

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Highway Commission
Held in Lexington, Va., October 30, 1947.

At 6:30 P.M. Thursday, October 30, 1947, the State Highway Commission met in the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Lexington, Va. Present - Messrs. E. P. Barrow, Geo. P. DeHardit, J. P. Harpino, Wayles R. Harrison, S. W. Rawls, Howard C. Rogers, J. B. Wampler and J. A. Anderson, Chairman. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpino, that the minutes of the September 30-October 1 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpino, that the permits cancelled by the Commissioner, as authorized June 25, 1947, and recorded in the Auditing Division, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpino, that the Commission approve the permits issued from October 1 to October 30, 1947, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Request of the Elizabeth City County Board of Supervisors that the Commission declare as limited access Route 134 from Hampton to its junction with Route 17 and Route 351 from the East approach of the bridge over Route 168 to Queen Street in Hampton, was considered by the Commission. After carefully discussing the request and in view of the policy of the Commission to hold the use of Limited Access to routes having a large volume of through traffic it was moved by Mr. Rawls and seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission not so designate the routes named above. Motion carried.

A request for a hearing on the relocation of Route 3 near Litwalter was discussed. It was decided that if those interested in a hearing desired it they would be given an opportunity to appear before the Commission in Richmond on Monday, December 15, 1947.

The request by resolution of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter, E.A.R. Society, to name the proposed Yorktown-Gloucester Bridge, was considered by the Commission. It was decided that the Commission would go further into this matter after the proposed bridge is actually under construction and on the way to completion.

A resolution of October 15 from the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham was read to the Commission, expressing appreciation for the allocation made to the County for the fiscal year 1948-1949.

The program for the Highway Conference at V.M.I., Lexington, October 31-November 1 was discussed with the Commission.

A statement on revenues, balances, etc. as of October 1, 1947, was given to the Commission.

Plans for the winter '47-'48, relative to equipment, materials, etc. were discussed at some length.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Rogers, that the following list of claims, which the Department has been unable to collect, be cancelled as requested:

CLAIM NUMBER	PERSON CAUSING DAMAGE	PROPERTY DAMAGED	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
12-122	M. J. Snyder 1013 Craven Street New Bern, North Carolina	Injuries to employee, Bernard Sullivan	\$9.00
12-306	Charlie Batts Belle Glade, Florida	Injuries to employee, Frank C. Lang	\$106.96
A-2564	Walter Nelson Bristol, Virginia	State truck E. D. 1947	\$84.51
A-2641	Albin A. George 1528 Ingleside Road Norfolk 2, Virginia	Ferry boat "Miss Constance"	\$15.00
A-2723	L. W. Pierce Radford, Virginia	State truck E.D. 916	\$2.23
A-2747	L. Brown Baking Co., Inc. 516 E. Marshall Street Richmond, Virginia	Damage to concrete bridge railing over Fox Mill Creek - Gloucester, Va.	\$89.54
A-2765	Mrs. H. A. Bennett Rixeyville, Virginia	Hand rail on bridge Route 211 - Fauquier Co.	\$160.00
A-2775	E. F. Davis Famplin, Virginia	Damage to guard rail at bridge over Staunton River-Route 501-Halifax, Va.	\$62.27
A-2783	Harry L. Coleman Franklin Heights Apt. Roanoke, Va.	State truck E.D. 1731	\$2.40
A-2785	W. O. Altice Rocky Mount, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1970	\$19.89
A-2823	W. O. English Altavista, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1052	\$17.74
A-2855	J. E. Bryant RFD, Box 98 Emporia, Virginia	State truck E.D. 495	\$30.89
A-2867	James H. Kessler Box 61 Comanche, Texas	Bridge on Route 11 Rockingham County	\$47.00

CLAIM NUMBER	PERSON CAUSING DAMAGE	PROPERTY DAMAGED	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
A-2878	J. E. Waynick Cove Road Roanoke, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1050	\$4.20
A-2896	M. L. Miller 440 Western Branch Road Portsmouth, Virginia	Ford Sedan E.D. 98-128	\$161.36
A-2900	Lloyd Wheeler 24 Maude Street Lowell, Mass.	State truck E.D. 1246	\$24.08
A-2902	Virginia Transit Company Richmond, Virginia	Ford Sedan E.D. 98-062	\$165.18
A-2906	L. O. Camper Park Station, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1808	\$4.72
A-2913	C. D. Kamy Company Roanoke, Virginia	State truck E.D. 3538	\$20.42
A-2936	John R. Casque Washington, D. C.	State truck E.D. 1819	\$20.27
A-2939	G. W. Ellixson Virginia, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1857	\$19.88
A-2974	V. F. Jenkins R.F.D.#1 Pinewood, South Carolina	Station Wagon E.D. 1092	\$8.28
A-2989	Salem Furniture Company Salem, Virginia	State truck E.D. 787	\$116.25
A-3058	Arthur Combs Abingdon, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1233	\$41.30
A-3088	Marion Bottling Company Marion, Virginia	State truck E.D. 781	\$43.88
A-3101	Everett Bise Clintwood, Virginia	State truck E.D. 62	\$10.02
A-3102	U-Drive-It Company Richmond, Virginia	Chevrolet Pick-up E.D. 98-108	\$24.19
A-3105	Ann Bratten Smithfield, Virginia	Buick Sedan E.D. 98-013	\$186.50

