E. F. Blankenship Co., Salem, Va., at the bid of \$526,147.98, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$55,000.00 for Right of Way and \$1,538.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$635,100.00 chargeable to this project to be financed as follows:

	State	Federal	City of Martinsville
Urban R/W	\$257,550.00	\$288,400.00	\$85,150.00
Rural R/W	11,250.00	11,250.00	7,500.00
	12,500.00	12,500.00	
	<u>\$281,500.00</u>	<u>\$315,150.00</u>	<u>\$40,850.00</u>

Additional \$244,478.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 8294-71-72-73 (New 0404-135-071-072-073), Route 404, 0.791 Mile W. Int. Route 17-SCL City of Warwick, City of Warwick, to the low bidders, E. V. Williams Co., Inc., Norfolk, Va. AND W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at the bid of \$1,806,885.98, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$15,424.00 for work by State Forces, \$7,425.00 for Newport News Water Works Commission, and \$500,000.00 for Right of Way, making a total of approximately \$2,606,100.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$280,145.00 State Funds, \$2,541,250.00 Federal Funds and \$85,707.00 Newport News Water Works Commission; additional \$1,801,254.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1918-07, (New 0480-015-007), Route 480, 1.808 Miles N. of SCL Grundy-SCL Grundy, Buchanan County, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Co., Roanoke, Va., at the bid of \$405,845.47, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$691.00 for work by State Forces and \$125,000.00 for Right of Way, making a total of approximately \$570,100.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$279,070.00 State, \$278,180.00 Federal and \$12,850.00 Town of Grundy Funds; additional \$62,250.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received December 18 for the construction of Project 1310-06, (New 0623-010-006), Route 622, Int. Route 622-0.028 Mile S. Int. Route 42 (W. of Sharon Springs), Bland County, to the low bidder, Pendleton Construction Corporation, Wytheville, Va., at the bid of \$22,350.55 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$24,550.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds; additional \$1,395.00 required to be provided from the 1958-59 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Carper, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that, WHEREAS, the Commonwealth did acquire a certain Quarry site and its associated land from Hannibal B. Lightfoot and Cora L. Lightfoot, his wife, by deed dated September 2, 1949, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Culpeper County in Deed Book 122, Page 257, and, WHEREAS, the Quarry and land so acquired does not constitute a section of the public road and is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, the Deputy State Highway Commissioner having so certified in writing, and, WHEREAS, the said Quarry and land have been advertised for sale and a satisfactory bid for same has been submitted by J. P. Davis; NOW, THEREFORE, as provided in Section 53-76.6 of the 1960 Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the said Quarry and land to the said J. P. Davis for the amount of his bid, namely \$7,800.00 with special warranty of title is hereby approved and the Deputy State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute a deed accordingly. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that, WHEREAS, the Town Council of South Boston on November 4, 1957, adopted a resolution requesting an adjustment in the allocation of mileage on Primary Route extensions, deleting 0.047 mile subject to payment for maintenance; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to clarify maintenance responsibilities as provided under Section 33-113 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the mileage on Routes 504-Y and 54 lying within the right of way of Route 504 be deleted from the allocation of mileage for payment to the Town of South Boston, and to be maintained as present Route 504 is now maintained by the Department of Highways, effective January 1, 1958, as follows: Route 504-Y, between the west edge of pavement and the west right of way line of Route 504, 0.020 mile. Route 54, between the west edge of pavement and the west right of way line of Route 504, 0.027 mile. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that, WHEREAS, under authority of Section 33-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by Town of South Boston for payment at the base rate of \$500 per mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 per mile annually be made to the Town of South Boston on additional streets totaling 0.323 mile, effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1958, Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. May, that, WHEREAS, the Highway Commission is authorized to make certain payments to cities for maintenance of streets, and WHEREAS, the relocation of Route 58 by construction of Project 1717-70 renders it necessary to adjust the mileage of Primary Street extensions in the City of Galax, now, therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 33-113 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that 1.0 mile of the old location of Route 58 be deleted and 0.855 mile of the new location be added, giving a net deduction of 0.145 from the mileage allocated for payment on Primary Street extensions in the City of Galax; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 33-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, certain other streets improved to required standards and comprising 2.3217 miles, be added to the present allocation of mileage for maintenance payments to the City of Galax, effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1958. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116(c) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, a PUBLIC HEARING was held at the Community Hall, Middleburg, Virginia, on November 14, 1957, concerning the proposed reconstruction of Route 50 from 0.178 Mile East of the West Corporate Limits of Middleburg to 1.597 Miles West of the Loudoun-Fauquier County Line in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, State Project 0050-053-013-012, 0050-050-010-009, Federal Project F-014-1 and WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their

