

February 11, 1944

Minutes of the Three Hundred and Fortieth Meeting, a Regular Meeting, of the Texas Highway Commission, held in the State Highway Building at Austin, Texas, with the following members present:

Brady Gentry	Chairman
Reuben Williams	Member
Fred E. Knetsch	Member
T. H. Webb	Assistant State Highway Engineer

20393 It is ordered by the Commission that a Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be opened at 9:00 A. M., February 11, 1944.

20394 In BEXAR COUNTY, on bids received January 25, 1944, contract for construction of grading, structures, flexible base and asphaltic concrete pavement, from E. right of way Missouri Pacific Railroad to Frio City Road via Aviation Blvd. and Quintana Road, a distance of 2.044 miles on HIGHWAY M.R., Control 521-7-1, DAWR 95-A (1), is awarded to J. O. Mack, Jr., Corpus Christi, Texas for \$44,862.03, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20395 In GALVESTON COUNTY, on bids received January 25, 1944, contract for construction of Ferry Office Building, Carpenter Shop and Public Toilets at Bolivar Ferry Landing in Galveston, on HIGHWAY NO. 87, Control 367-6-7, DAWC 87-A (3), is awarded to Esslinger-Misch Company, Texas City, Texas for \$33,570.00, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20396 In MEDINA COUNTY, on bids received January 25, 1944, contract for construction of grading, flexible base, asphalt surface, concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk from Blaul Street entrance Hondo Army Air Forces Navigation School to N. W. Corner Court House Square in Hondo, a distance of 0.871 mile on HIGHWAY M.R., Control 915-23-1, DAWR 99-A (1), is awarded to J. O. Mack, Jr., Corpus Christi, Texas for \$24,813.17, which is the lowest and best bid, subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration.

20397 In REEVES COUNTY, on bids received January 25, 1944, contract for construction of grading, culverts, flexible base and double asphalt surface treatment, from 16 miles S.E. of Pecos to the Pecos County line, a distance of 10.0 miles on U. S. HIGHWAY 285, Control 139-6-1, is awarded to H. C. Towles, Dallas, Texas for \$94,591.27, which is the lowest and best bid.

20398 On the following projects for which bids were received on January 25, 1944 and on which contracts have been awarded, an initial construction appropriation of \$140,100.00 is hereby made to be distributed to the projects below:

COUNTY	PROJECT	HWY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Reeves	C-139-6-1	US 285	10.000	Gr., Str., Flex.Bs. & Asph.	16 Mi. S.E. of Pecos TO: Pecos Co. Line	\$ 23,900.00
Galveston	DAWC 87-A(3)	87	-	Office Bldg., & Facilities	At Bolivar Ferry in Galveston	37,200.00

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COUNTY	PROJECT	HWY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Bexar	DAWR 95-A(1)	M.R.	2.044	Gr., Str., Flex. Bs. & Asph. Conc.	Mo. Pac. R.R. TO: Frio City Rd. via Aviation Blvd.	\$51,800.00
Medina	DAWR 99-A(1)	M.R.	0.871	Gr., Flex. Bs. & Asphalt	Hondo Army Navigation School TO: Hondo	27,200.00
TOTAL						\$ 140,100.00

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20399

In the following counties an appropriation of \$94,186.99 is hereby made in amounts shown opposite the project number for the construction by Day Labor Method under the authority as shown.

COUNTY	PROJECT	HWY.	LENGTH	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Reeves	F.S. 2	-	-	Prelim. Engr. Cost for Flight Strip	Near Orla Parallel U.S. Hwy. 285	\$ 6,315.79
Ector	F.S. 3	-	-	Prelim. Engr. Cost for Flight Strip	Jct. Hwy. 51 & U.S. 80 in Odessa	4,871.20
Fayette	L-323-2-4	95	-	Bridge Repair & Appr.	2 Mi. S. of Cistern	3,000.00
Freestone	L-456-1-1	FM 27	8.1	Gr., Str., Flex. Bs. & Asph.	From End of Pvt. in Wortham TO: 1 Mi. S. of Kirvin	80,000.00
TOTAL						\$ 94,186.99

