

December 2, 1937

Minutes of the Two Hundred Forty-fourth Special Meeting of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Highway Building, with the following Members being present:

Robert Lee Bobbitt	Chairman
John Wood	Member
Harry Hines	Member
Julian Montgomery	State Highway Engineer

- 14424 Motion by Judge Bobbitt, seconded by Mr. Wood, that a special meeting of the State Highway Commission was opened at 10:00 A. M. December 2, 1937.
- 14425 In Galveston County, P.W.A. Docket No. Texas 1968-R-B, Superstructure of double leaf Bascule Drawspan, Galveston Causeway, alternate bids having been received November 23, 1937 for construction as a P.W.A. Project and a State Project, in accordance with Minute No. 14238; and the Austin Bridge Company of Dallas being low bidder for the P.W.A. Project at \$258,039.00 and low bidder on the State Project at \$255,789.00; and it being considered advisable to continue the construction and complete the Docket under P.W.A. regulations as contemplated by the original Grant Agreement, it is hereby ordered that contract be awarded to the Austin Bridge Company for \$258,039.00 which is the lowest and best bid as a P.W.A. Project.
- This award of contract is made subject to approval by the Public Works Administration.
- 14426 In Galveston County, P.W.A. Docket No. Texas 1968-R, Galveston Causeway, it having been brought to attention that based on an estimate of work done to date and work yet to be done on Contract A, B & D, (Substructure, Superstructure and Approaches), and based on bids received November 23, 1937, for Contract C, Bascule Drawspan, there will be required for completion of the Docket, over and above funds now available, the amount of \$241,451.76, it is ordered by the Commission that the sum of \$241,451.76 be and is hereby appropriated to this docket.  
A.F.E. 37-490
- 14427 In Jefferson and Orange Counties, the State Highway Engineer is directed to receive bids for surfacing and 2200 feet of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 87 as needed to connect the Neches River Bridge with the present road.
- 14428 It is ordered by the Highway Commission that the sum of \$21,000.00 be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the widening of State Highway No. 31 in Navarro County, and for the repair of a bridge across Richland Creek. The purpose of this appropriation is to widen State Highway No. 31 along the narrow section between Richland Creek and a point thirteen miles east of the Hill County line.
- Due to the experimental nature of this work and the restricted areas in which the operations can be carried out, same shall be performed by State Maintenance forces.  
A.F.E. 37-491
- 14429 Be it ordered by the State Highway Commission that the section of State Highway beginning at a point on Highway No. 30, 7.75 miles southwest of Wichita Falls, extending westerly to an intersection with Highway No. 25, just west of Kemp City, be improved as a N.R.W.R. project, and that the State Highway Engineer be, and he is hereby, ordered to prepare plans and specifications and begin construction immediately.
- 14430 It is ordered by the Commission that the State Highway System, as approved on March 19, 1930, and as subsequently modified, be further modified to include the following described highway:
- From a point on Highway No. 30, 7.75 miles southwest of Wichita Falls, westerly to an intersection with Highway No. 25, just west of Kemp City.

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14431 WHEREAS, the Commission did, on September 11, 1934, by Minute No. 9959, direct the State Highway Engineer to carry employees with a satisfactory service record of two years with the Department, for a period of 40 days where such employee had been continuously absent from duty on account of serious illness; and

WHEREAS, Miss Jewell Cotton has been employed by this Department for a period of approximately 20 months and her services have been entirely satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, due to serious illness, Miss Cotton has been absent from the Department since November 1, 1937.

IT IS THEREFORE ordered by the Commission that Miss Jewell Cotton be carried on the payroll for the month of November and that no deduction be made from her annual leave by reason of such illness.

14432 WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Commission to make adjustments of salaries of persons where the present salary is not in line with the work that they are doing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in approving the budget for the Department, approved the salary of \$125.00 per month for the position of Mimeograph Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Miss Vivian Dimaline has been carried as Assistant Mimeograph Clerk and paid \$110.00 per month, but in reality, Miss Dimaline's work has been that of Mimeograph Clerk.

IT IS THEREFORE ordered by the Commission that Miss Dimaline be paid \$15.00 per month for the months of September and October, chargeable to the \$10,000.00 Fund for payroll adjustment.

14433 It is hereby ordered by the State Highway Commission that the minimum wage rates set out below shall be and are established and immediately effective for skilled, intermediate and unskilled labor, as follows:

Skilled Labor	\$1.00 per hour
Intermediate Grade Labor	0.50 per hour
Unskilled Labor	0.40 per hour

14434 In Parmer and Castro Counties, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of flexible base course and double asphalt surface treatment from 1.65 miles west of Friona to the Deaf Smith County line a distance of 17.193 miles, on State Highway No. 33, Control 168 Section 3 & 4 Job 3 & 2 FAP 639-D FAP 639-C Reop. U-II, is awarded to Cocks & Braden, Amarillo, Texas for \$155,302.20, which is the lowest and best bid.

14435 In Colorado County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from 1 mile east of Borden to East Street in Weimar a distance of 6.096 miles, on State Highway No. 3, Control 26 Section 4 Job 10 FAP 70-Reop. U-III is awarded to Cage Bros. & L. A. Turner, Bishop, Texas for \$31,005.34, which is the lowest and best bid.

14436 In Dickens County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of gr. dr. strs., flexible base and prime coat, from Junction with Highway 18 in Dickens east 9.101 miles, a distance of 9.101 miles, on State Highway No. 24, Control 132 Section 1 Job 1 FAP 687-A is awarded to Oran Speer & Jas. Spencer & Son, Alvord & Dallas, Texas, for \$177,623.80, which is the lowest and best bid.

14437 In Fayette County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of grading and small drainage structures from 1-1/2 miles east of Engle to Schulenburg a distance of 3.378 miles, on State Highway No. 3 Control 26 Section 3 Job 11 FAP 37-Reop. U-III is awarded to J. S. Moore & Sons, Lufkin, Texas for \$28,585.97, which is the lowest and best bid.

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14438 In Fayette County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of Navidad River Bridge and Foster Creek Bridge, a distance of 685.0 feet, on State Highway No. 3, Control 26 Section 3 Job 12 FAP 37-Reop. U-III is awarded to Cage Bros. & L. A. Turner, Bishop, Texas for \$53,281.66, which is the lowest and best bid.

14439 In Galveston County, on bids received October 26, 1937 contract for construction of grading only from Highway No. 6 to Galveston Causeway Project a distance of 0.411 miles, on State Highways Nos. 6 and 146, Control 51-500 Section 4-1 Job 8-3 is awarded to Ohlhausen Dredging Co. and George Sealy, Galveston, Texas for \$18,238.90, which is the lowest and best bid.

14440 In Gregg County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from a point in Kilgore to 4.655 miles northwest of Kilgore a distance of 5.121 miles, on State Highway No. 135, Control 424-377 Section 2-1 Job 4-5 (State Project) FAP 899-A is awarded to J. S. Moore & Sons and W. T. Todd, Inc., Lufkin and Athens, Texas for \$97,842.44, which is the lowest and best bid.

14441 In Liberty and Chambers Counties, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of flexible base course, double asphalt surface treatment and widening bridge from Devers to a point 3.57 miles south Chambers County line, a distance of 13.559 miles, on State Highway No. 61, Control 242 Section 1, 2 & 3 Job 2, 2 & 9 is awarded to Heldenfels Brothers, Rockport, Texas for \$131,121.59, which is the lowest and best bid.

14442 In Robertson County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of concrete pavement from Walnut Creek to 1.0 mile north of Hammond, a distance of 5.662 miles, on State Highway No. 6, Control 49 Section 6 Job 7 FAP 768-B is awarded to Uvalde Construction Company, Dallas, Texas for \$100,480.45, which is the lowest and best bid.

14443 In Shelby County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of flexible base course (with an alternate on concrete pipe underdrain 6") from a point 2.859 miles west Sabine-Shelby County line to int. of Highways 87 and 8, a distance of 9.514 miles, on State Highway No. 87, Control 304 Section 1 Job 4 is awarded to Ben Sira & Co. and A. L. Mays, Dallas and Jasper, Texas for \$34,810.16, which is the lowest and best bid.

14444 In Tarrant County, on bids received November 23, 1937 contract for construction of gr. dr. strs., flexible base with asphaltic concrete surface and W.C.R. concrete pavement from approaches on Lancaster Avenue, in Fort Worth, Texas, a distance of 0.265 miles, on State Highway No. 1-C Control 504 Section 1 Job 2 & 3 FAP 956-A & B is awarded to Southwest Highway Const. Co., Dallas, Texas for \$77,876.42, which is the lowest and best bid.

14445 Motion by Judge Bobbitt, seconded by Mr. Wood, that the special meeting of the State Highway Commission was closed at 5:00 P. M. December 2, 1937.

APPROVED:

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State Highway Engineer

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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Secretary

*John Wood*  
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Member

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct record of all proceedings and official orders of the State Highway Commission at its Two Hundred Forty-fourth Meeting (a Special Meeting) held at Austin, Texas, on December 2, 1937.

*W. L. Stanton*  
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SECRETARY

TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION