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Minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Meeting of the State Highway Commission held in the State Office Building, with the following Members present:

R. S. Sterling, Chairman,
Cone Johnson, Member
W. R. Ely, Member
Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer.

725. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State take over for maintenance Highway No. 23, in Wilbarger County, from Vernon south to the Baylor County line, on condition that the State Highway Engineer finds and reports that same is in condition for maintenance and whether necessary and proper right-of-way has been or will be secured. Motion carried.
726. Motion by Judge Ely seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an allotment of \$25,000.00 be made to Howard County for the construction of a viaduct in the City of Big Springs, Texas, on Highway No. 9, over the track of the T. & P. R. R., on location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to advertise for bids for such construction; on condition that the City, County and T. & P. R. R. contributes the balance of the cost of said viaduct. Motion carried.
727. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$16,757.00 State Aid be appropriated to Navarro County for the construction of 1.06 miles of State Highway No. 22, from Corsicana to the State Orphans' Home; on condition that Navarro County shall furnish the sum of \$11,031.00, same to be done on location and according to plans and specifications to be approved by the State Highway Engineer; and the State Highway Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for bids on same. Motion carried.
728. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the sum of \$36,000.00 Federal Aid and \$46,000.00 State Aid be allotted for the construction of a section 2.337 miles in length, known as the Village Creek section, between Kountze, in Hardin County, and the Tyler County line on State Highway No. 40, to complete the section of highway left out several years ago and for the purpose of eliminating two railroad grade crossings. Hardin County is to furnish the required right-of-way and will be charged with its share of this construction, which is not to be less than one-third of cost of same.
729. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading, drainage structures and concrete pavement from the Kuykendahl Road to the Spring Creek Bridge, F.A.P. 519-C, on Highway No. 19, in Harris County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to A. A. Davis & Company, Kansas City, Missouri, for \$254,085.40; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and Mr. Chas. Hale, Asst. Engineer, Harris County. Motion carried.
730. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of a concrete pavement from the Potter County line to 5.1 miles southwest of Panhandle, F.A.P. 421-D, on Highway No. 33, in Carson County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to J. W. Zempter & Company, Galveston, Texas, for \$235,466.83; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and Mr. M. G. Weeth, County Commissioner of Carson County. Motion carried.

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731. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Stephens County line to a point 6.5 miles south of Throckmorton, S.A.P. 796, on State Highway No. 67-A, in Throckmorton County, to Fred and Dan Hall, Mexia, Texas, for \$45,107.74; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
732. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and small drainage structures from 2½ miles west of Plum to the Bastrop County line, F.A.P. 488, on Highway No. 71, in Fayette County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Cage & Ruby, San Antonio, Texas, for \$46,031.50 and contract for large drainage structures, type one, awarded to L. E. Sanders, San Antonio, Texas, for \$37,508.18; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
733. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Smith Creek to Karnes County line, S.A.P. 735-C, on State Highway No. 72, in DeWitt County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Cage & Ruby, San Antonio, Texas, for \$28,692.64; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Judge Stanley Kulawik, County Judge of DeWitt County. Motion carried.
734. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an allotment of \$4,000.00 be made for making surveys, investigations and plans for a new bridge across the Colorado River in Colorado County, near Columbus on State Highway No. 3. Motion carried.
735. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an allotment of \$12,000.00 be set aside for the elimination of ten concrete dips and the construction of proper concrete drainage structures for same on State Highway No. 20, in Hays County. Motion carried.
736. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that a State Highway be designated from Seguin, in Guadalupe County, to a point on State Highway No. 2, in Comal County, Texas, said point to be on the left bank of the Guadalupe River, at the most convenient point of connection as determined by surveys of the State Highway Engineer; it being understood that this road shall not be taken over for maintenance until put on proper location; the respective counties to furnish 100 ft. right-of-way. Motion carried. (This is an extension of Highway No. 46.)
737. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that a State Highway be designated from Jourdanton, in Atascosa County, to Rio Grande City, in Starr County, via Tilden, in McMullen County and Hebronville, in Jim Hogg County, subject to the report of the State Highway Engineer, and on the condition that the Counties through which said highway runs will furnish 100 ft. right-of-way when the location is decided, and with the further understanding that if a favorable report is made by the State Highway Engineer, that the Highway will not be taken over and maintained as a dirt road. Motion carried. (This in an extension of Highway No. 97)
738. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to draw plans and advertise for bids for the drainage structures on Highway No. 12-B, from Roma, in Starr County, to the Zapata County line, and that as soon as the grade is sufficiently settled to make plans and specifications for Unit 2. Motion carried.
739. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an allotment of State Aid is hereby made to Walker County for the construction of an 18' concrete road on Highway No. 45, from Huntsville west to the Walker County line, on condition that Walker County contribute one-half the cost of such construction; and on the further condition that the County pay for said construction out of its own funds and carry the State's share of such construction until such time as the Highway Department may be in funds to repay same. Motion carried.