A.F.E. 44-21

20400

It is ordered by the Commission that the following Municipal Maintenance Agreements executed by the State Highway Engineer are hereby approved:

CITY	COUNTY	HIGHWAY	DISTRICT
Throckmorton	Throckmorton	U.S. 183, 283 & State 24	3
Bowie	Montague	U.S. 287, 81 & State 59	3
Electra	Wichita	U.S. 287 & 70	3
Vernon	Wilbarger	U.S. 70 & 287 & 283	3
West Vernon	Wilbarger	U.S. 70 & 287	3
Slaton	Lubbock	U.S. 84	5

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CITY	COUNTY	HIGHWAY	DISTRICT
Cuero	De Witt	U.S. 87, 77 & State 29	13
Kilgore	Gregg	State 26, 259, 135 & Spurs Nos. 66 & 101	10
Alamo Heights	Bexar	U.S. 81	15
Seguin	Guadalupe	State 123	15
Seguin	Guadalupe	U.S. 90	15
Seguin	Guadalupe	State 3	15
New Braunfels	Comal	Loop No. 3 (Business Route)	15
New Braunfels	Comal	U.S. 81	15
New Braunfels	Comal	State 46	15
Kerrville	Kerr	State 16	15
Kerrville	Kerr	State 27	15
Brownsville	Cameron	U. S. 83	21
Brownsville	Cameron	State 4	21
Brownsville	Cameron	State 48	21
Edcouch	Hidalgo	State 107	21
Santa Rosa	Cameron	State 107	21
Roma	Starr	U.S. 83	21
Shamrock	Wheeler	U. S. 66 & 83	25
Newcastle	Young	State 251 & 24	3
Mart	McLennan	State 164	9

20401

It is ordered by the Commission that the following lease agreements executed by the State Highway Engineer are hereby approved:

COUNTY	LOCATION	USE	CONSIDERATION	LEASED FROM	PERIOD
Calhoun	Port Lavaca	Asphalt Storage Tank Site	\$12.00 per yr.	T. & N.O. RR Co.	9-20-43 to 8-31-45
Val Verde	Del Rio	Maintenance Patrol Camp Site 45 miles North of Del Rio	\$10.00 per yr.	Mr. & Mrs. Jack J. Lane	11-15-43 to 11-15-45
Johnson	Cleburne	Section ware-house site in Cleburne	\$65.00 per yr.	J.Ed. Persons	9-1-43 to 9-1-44
Wood	Granbury	Material storage site in Granbury	\$ 7.50 per yr.	Dwight Freeland	9-29-43 to 9-29-45
Coleman	Coleman	Section ware-house site and storage site in Coleman	\$50.00 per yr.	Walter J. Moran	1-1-44 to 1-1-46
Guadalupe	Seguin	Material Storage Site on T. & N.O. RR.ROW	\$26.00 per yr.	T. & N.O. RR Co.	4-6-44 to 4-6-47

20402

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 273 passed by the 48th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, recognized the possible scarcity of metal and other material suitable for the manufacture of Motor Vehicle License Plates and provided for this and other emergency conditions by authorizing the State Highway Department to issue for the 1943 and for the 1944 motor vehicle registration years a single plate or plates of metal

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or other material, symbols, tabs or other devices which when attached to a motor vehicle having been duly registered for the preceding registration year shall be deemed to be the legal registration insignia for the registration year for which issued; and authorized the State Highway Department to issue for motor vehicles not previously registered a metal license plate or plates or symbols, tabs or other devices which shall be deemed to be the legal registration insignia for the registration year in which the vehicle is registered, and

WHEREAS, under Texas Statutes, Motor Vehicle License Plates are manufactured for the Texas Highway Department by the Texas Prison System at the Huntsville Penitentiary where the practice in past years has been to stop manufacture on current production to make supplementary orders of the previous year's plates as required, and

WHEREAS, full sized 1942 license plates have been retained in place throughout the 1943 registration year and will be retained throughout the 1944 registration year; and to stock license plates in 254 County Tax Assessor-Collector offices requires careful estimates to avoid waste in over-stocking; and the Motor Vehicle Registration in Texas has been and is impossible to predict, due to influx of people to Military Establishments and to Defense Industries; and as a result some counties need additional 1942 plates and 1943 tabs to properly register motor vehicles; and the available supply of 1942 plates and 1943 tabs has been exhausted, and

WHEREAS, a very large reduction in Texas Prison Inmates has changed procedure so as to render the manufacture of additional 1942 plates and 1943 tabs at this time impossible without delaying the production of 1944 tabs beyond the time such tabs must be in the hands of County Tax Assessors-Collectors; and it is deemed advisable to provide for 1944 registration first, now

THEREFORE, it is ordered by the State Highway Commission that, since the retention of 1942 plates comprises a part of the legal registration insignia for the 1943 and 1944 registration years, a gummed label or sticker be issued when full sized 1942 plates are not available and such gummed label or sticker bearing the year 1942 shall be deemed the legal registration insignia for 1942 plate or plates from the date of issuance until May 1, 1944 by which time the motor vehicle owner shall obtain from the County Tax Assessor-Collector issuing the label or sticker, 1942 plate or plates with numbers corresponding to those shown on the motor vehicle registration receipt; and that such label or sticker be displayed in the lower right corner of windshield or if vehicle is a trailer or a type which does not have a windshield, in a prominent, protected place.

It is also ordered that a gummed label or sticker bearing the year 1943 be issued to each motor vehicle owner applying for registration when 1943 tab or tabs are not available and that such label or sticker be deemed the legal registration insignia when used with the legal registration insignia for 1942 retained throughout the 1943 registration year; and that such label or sticker be recognized as the legal registration insignia from the date of issuance until April 2, 1944; and that such label or sticker be displayed in the lower right corner of windshield or if vehicle is a trailer or a type which does not have a windshield, in a prominent, protected place.

20403

WHEREAS, in compliance with Minute No. 20372, fifteen one-million dollar 7/8% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness maturing April 1, 1944, and numbered 1715 and 2166-2179 inclusive, were sold through the San Antonio Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank on January 31, 1944 for February 1, 1944 delivery at par of \$15,000,000.00 plus accrued interest and premium in the amount of \$52,299.96; and

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WHEREAS, the accrued interest and premium have been deposited in the State Highway Fund, and fifteen new one-million dollar 7/8% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness numbered 53-67 inclusive and dated February 1, 1944, have been received as acknowledged by the receipt of Mr. Jesse James, State Treasurer, dated February 3, 1944;

THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Commission that the receipt of Mr. Jesse James, State Treasurer, for the above numbered Treasury Certificates be accepted and that said certificates be retained by Mr. Jesse James, State Treasurer, in his custody for safe keeping until redeemed.

20404

It having been brought to the attention of the Commission that the funds made available by Minute No. 20138 for the issuance of I.P.E. Authorizations during the present fiscal year have been exhausted and since it is evident that an additional appropriation of funds will be required to permit the completion of surveys and plans on projects programmed for construction and also to undertake other meritorious preliminary work authorized, it is ordered that an additional appropriation of \$750,000 be made for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1944. All conditions set forth in Minute No. 20138 are to remain in effect in regard to this additional appropriation.

A.F.E. 44-22

20405

It is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$25,000.00 be and is hereby made for District 7 to cover the cost of repairing damages to various highways due to the recent freeze.

A.F.E. 44-23

20406

In BURLESON COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 50, from Highway 21 west of the Brazos River to the intersection with Farm Highway 60 four miles east of Snook, a distance of 8.220 miles designated by Minute 19433 dated May 20, 1942, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was January 25, 1944.

