

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Highway
Commission of Virginia, held in
Richmond, January 26, 1943

At 9:00 A. M. Tuesday, January 26th, the State Highway Commission met in the Central Highway Building, Richmond, there being present Messrs. E. P. Barrow, Geo. P. DeHardit, Emmett H. Poindexter, S. W. Rawls, J. B. Wampler, J. F. Wycor and J. A. Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the minutes of the meeting of November 13th and 14th, 1942, be approved as sent out. Motion carried.

Moved by General Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission approve the permits issued from November 13th, 1942, to January 26, 1943, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing office. Motion carried.

Moved by General Anderson, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the following Towns having passed ordinances turning over additional width of right of way on certain routes within these respective Towns, as provided by law, the Commission accept the same: Ashland and Dillwyn. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-MI 1420 ARI, 764 A1,2, Intersection Route 11 - 0.9 Mi. S. Intersection Route 11 (E. of Bristol), Intersection Route 658 - 0.5 Mi. S. Intersection Route 658 (E. of Bristol), to the low bidder, Alley Construction Company, P. O. Box 736, Bristol, Va., at their bid of \$62,983.36, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$5,000.00 for right of way, making a total of approximately \$74,200.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 699 A2W, A3W1, Route 168, Newport News - Magruder, to the bidder, W. H. Scott, Franklin, Virginia, on a cost-plus fixed-fee basis, at his bid of \$498,818.37, plus 5.5% fixed-fee, amounting to \$27,435.01, \$4,500.00 for work by the railroad and \$22,446.62 for incidentals and engineering, making a total cost of approximately \$553,200.00, subject to approval of the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Poindexter, seconded by Mr. Wysor, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 1411-A2, St. Julians Ammunition Depot - Route 17, to the bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at his bid of \$35,553.90, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$2,770.00 for traffic light, making a total of approximately \$42,000.00 chargeable to this project, being 100% Access Road funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wysor, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 699 A5W, C1W, D1W, E1W, E2W, D2W, Route 168, 0.77 Mi. S. Intersection Rich Neck Road - Williamsburg, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin Va., at his bid of \$1,143,397.07 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$1,257,700.00 chargeable to this project; subject to approval of the Public Roads Administration, and with the understanding that the final plan quantities be used in the contract. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project S 1423 SW, Route 237, Wilson Boulevard at Clarendon - North Roosevelt St. in East Falls Church; Sidewalks, to the low bidder, Blackwell Engineering & Construction Co., Warrenton, Va., at their bid of \$29,767.65, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$32,700.00 chargeable to this project; Arlington County to pay a portion of the cost. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Poindexter, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 1417-A, Route 522, Intersection Route 55 near Front Royal - 1.369 Mi. N. Chester Gap, to the low bidder, W. E. Graham and Sons, Cleveland, N. C., at their bid of \$243,858.47, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$10,000.00 for Right of Way, \$5,562.00 for work by State Forces and \$6,187.00 for the Town of Front Royal, making a total of approximately \$289,900.00 chargeable to this project, subject to approval of the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wysor, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 1284 M-7, Intersection Liberty Street - U. S. Coast Guard Property (St. Helena), to the informal bidder, Phil H. McGuire, Norfolk, Va., on his bid of January 4th of \$48,260.25, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$53,000.00 chargeable to this project, subject to concurrence of the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Dallard, seconded by Mr. Puladexter, that the Commission confirm award of contract for the construction of Project DA-NR 1233 13D, C, M1, Route 168, Intersection 39th Street and Huntington Avenue in Newport News - Elizabeth City County Line, to the low bidder, Bero Engineering and Construction Corp., Blackstone, Va., at their bid of \$334,967.92, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$8,210.00 for work by the Railroad, making a total of approximately \$376,600.00 chargeable to this project, plus Right of Way cost; subject to concurrence by the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler that the Commission award contract on solicited bid to G. P. Clay, Richmond, Va., for the construction of Project DA-NR 1421 C, D, E, F, G, H, J, Elizabeth City and Warwick Counties, 48th Street, Marshall Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Day Street, "E" Street, Briarfield Road, Chestnut Avenue (near EUL Newport News), at his bid of \$70,451.95 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$77,400.00 chargeable to this project, plus Right of Way charges; a 100% Access Road project requested by the Public Roads Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wisor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, since the residue parcel containing 22.45 acres, more or less, which is a part of the land lying in Floyd County acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia, in connection with Project 1093-D of the Blue Ridge Parkway, from T. F. Mills and wife by deed dated March 27, 1936, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Floyd County in Deed Book 54, at Pages 149 and 150, is not needed for the uses of the State Highway System, the conveyance of said parcel of land to W. M. Harman for the sum of \$449.00 is hereby approved, and the Chairman of the State Highway Commission is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, special warranty deed making the conveyance, in accordance with Chapter 77-E, Acts of Assembly of 1942. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wisor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7th, 1940, that since in the relocation and improvement of Route 8, Project 568-D, Montgomery County, South of Blacksburg, a section of the original right of way, 0.354 mile in length, through the V. P. I. Airport property was not used and has been abandoned and closed, and the same will not be required for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified, in writing, by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of this abandoned section to The Board of Visitors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute is approved; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, special warranty deed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, the Chairman of the State Highway Commission having certified in writing by letter dated December 22, 1942, addressed to the Commission that that certain parcel of land containing about 10.9 acres, with dwelling and other improvements located thereon, is not needed for the uses of the State Highway System, that the conveyance of the said parcel of land and the improvements thereon to Mr. Charles P. Wright for a consideration of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) be approved, and the Chairman of the State Highway Commission is hereby authorized to convey the said land and improvements with special warranty of title in accordance with Chapter 10, Acts of the General Assembly of 1940, approved February 7, 1940. The said tract of land according to the records of the Department of Highways is a part of the larger tract of land which was acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia by deed dated August 25, 1942, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Essex County in Deed Book 84, at Page 416. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since certain portions of parcels of land acquired from Lucy Wilson and E. E. Catlett, (joint owners), C. W. St. John, Charles Crudden Estate, Frank Crudden, and R. C. Thomason, which lie outside of the normal 80-foot right of way acquired together with the aforesaid lands for Route 522, Project 1015-A, Warren County, are not necessary for the use of the State Highway System as certified in writing by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the sale of the said land to the adjacent landowner, Mrs. Agnes Parrish Luck, is approved, subject to a reservation to run with the said land that the grantee, Mrs. Agnes Parrish Luck, her successors in title, or assigns, shall not have the right, privilege or easement of constructing, maintaining, or using any access road, drive, path or way over, across, or upon any part of the said land which lies adjacent to the said 80-foot right of way and within a distance of fifty feet south of and measured with the center of the said right of way from the southernmost end of the highway bridge over the North Fork of Shenandoah River and the Southern Railroad; and the Chairman is hereby directed to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a special warranty deed, subject to the aforesaid reservation, making conveyance of the said portions of parcels of land to said Agnes Parrish Luck in exchange for a consideration of \$1000.00 per acre. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Dallardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that J. A. Anderson, Commissioner, be and is hereby authorized to lease to A. Spencer and R. P. Martin Seafood Company a part of the Public Landing at Parrots Creek in Middlesex County for such period of time and upon such conditions as the said J. A. Anderson may determine to be in the best interest of the Commonwealth and the proposed lessees. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that, since a certain residue parcel of land said to contain 42.8 acres, which was acquired by the Commonwealth together with other land on Project 1071-E of the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Heirs of G. W. Hatter, is not necessary for the uses of the Parkway, as certified in writing by J. A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner, the conveyance of this parcel to the United States of America to become a part of the Forest Service lands is hereby approved, and the said J. A. Anderson, Commissioner, is authorized to execute in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia general warranty deed making conveyance of the said land to the United States of America, in consideration of payment to the Commonwealth at the rate of \$6.92 per acre, in accordance with Chapter 77-E, Acts of the General Assembly, approved February 26, 1942. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that, since a certain residue parcel of land said to contain 18.6 acres, which was acquired by the Commonwealth together with other land on Project 1071-F of the Blue Ridge Parkway from J. N. Martin, et al., is not necessary for the uses of the Parkway, as certified in writing by J. A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner, the conveyance of this parcel to the United States of America to become a part of the Forest Service lands is hereby approved, and the said J. A. Anderson, Commissioner, is authorized to execute in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia general warranty deed making conveyance of the said land to the United States of America, in consideration of payment to the Commonwealth at the rate of \$7.22 per acre, in accordance with Chapter 77-E, Acts of the General Assembly, approved February 26, 1942. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler that the Commission confirm action accepting offer of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners to purchase from the Highway Sinking Fund all the securities which mature after July 1, 1947, referred by letter ballot to the members of the Commission on December 3rd, 1942; the purchase to be as of January 1, 1943, at a total price of \$1,712,892.95, plus accrued interest; representing par value of securities of \$1,560,135.00, plus a premium of \$152,757.95. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Consulting Engineers, Parsons, Klapp, Brinkerhoff and Douglas, of New York, be requested to complete their estimates and plans as soon as they can for the proposed York River Bridge, Yorktown-Gloucester Point, in order that this project may get under way in the post war period. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission allocate to the City of Pulaski the \$500.00 per mile construction fund for the year 1942-1943 to complete payment on the improvement of section of Route 11 in Pulaski which was put under way with grants made in 1940-1941 and 1941-1942. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission allocate to the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1942-1943 the \$500.00 per mile construction fund to be expended on the connection of Route 1 with Alternate 1 where it comes into present Route 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission allocate to the City of Salem for 1942-1943 the \$500.00 per mile construction fund to be expended on Route 11 and 117 for building up the bituminous lanes between the concrete lanes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that the resolution of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors protesting the transfer of a portion of Route 263 from the Primary to the Secondary System and requesting that it be reinstated in the Primary System be not approved. Motion carried.