opinions and recommendations for or against the construction as planned, their statements being duly recorded and WHEREAS, the economic effects of the location and the proposed improvements have been examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of this project be approved in accordance with the plans as proposed and presented by the Engineering Division of the Department of Highways. Motion carried.

Two resolutions from the Nelson County Board of Supervisors were read and commented on by Messrs. Davis and Harris. One requested that reports of expenditures on Secondary Roads be given to each County Board. The other requested the establishment of offices for Resident Highway Engineers in each County having a population of more than 10,000. It was moved by Mr. Rawls and seconded by Senator Nelson that Mr. Davis write to the Clerk of Nelson County advising him that both of these requests will be studied and given full consideration. Motion carried.

Mr. Crute handed each member a concise report on the status of the Access Road Fund, gave a brief summary and answered questions raised by the Commission.

Mr. Fugate reviewed the situation regarding the proposed improvement of Route 259 in Rockingham County from Route 11 to Broadway. It was moved by Senator Nelson and seconded by Mr. Rawls that a public hearing be held in the field so that all sides can present their views and the problem can be clarified. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis made a brief statement on the hearing held by the VALC and referred to his letter of December 12th to the Commission regarding certain questions on which the VALC had asked the Department's engineers for comment.

Mr. Davis briefly reviewed the status of the proposed location of the New Interstate Route from Canton, Ohio, to Charlotte, N. C. It was pointed out that engineering studies are to be made of both routes proposed by residents and various groups in Southwest Virginia, to help determine the right location. The possibility of our using engineering studies made for the proposed location of the Old Dominion Turnpike was brought out in discussion that followed.

Mr. Fugate gave a brief summary of the status of our studies on the location of the Interstate route through Woodbridge. Mr. Carper requested a comparison of estimated costs for construction of the project along Lines "A" and "D" and the alternate route proposed by the group at the hearing before the Commission on November 26th; which was furnished.

Mr. Fugate reported on the proposed development of Route 301 between Route 35 and Emporia By-Pass and gave the reasons for the recommendation of our engineers to abandon further improvement of this 4-lane section of road to Interstate Standards at this time.

Mr. Fugate explained a claim which has been filed by the Harwood Construction Company regarding construction of the Toll Plaza for the Rappahannock River Bridge, resulting from an error made by our consulting engineers. It was suggested that the consultants be asked to absorb partial financial responsibility for the error.

Mr. Carper brought up the matter of improvement on Routes 29-211, Centreville to Gainesville. He asked that representatives of the Department attend a meeting which is being planned with Judge Howard Smith, officials of the Park Service, and other interested people for a discussion of this problem.

Mr. Flythe expressed concern over the large number of condemnation proceedings which have been necessary in procuring right of way in his district.

General Anderson came into the meeting.

Mr. Eure gave a brief report on our financial status.

Mr. Harris stated that construction work on all systems will be brought up to schedule with the advertisement of projects in January, 1958.

General Anderson asked Mr. Harris how the excess rainfall is affecting maintenance. He was told that there is a potential for a very bad situation if there is a hard freeze and sudden thaw in the next few months.

Mr. Mills stated that our traffic increase and gas tax increase for the fiscal year are within a very small percent of being equal.

Mr. Flythe requested a further explanation of the fact that we are receiving bids quite a bit under our estimate. Mr. Harris stated that our system of estimating has been somewhat revised, taking into consideration the fact that we are advertising larger projects, which can be excavated and constructed at a cheaper rate.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 to reassemble in the auditorium.

At 11:00 Governor Stanley joined the Commission and employees in an impressive ceremony in honor of General Anderson, who retires officially today.

Approved -


Acting Commissioner

Attested -


Secretary