CLAIM NUMBER	PERSON CAUSING DAMAGE	PROPERTY DAMAGED	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
A-3121	Iolanda Pagano 722 E. 85th Street Brooklyn, N. Y.	Damage to "Men Working" sign and center-line tins.	\$7.84
A-3185	M. D. Allen Fairfield, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1217	\$56.00
A-3216	C. W. Solenberger Woodstock, Virginia	State truck E.D. 189	\$23.05
A-3222	Fate Torrence 343 A Street, Capiand Park Newport News, Virginia	State truck E.D. 1367	\$15.84
A-3229	Atlantic Greyhound Bus Company Roanoke, Virginia	State truck E.D. 192	\$87.13
A-3421	Mr. H. A. Sawyer 97-D-Enfield Apt., E Elizabeth City, N. C.	Damage to Bridge Route 170 Norfolk County	\$105.50

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, 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 the Primary System in the grounds of William and Mary College being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned :

A to F	-	0.034 mile
F to G	-	0.038 mile
F to H	-	<u>0.095 mile</u>
Total	-	0.167 mile

all as shown on blue print dated September 1947 showing location of campus roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that as provided by Chapter 172, Acts of 1938, the following sections of road be added to the Primary System within the grounds of William and Mary College :

A to B	-	0.048 mile
C to C1	-	0.220 "
C1 to D	-	0.059 "
D1 to E	-	0.078 "
Veterans Housing Area-		0.246 "
Total		0.649 "

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission confirm award of contract, on bids received October 2, for the construction of Project 281 M1, Route 460, E.C.L. Richlands-O.33 Mi. W. of E.C.L. Richlands, to the low bidder, Nease Construction Co., Wytheville, Va., at the bid of \$52,195.57, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$4,456.48 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$61,850.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission confirm award of contract, on bids received October 2, for the construction of Project S 281 B4, Route 460, Bridge over Clinch River, 0.3 Mile from Richlands, to the low bidder, McDowell & Wood, Roanoke, Va., at the bid of \$99,425.30 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$98,350.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission confirm award of contract, on bids received October 2, for the construction of Project S 1458 B1, Route 308, Bridge over Three Creek, 4 Miles from Joyner, Southampton County, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at the bid of \$29,834.80, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$32,800.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission confirm award of contract, on bids received October 2, for the construction of Project S 167 AR2,B2, Route 50, 1.411 Mi. W. of W.C.L. Middleburg-2.388 Mi. W. of W.C.L. Middleburg, to the low bidder, Hodgin & Gilliam, Upperville, Va., at the bid of \$138,145.49, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, and \$1,624.60 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$153,460.00 chargeable to this project. No allocation having been set up the amount to be carried as a deficit for the present. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Harpine, that the Commission confirm award of contract, on bids received October 2, for the construction of Project 1407 F1,F2,E2, Route 38, 1.230 Mi. S. of Int. Route 148 (Scotts Fork)-0.700 Mi. N. of Int. Route 153, Amelia County, to the low bidder, Perkins-Barnes Construction Co. Inc., Blackstone, Va., at the bid of \$78,197.82, omitting the items of surface course and covering material, making the net bid \$39,396.20 and 10% additional to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, a total of approximately \$43,335.00 as the contract price and \$34,171.00 for work by State forces, making a total of approximately \$77,600.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, 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 old Route 3 in Richmond County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway the same be abandoned upon opening of new section in Lieu thereof, the Right of Way of same to be retained for storage purposes: Section 1 shown on plat dated May 26, 1947, Project 628- CR1. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rogers that as provided by Chapter 212, Section 2, Act approved March 19, 1926, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of Route 601 in Campbell County being no longer necessary for uses as a public highway the same be abandoned altogether as such and a public notice thereof be given as provided by the Act referred to:

Old location of Route 601 from the new location at Station 277,30, looping southeasterly 0.50 mile to Station 290,70 - length 0.50 mile.

Said section is shown on plans on file in the office of the Department of Highways, Richmond, Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Wampler, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since in the relocation and improvement of Route 33, Project 1089-CW-1, between 0.123 mile west of east corporate limits of Richmond and Highland Springs, Henrico County, sections of the right of way of old road were not used and will not be required for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the conveyance of these abandoned sections of old right of way to the adjoining property owner, A. H. Hechler, is approved; and the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute in the name of the Commonwealth deed of quitclaim, making conveyance of said lands to A. H. Hechler. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Wampler, as provided by Chapter 10, Act approved February 7, 1940, that since portion of residue parcel of land acquired from Harley Dalton and Minnie M. Dalton in connection with right of way settlement for relocated Route 114, Project 1164-CR-1, near Fairlawn, Pulaski County, containing approximately 0.50 acre, and lying outside of the right of way retained for Route 114 and Route 895 (old Pepper's Ferry Turnpike) will not be required for the uses of the State Highway System, as certified by the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, the sale of this residue parcel to the trustees of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches for a consideration of \$500.00 is approved; and the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute in the name of the Commonwealth deed of quitclaim, making conveyance of said residue parcel of land to the trustees of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission add to the Primary System 1,087 feet or approximately 0.20 mile of road within the grounds of the State Teachers College at Radford, from Route 11 to Tyler Avenue, as provided by Chapter 172, Acts of 1938. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harpine, seconded by Mr. Waspler, that the City of Waynesboro having annexed sections of the Primary Highway System effective January 1, 1948, the following be approved as designated streets within the city and to receive additional maintenance funds of \$4,000.00 per mile:

Route 12, from the intersection of Route 250 west to the new corporate limits; also from the old north corporate limits to the new north corporate limits -----1.88 miles

Route 250, from old west corporate limits to the new west corporate limits; also from the old south corporate limits to the new south corporate limits -----2.22 miles

Route 254, from the old west corporate limits to the new northwest corporate limits -----0.90 mile
Total addition 4.80 miles

a total of 8.01 miles of streets in the city. Motion carried.

There are, at present, two routes numbered 29 between Guilpeper and Warrenton which cause much confusion to strangers. It is deemed desirable to renumber one of these highways. Therefore, it was:

Moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Rawls;

that (1) Present State Route 29 between Route U. S. 622 in the town of Guilpeper and a point on said route approximately at the intersection of Guilpeper Secondary Route 626, together with the extension of State Route 29 over a new location as provided for in Project 1130-E to U. S. Route 211 at a point near the intersection of Route U. S. 211 and Guilpeper Secondary Route 622, be renumbered State Route 229;

and that (2) With the approval of the Boards of Supervisors of both Guilpeper and Fauquier Counties, that portion of State Route 29 between the south end of Project 1130-E and Alt. Route U. S. 15 in Warrenton revert to the respective Secondary Systems of each county, a distance of 12.09 miles, of which 5.17 miles are in Guilpeper County and 6.92 miles are in Fauquier County. Motion carried.

A construction project which has been under way for several years has been recently completed from a point on Route U. S. 29 north of Amherst to another point on Route U. S. 29 at the village of Colleen. This newly completed highway is of the most modern construction and eliminates a "dog's leg" and a very crooked piece of road on Route U. S. 29 between the same termini. Therefore, it was:

Moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Rawls;

that (1) The highway recently constructed, which starts at a point approximately one and one-half miles north of the M.C.L. of Amherst and extends over a portion of State Route 150 to the village of Colleen, be numbered Route U. S. 29;

and that (2) Present Route U. S. 29 from its southern junction with the new highway to an intersection with State Route 151 at Piney River, be renumbered State Route 151;

and that (3) The sections of State Route 151 and of U. S. Route 29 between Route U. S. 60 and Colleen, be renumbered State Route 155. Motion carried.

A new route, now numbered Alt. U. S. 60 has been completed between Callaghan in Alleghany County and the West Virginia State line. It is on much better alignment, grade, sight distance, and is wider than present Route U. S. 60 between the same termini. It is also approximately seven miles shorter in distance. Therefore, it was:

Moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Rawls;
that (1) Alt. Route U. S. 60 between Callaghan and the West Virginia State line be changed to Route U. S. 80;
and that (2) Present Route U. S. 80 between Cross and the West Virginia State line be changed to State Route 311;
and that (3) Present Route U. S. 60 between Callaghan and Cross be remembered State Route 159. Motion carried.

Mr. Harpine referred to the situation on Route 11 which will be developed eventually into a 4-lane highway and stressed the value of strip zoning to prevent construction which would interfere with the ultimate development of the highway.

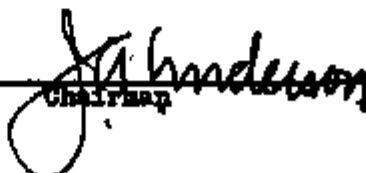
Mr. Wampler referred to the fact that Mr. John Blakemore was attempting to secure right of way for the Old Glade project on the north line. General Anderson advised Mr. Wampler that so far as he knew, the north line was no longer under consideration and he had no knowledge as to why Mr. Blakemore was attempting to get these rights of way. He suggested, however, that Mr. Blakemore might feel that if he had secured the rights of way that he could have some arguments to back up the people who apparently have a preference for the north line.

Resolution dated October 27 from the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, was presented to the Commission relative to a four-lane bridge over the Western Branch of Elizabeth River. The Commission carefully studied the report of engineers of the Department and is of the opinion that a two-lane structure will serve traffic for several years and that the two-lane bridge can be made a part of a four-lane bridge when conditions justify a four-lane structure. The Commission directed that the two-lane structure be built as soon as practical.

The Chairman and Chief Engineer, Mr. Mullen, brought the Commission up to date on the proposed York River Bridge at Yorktown.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Approved-


Chairman

Attested-


Secretary