20407

In COLLIN COUNTY, on HIGHWAY NO. 289, Control L 91-4-5, 91-4-6 and 91-5-6, it is ordered that an increased appropriation of \$15,250.00 be and is hereby made to permit completion of the work now under way on this section of Highway.

A.F.E. 44-24

20408

In EDWARDS COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 55, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$4,645.00 be and is hereby made to cover part of the 1944 Asphalt Program for the purpose of placing a seal coat from the south city limits of Rock Springs to a point 6.5 miles south, a distance of 6.5 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 44-25

20409

In GALVESTON COUNTY on DAWC 87-A(1), Control 367-6-5, STATE HIGHWAY 87, the cost of hydraulic embankment under contract and work performed by State forces will exceed the amount originally appropriated and an additional appropriation of \$33,100.00 is hereby made to permit proper completion of construction.

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20410

In GREGG COUNTY, it is ordered that STATE HIGHWAY NO. 322 be extended from the Rusk County line north to Highway 149, with the understanding that the present road be assumed for maintenance until such time as construction can be provided on an appropriate route.

20411

In HARRIS COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 90, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$11,025.00 be and is hereby made to cover the work of leveling the pavement with mudjack from the east end of the San Jacinto River Bridge to the Harris-Liberty County line, a distance of 9.52 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 44-27

20412

In HARRIS COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAY 75, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$5,000.00 be and is hereby made to improve drainage conditions from 1.023 miles north of the north city limits of Houston to 1.423 miles north, a distance of 1.423 miles. This work will be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 44-28

20413

In HARRIS COUNTY on U. S. HIGHWAYS 59 and 90-A, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$1,500.00 be and is hereby made for drainage improvement work from the junction of South Main and Bypass Route to 2.547 miles west, a distance of 2.547 miles. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 44-29

20414

In JEFF DAVIS COUNTY on HIGHWAY 17, Control L-104-4-1, it is ordered that an appropriation of \$35,000.00 be and is hereby made to cover the cost of surfacing this section of highway.

A.F.E. 44-30

20415

In LAMAR COUNTY on OLD STATE HIGHWAY 24, it is ordered that an appropriation of \$12,200.00 be and is hereby made to cover the cost of repairs extending from Paris south, a distance of approximately five miles, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to perform this work through the Maintenance Division so that the route may then be returned to the County for maintenance.

A.F.E. 44-31

20416

In MONTGOMERY COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 105, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$2,800.00 be and is hereby made to replace the bridge across Fish Creek which failed under load. This work is to be handled through the Maintenance Division.

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20417

In NACOGDOCHES COUNTY on STATE HIGHWAY 7, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$8,078.00 be and is hereby made for the purpose of reconditioning sections of highway from the intersection of Highway 21 east of Nacogdoches to the Attoyac River, a distance of 0.966 mile. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 44-33

20418

In SHACKELFORD AND CALLAHAN COUNTIES on U. S. HIGHWAY 183 from Hubbard Creek to the Callahan County line, a distance of 4.072 miles and from the Shackelford County line to Baird, a distance of 8.246 miles, designated by Minute No. 16701 dated September 26, 1939, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State maintenance is February 1, 1944.

20419

In TAYLOR COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 89 AND PARK ROAD 32 from Highway 158 in Abilene to the Lake Abilene State Park, a distance of 16.8 miles and 1.6 miles within the Park area, a total distance of 18.4 miles, designated by Minute 20351 dated December 16, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance is February 1, 1944.

20420

In TAYLOR COUNTY on WAR HIGHWAY 21 from Tye to Caps, a distance of 6.241 miles, designated by Minute 20317 dated November 16, 1943, it is ordered by the Commission that the actual official date of State assumption of maintenance was February 1, 1944.

20421

In TAYLOR COUNTY on FARM HIGHWAY 89, from Highway 158 in Abilene to Lake Abilene State Park, a distance of 16.8 miles, it is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$7,450.00 be and is hereby made for repairs needed to place this section of highway in proper condition for maintenance. This work is to be performed on the day labor basis through the Maintenance Division.

A.F.E. 44-34

20422

In TRAVIS, BLANCO AND BURNET COUNTIES, it is ordered that a Ranch to Market Highway be designated extending from U. S. Highway 290 at or near Austin to U. S. Highway 281 south of Marble Falls, following a route generally south of the Colorado River, on condition that no maintenance will be assumed on the designation until it shall have been constructed, and on the further condition that no part of an existing road shall be considered as being a part of this highway designation until and unless it develops when the highway is constructed that a part of an existing traffic facility has been given full utility without destruction.

The State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with establishment of route and location and to proceed with the preparation of right-of-way deeds in order that the Counties may secure the right-of-way for this proposed road at their convenience. This designation is conditioned upon the Counties involved agreeing to secure the necessary right-of-way at such time as the deeds may be presented to them.

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WHEREAS, in CHILDRESS COUNTY, the desirability of designating and maintaining a Farm to Market Road, extending from Childress to Tell, is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through its constituted authority has requested this designation and maintenance and has pledged that the County will retain full and complete responsibility for the full and final payment of all indebtedness prevailing against the road; and

WHEREAS, in offering to retain full responsibility for indebtedness prevailing against the road they recognize the financial gain that will accrue to the County from State assumption of the expense of future maintenance along the proposed designation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, makes possible County retention of prevailing indebtedness on Farm to Market Roads designated by the Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission in its deliberation of the merits of this designation and maintenance has taken into consideration the policy of allowing County indebtedness to remain with the County, as well as the enabling legislation therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that a Farm to Market Road be and is hereby designated, extending from Childress westerly to Tell, a distance of approximately 11.5 miles, said road to be signed for the proper guidance of the traveling public as a FARM TO MARKET HIGHWAY, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate negotiations with Childress County to consummate an agreement whereby the County and/or Road District, acting by and through the Commissioners' Court, in consideration of this designation and maintenance will retain full responsibility for all prevailing indebtedness against the road or roads that may serve either temporarily or permanently as a part of this designation, all as permitted under Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, and furnish such right of way as may be required. This order of the Highway Commission will not become effective until the agreement has been executed by the authorized officials of Childress County and the State Highway Department.

20424

In GLASSCOCK COUNTY, it is ordered that RANCH HIGHWAY NO. 33 be extended from a point near the county line south to Garden City. This designation is made with the understanding that no maintenance will be assumed until the road shall have been constructed by the State along the approved location, and that no existing travel facility is a part of this designation until and unless it shall have been proved that the location will traverse an existing travel facility, and that said facility is incorporated into the highway system without destruction or modification by new construction. The State Highway Engineer is directed to make such preparation as may be in order to provide for construction of this route when conditions permit.

20425

WHEREAS, in HARDEMAN AND WILBARGER COUNTIES, the desirability of designating and maintaining a Farm to Market Road, extending from Chillicothe north and east to U. S. Highway No. 283 via Odell, is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, acting through their constituted authorities, have requested this designation and maintenance and have pledged that the Counties will retain full and complete responsibility for the full and final payment of all indebtedness prevailing against the road; and

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WHEREAS, in offering to retain full responsibility for indebtedness prevailing against the road they recognize the financial gain that will accrue to the Counties from State assumption of the expense of future maintenance along the proposed designation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, makes possible County retention of prevailing indebtedness on Farm to Market Roads designated by the Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission in its deliberation of the merits of this designation and maintenance has taken into consideration the policy of allowing County indebtedness to remain with the County, as well as the enabling legislation therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT a Farm to Market Road be and is hereby designated, extending from Chillicothe to U. S. Highway No. 283 via Odell, a distance of approximately 15.5 miles, said road to be assumed for maintenance and to be signed for the proper guidance of the traveling public as a FARM TO MARKET HIGHWAY, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate negotiations with Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties to consummate an agreement whereby the Counties and/or Road Districts, acting by and through the Commissioners' Courts, in consideration of this designation and maintenance, will retain full responsibility for all prevailing indebtedness against the road or roads that may serve either temporarily or permanently as a part of this designation, all as permitted under Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, and furnish such right of way as may be required. This order of the Highway Commission will not become effective until the agreement has been executed by the authorized officials of Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties and the State Highway Department.