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740. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an appropriation of \$25,000.00 be made to cover the work of grading and structures on State Highway No. 37, from Winnsboro, in Wood County, to Mount Vernon, in Franklin County, conditioned that Wood and Franklin Counties furnish a 100 ft. right-of-way on location approved by the State Highway Engineer before work is begun; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to make the location between these two points, and to give the County officials the record of right-of-way which will be required, and when this is obtained the State Highway Engineer shall proceed to grade and bridge this highway between these points; it appearing to the Commission that this road was constructed originally by Franklin County out of its own funds and that the work herein authorized is necessary to bring said highway back to its original condition, the cost hereof to be charged to maintenance. Motion carried.
741. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer is authorized to advertise for bids for grading and drainage structures on nine miles of Highway No. 25, in Palo Pinto County, from the Jack County line south towards Mineral Wells; on condition that Palo Pinto County will furnish a 100 ft. right-of-way, on location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer; and an appropriation of \$18,000.00 is made for such betterment. Motion carried.
742. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an appropriation of \$3,000.00 be set aside to make surveys, borings and plans for a new bridge across the Brazos River in Palo Pinto County, State Highway No. 1 between Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto. Motion carried.
743. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the action of the Commission on April 24, 1928, authorizing the State Highway Engineer to make surveys and prepare plans for grading and structures on Highway No. 114 from Dallas in Dallas County to Rhome in Wise County be amended to provide that Dallas County shall bear such proportion of the cost as its contribution of \$376,282.98 bears to the entire estimated improvement cost of \$620,043.73, or 61%; and the State shall bear 39% of the cost in similar ratio. It is further understood that Dallas County will reimburse the State for this preliminary work in monthly progressive payments, and that the final settlement shall be subject to adjustment with the actual final construction cost. Motion carried.
744. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the sum of \$4,087.50 be appropriated as a special maintenance appropriation for graveling that portion of State Highway No. 15 beginning at Forney, in Kaufman County, and extending west to the Trinity River or as much of that distance as this appropriation will cover. Motion carried.
745. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$10,000.00 be appropriated out of State Aid to cover one-third the cost for constructing a bridge across Brady Creek on State Highway No. 9, near the city limits of Brady, in McCulloch County; conditioned on the understanding that the County of McCulloch and the City of Brady will provide the remainder of the funds of approximately \$20,000.00 and the necessary right-of-way for the bridge and its approaches. Motion carried.
746. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$4,544.00 is hereby made for asphalt surface treating 2.7 miles of Highway No. 23, from Cross Plains, in Callahan County, northeast to the Callahan-Eastland County line. Motion carried.
747. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the sum of \$31,446.80 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the improvement of Highway No. 68, from Stephenville to Chalk Mountain in Erath County, a distance of 12.36 miles, conditioned that right-of-way 100 ft. in width on a location approved by the State Highway Engineer be furnished by Erath County, work to be done by the maintenance forces. Motion carried.

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748. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$38,000.00 is hereby made for widening the base and asphalt top from 12 feet to 18 feet on 10 miles of Highway No. 15, from Gladewater east in Gregg County, it being understood that the County has secured or will secure an 80 ft. right-of-way. Motion carried.
749. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that the sum of \$7,500.00 be appropriated as a special maintenance allotment as the State's share of the cost of graveling sand beds and mud holes on Highways No. 19 and No. 21, in Houston County, provided that Houston County will place in escrow, a like amount to be spent under the direction of the Highway Department, and for the same purpose. Motion carried.
750. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$52,828.00 is hereby made for base repairs and asphalt surface treating 9.1 miles of Highway No. 8, from Evadale on the Neches River north east to Buna, and on 13.5 miles of Highway No. 62, from Buna south to the Orange-Newton County line, in Jasper and Newton Counties. Motion carried.
751. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$25,293.00 is hereby made for asphalt surface treating 17.8 miles of Highway No. 19, in Trinity County, from the Houston County line south to the Trinity River. Motion carried.
752. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$6,000.00 be appropriated to pay the cost of erection of a bridge over the Neches River on State Highway No. 45, this work to consist of removing and re-erecting of two spans from the White Rock Creek Bridge, in Trinity County. Motion carried.
753. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that two-thirds State and Federal Funds be appropriated to Wharton County for the construction of a concrete pavement on approximately 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of State Highway No. 12, from the Fort Bend County line to the town of Hungerford. Motion carried.
754. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an additional amount of \$3,580.50 be allotted to Job No. M-14-R, Highway No. 2, Travis County, for adding 6 inches of additional base and placing thereon a two course asphalt surface treatment, from the north city limits of Austin, north one mile. Motion carried.
755. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$19,389.00 is hereby made for asphalt surface treating 10.36 miles of Highway No. 95, in Williamson County, from Taylor, Texas, south to the Bastrop-Williamson County line.
756. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$10,154.50 is hereby made for placing an asphalt surface treatment on 5.98 miles of Highway No. 2-B, in Williamson County, being F.A.P. 427, and extending from one mile north of Round Rock east to one-half mile west of Hutto. Motion carried.
757. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$12,918.00 be appropriated to pay the cost of eliminating three concrete dips on State Highway No. 2 between Salado and Belton, this work to be done on condition that Bell County will furnish a 100 ft. right-of-way from Salado to Belton on a location approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
758. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$34,265.00 be appropriated to cover the construction of nineteen structures on State Highway No. 29 to replace dips in Caldwell County, Texas, this appropriation being made on condition that Caldwell County will furnish not less than an 80 ft. right-of-way on an approved location through the County. Motion carried.

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759. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$5,689.59 be appropriated to pay the cost of elimination of two concrete dips on State Highway No. 71, in Bastrop County. Motion carried.
760. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$58,500.00 be appropriated to S.A.P. 608-D in Jim Wells County to cover the cost of placing a second course, known as Unit III, on this project; the County already having furnished their full 1/3 of the completed project, no county aid is to be applied on this project, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the construction of Unit III. Motion carried.
761. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the Minutes of the Highway Commission of June 23, 1928 designating the type of surfacing on State Highway No. 12-A, Federal Aid Project 436-D, in Webb County, be rescinded, and that the type of surfacing on Federal Aid Project 436-D and E be that which the State Highway Engineer considers most economical, all things being considered. Motion carried.
762. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an appropriation of \$33,970.00 be made as a special maintenance allotment for the placing of additional base material and a single course asphalt surface treatment on 7.9 miles of Highway No. 19, from Conroe, north to Willis, in Montgomery County, being F.A.P. No. 370, and which is the only section of Highway No. 19, between Houston and Dallas not financed as an asphalt surface Highway or comparable type. Motion carried.
763. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Lamb County be granted \$8,316.00 State Aid not to exceed 50% of the cost of paving an 18' strip through the City of Littlefield, Texas, on State Highway No. 7, width of pavement and location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
- 763a Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for the construction of F. A. P. 453-I, in Cherokee County be awarded to Buckner Bros. of Cleburne, Texas, for \$14,576.23, who were low bidders. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


 STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER


 CHAIRMAN


 MEMBER


 MEMBER


 SECRETARY.