Moved by General Anderson, seconded by Mr. DeHardit that the Commission allocate to the City of Alexandria for 1942-1943 the \$500.00 per mile construction fund to be applied on Project DA-WR 368 ARL, 113 AWA, Route 236, WCL Alexandria - 0.05 Mile E. of Holmes Run. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission cancel permit No. 3324, Route 13, Accomack County, issued September 25, 1942, to P. D. Copes, Onley, Va., as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission cancel permit No. 11080, Route 21, Wythe County, issued June 26, 1942, to the Jefferson National Forest, Wytheville, Va., as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission cancel permit No. 12126, Route 13, Northampton County, issued February 20, 1942, to the Town of Cape Charles, as requested. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 83 in Dickenson County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof: Section 1 as shown on plat dated November 10, 1942, Town of Clintwood. That section 2 shown be added to the system in lieu of abandoned section and section 3, also shown, be abandoned as a part of the Primary System and revert to the Secondary System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 83 in Dickenson County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 shown on plat dated October 6, 1942, Project 67 M2. Motion carried.

Moved by DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Secondary Route 605 in Rockingham County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned: Sections 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 and 29 shown on plat dated July 21, 1942, Project 1161 CB9, 4, 5, 6; sections 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13A, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 be dropped from the system, having been taken into the new location of Route 12, and section 3 be added to the system as a connection, all as shown on plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 122 in Franklin County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 shown on plat dated November 13th, 1942, Project 678 H, G. Sections 15 and 16 also shown on the plat be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 218 in Stafford County being no longer necessary for use as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 2 and 3 shown on plat dated December 8, 1942, Project 782 E2. That section 1 also shown be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Poindexter, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 42 in Eland County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1,3,4,5,6,7,10,11 and 12 shown on plat dated October 5, 1942, Project 1070 E. That sections 2 and 13 be abandoned as a part of the Primary system and revert to the Secondary system. As provided by Chapter 415, Act approved March 31, 1932, sections 9 and 14 be added to the Secondary system and section 8 be abandoned, all as shown on plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 83 in Dickenson County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 shown on plat dated November 6, 1942, Project 67 ARI. As provided by Chapter 415, Section 8, Act approved March 31, 1932, section 12 also shown on the plat referred to be abandoned as a part of the Secondary system. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 100 in Giles County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in lieu thereof: Section 1 shown on plat dated August 27, 1942, Project 1224 A,C,D,E1,E1,E2. As provided by Chapter 415, Section 8, Act approved March 31, 1932, sections 3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 shown on the plat referred to be abandoned as a part of the Secondary system, (sections 7,8,9 and 10 having been taken into the new location of Route 100) and sections 11 and 12, also shown on the plat, be added to the Secondary system as connections. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 17 in Stafford County being no longer necessary for uses as a Primary highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof and revert to the Secondary system: Sections 1,2 and 3 shown on plat dated September 11, 1942, Project 595 ARI. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided by Chapter 415, Section 8, Act approved March 31, 1932, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route T-695 in the Town of Grottoes, Rockingham County, being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned; Section 1 shown on plat dated January 8, 1943, Project 1161 M2. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Poindexter, that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 218 in King George County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof; sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated September 12, 1942, Project 782, E2, F1, section 2 to revert to the Secondary system. As provided by Chapter 237, Act approved March 27, 1940, section 3 be abandoned as a part of the Secondary system and section 4 be added as a connection, all as shown on plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls; that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 1, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of Route 26 in Halifax County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new sections in lieu thereof: Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated September 29, 1942, Project 1230 C2, H1. As provided by Chapter 415, Section 8, Act approved March 31, 1932, section 3 shown on the plat referred to be abandoned. Motion carried.

The Commission discussed fully the letter of November 4, 1942, from Mr. Mike R. Crabill, regarding the location of Route 58 in Grayson County up Straight Creek. The Chairman was instructed to write Mr. Crabill that the actual location of this route is still under study; that there is no allocation on this portion of Route 58 and in view of the greatly decreased revenues of the Department there is no immediate prospect for any new allocations.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wampler, that the cities and towns of 3,500 population and over, be advised that the \$500.00 per mile construction fund for 1943-1944 will not be available for allocation due to the serious drop in revenues and the inability to initiate new construction. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Nysor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the recommendation of the Commissioner to dispense with all guards on bridges, except on the Gilmerton and Radford Bridges, and to dispense with guards at points where explosives are stored, be approved by the Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Nysor, that during the present emergency the following conditions prevail regarding the use of State cars:

1. Effect a 40% reduction in 1941 mileage.
2. Pool all Highway cars at the Equipment Depot except four held for emergency trips, night call, etc.
3. Establish a Departmental Travel Bureau at the Central Office to effect group riding.
4. Require that itineraries for each week be prepared and submitted to the Travel Bureau not later than 10 A.M. the preceding Saturday.
5. Use common carriers wherever possible to remote points, then continue trip in a field car.
6. When the present emergency no longer exists to revert to the original plan of assigning cars using the system of accountability which has, over a period of years, proven wise, efficient and economical.

Motion carried.

A full discussion was had on estimated receipts, allocations, policies and problems of the Department. Each member of the Commission was given a financial statement of all funds, and the Commissioner went into detail on all phases of highway expenditures and problems.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission hereby call on the Commissioner and the officials of the Highway Department to make a constant effort to reduce expenditures without sacrificing the usefulness of the highway system. Motion carried.

A committee composed of Messrs. Mullen, Chairman, Pettigrew, McGleavy and Allard, was appointed by the Commissioner to make recommendations to be submitted to the Commission for its information or action regarding "Unforeseen drop in Highway Revenues". This report was read to the Commission and each member given a copy of it.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow that the Commission acknowledge receipt of the report and recommendations referred to above and empower the Commissioner to use every means at his disposal to curtail expenditures and conserve funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the petition of citizens of Albemarle County for the continuation of camp number 14, working on Route 6 between Dumont and Schuyler, be retained to complete a gap of 1.6 miles from Route 335 to Route 29, be refused because of the necessity for moving the camp from unimportant roads to more important roads in order to obtain priorities for equipment and materials and justify operation of the convict camps. Motion carried.

A letter from Mr. Horace Edwards, Richmond City Attorney, dated January 25th was delivered by messenger and read to the Commission, concerning a hearing regarding the Deep Water Terminal Road. The Chairman was directed to advise Mr. Edwards of the next meeting and set a time for him to be heard. Mr. Edwards was advised accordingly.

The Commission adjourned at twelve o'clock noon, subject to the call of the Commissioner.

Approved -


Commissioner.

Attested-


Secretary