20426

WHEREAS, in HARDIN AND TYLER COUNTIES, the desirability of designating and maintaining the improved portion of a Farm to Market Road extending from Silsbee north to an intersection with U. S. Highway No. 190 is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, acting through their constituted authorities, have requested this designation and maintenance and have pledged that the Counties will retain full and complete responsibility for the full and final payment of all indebtedness prevailing against the road; and

WHEREAS, in offering to retain full responsibility for indebtedness prevailing against the road they recognize the financial gain that will accrue to the Counties from State assumption of the expense of future maintenance along the proposed designation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, makes possible County retention of prevailing indebtedness on Farm to Market Roads designated by the Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission in its deliberation of the merits of this designation and maintenance has taken into consideration the policy of allowing County indebtedness to remain with the County, as well as the enabling legislation therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT a Farm to Market Road be and is hereby designated, extending from Silsbee north to U. S. Highway No. 190, a distance of approximately 37.5 miles, the improved section extending from Silsbee north to approximately 4 miles north of Spurger,

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a distance of approximately 28.5 miles, to be assumed for state maintenance, said road to be signed for the proper guidance of the traveling public as a FARM TO MARKET HIGHWAY, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate negotiations with Hardin and Tyler Counties to consummate an agreement whereby the Counties and/or Road Districts, acting by and through the Commissioners' Courts, in consideration of this designation and maintenance, will retain full responsibility for all prevailing indebtedness against the road or roads that may serve either temporarily or permanently as a part of this designation, all as permitted under Senate Bill No. 348, Regular Session, Forty-Eighth Legislature, and furnish such right of way as may be required. This order of the Highway Commission will not become effective until the agreement has been executed by the authorized officials of Hardin and Tyler Counties and the State Highway Department.

20427

In HUDSPETH COUNTY, it is ordered that a SPUR be designated from U. S. Highway No. 80 north to Fort Hancock, a distance of approximately one mile, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to assume maintenance of the existing facility.

20428

In SABINE COUNTY, on STATE HIGHWAY NO. 87, it is ordered that a project be authorized for construction of grading, drainage structures, and select material, extending from 2.6 miles north of Milan north, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles, at an estimated total cost of \$50,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is directed to make application to Federal authorities as may be necessary, looking toward the immediate construction of this project, and to proceed with such construction when authorized.

20429

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission by Order No. 19441, dated May 20, 1942, with modification Order No. 19498, dated June 23, 1942, authorized leaves of absence for engineering personnel where such personnel left the Department to enter the employ of the Federal Government in a civilian capacity with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission by Order No. 19880, dated March 8, 1943, recognized that the emergency need for engineering personnel in the U. S. Corps of Engineers in a civilian capacity no longer existed and ordered that from March 8, 1943, leaves of absence be granted only to those employees entering the armed forces who were accepted for employment by the Highway Department on or before December 7, 1941, and

WHEREAS, it has now become evident that the U. S. Corps of Engineers are rapidly completing their work such that their employees in a civilian capacity are being or can be released, permitting the Highway Department to recall its former employees to the much-needed work now the responsibility of the Highway Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that former Highway Department employees absent on leave under the civilian clause of the policy reviewed above be recalled and that all such leaves of absence be canceled for those who have failed to respond by May 1, 1944.

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It is ordered by the Commission that the Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission be closed at 6:00 P. M., February 11, 1944.

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 Three Hundred and Fortieth Meeting, a regular meeting, held at Austin, Texas on February 11, 1944.

*Helen Leonard*  
CHIEF MINUTE CLERK  
TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION