

February 17th, 1925.

Minutes of Sixty-Ninth Regular meeting of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

Frank V. Lanham, Chairman  
 Joe Burkett, Member  
 John H. Bickett, Sr., Member

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that the application of Braxton County for \$200,000.00 Federal aid and \$100,000.00 State aid on 11.74 miles of Highway No. 58 in West Columbia Road District be postponed pending investigation by the Division Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Dewitt County be granted \$168,056.00 Federal aid and \$56,019.00 State aid on State Highway No. 81, County line to County line, making a total of \$224,075.00 aid allotted to this project, not to exceed 2/3 of cost. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that action upon the application of Fayette County for \$30,136.73 additional Federal aid on F.A.P. No. 471, Highway No. 71, be postponed pending investigation by the Division Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Fayette County be granted \$58,712.50 Federal aid not to exceed 50% of cost of constructing a gravel road on Highway No. 71, from north end of F.A.P. 619 to the Bastrop County line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Fayette County be granted \$12,847.60 additional State aid to F.A.P. 286, conditioned upon the work on this project being completed in accordance with plans and specifications, and that same be satisfactory to engineers of this Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Gonzales County be granted \$165,000.00 Federal aid and \$55,000.00 State aid, or a total of \$220,000.00 aid not to exceed 2/3 of cost of improving Highway No. 81, county line to county line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Grimes County be granted \$80,000.00 Federal aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading and drainage structures on 14.36 miles of State Highway No. 6, County line to County line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Guadalupe County be granted \$5,458.74 additional State aid to F.A.P. 35-B, for purpose of widening present gravel surfacing to eighteen feet and placing additional gravel, making a total of \$12,958.74 State and Federal aid allotted to Guadalupe County on this work. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Jones County be granted \$17,030.75 Federal aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading and drainage structures on 11.5 miles of Highway No. 30, from Stamford south. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Jones County be granted \$20,526.00 State aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading and drainage structures on 20 miles of Highway No. 93. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Jones County be granted \$37,288.90 Federal aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading and drainage structures on 15.4 miles of Highway No. 18, from Shackelford County line to Stamford. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Ferr County be granted \$4,054.69 additional State aid to F.A.P. 403, Highway No. 27, not to exceed 50% of the overrun on this project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Mataorda County be granted \$7,484.00 State aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of constructing a shell surfacing on 2.08 miles of Highway No. 60, from Bay City north. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Montgomery County be granted \$13,036.50 additional State aid to F.A.P. 370. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that the application of Polk County for \$3000.00 State aid, or 50% of cost incurred by Polk County in removing two old steel bridges from Highway No. 35 to No. 45, be not granted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Reeves County be granted \$1,597.06 additional Federal aid and \$796.54 additional State aid to F.A.P. 396, Texas River Bridge on Highway No. 1, making a total of \$7,974.32 and \$3967.16 Federal and State aid respectively allotted to Reeves County on this bridge. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Robertson County be granted \$1,500.59 additional State aid to F. A. P. 401, Highway No. 6. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the unused balance of \$25,948.22 Federal aid on F.A.P. 400, on Highway No. 43, in Robertson County be cancelled, leaving a balance of \$3,451.78 Federal aid allotted to this project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that the unused balance of \$5389.55 Federal aid and \$2694.78 State aid allotted to Robertson County on F.A.P. 232, Brazos River Bridge on Highway No. 43, be cancelled, leaving a balance of \$14,610.45 Federal aid and \$22,205.22 State aid allotted to Robertson County on this bridge. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Scary County be allowed \$10,511.72 out of maintenance funds to reimburse Scary County for maintaining the State Highway during the year 1924 and the month of January 1925. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Scary County be granted \$3,750.00 State aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of constructing 1180 feet of high top of pavement on Highway No. 7, in the town of Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Shackelford County be granted \$50,000.00 Federal aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 1-A, from junction with Highway 18, southwest 18 miles. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Shackelford County be granted \$40,500.00 Federal aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading and drainage structures on 18 miles of Highway No. 18, from junction with Highway No. 1-A, west 18 miles. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Shackelford County be granted \$52,650.00 additional State aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of constructing a gravel surfacing on Highway No. 23, from Albany to Moran, making a total of \$121,760.28 State aid allotted to this Highway. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Shackelford County be granted a total of \$75,600.00 Federal aid and \$25,200 State aid to F.A.R. No. 6, on Highway No. 1-A, from Albany to Stephens County line, making a total of \$100,800.00 aid (including the present allotment of \$24,400.71 Federal aid) allotted to this project to be used for purpose of constructing the grading, drainage structures, base and bituminous toping on this project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Shackelford County be granted \$113,400 Federal aid and \$47,900.00 State aid or a total of \$161,300 aid (including the \$21,501.63 Federal aid now apportioned) allotted to Highway No. 1-A, from Albany, west 12.6 miles to be used for purpose of constructing the grading, drainage structures, base and bituminous toping on this section of Highway No. 1-A. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that action upon the application of Stephens County for \$175,000.00 State aid on Highway No. 67, from Rockbridge to Young County line, be postponed pending investigation. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Taylor County be granted \$2,630.00 additional State aid, not to exceed 50% of the overrun of \$5272.00 on F.A.R. 102, Highway No. 7, and as shown by the final estimate. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Val Verde County be granted \$40,701.00 Federal aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading, drainage structures and gravel surfacing on 8.3 miles of Highway No. 41, from the Poyas County line to connection with Highway No. 20. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Ward County be granted \$1,593.07 additional Federal aid and \$1,593.03 additional State aid to F.A.R. 596, Texas River Bridge on Highway No. 1, making a total of \$7974.32 Federal aid and \$7974.33 State aid allotted to Ward County to this bridge. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that Willis County be granted \$70,000.00 State aid, not to exceed 50% of cost of grading, drainage structures and gravel surfacing on Highway No. 95, from Taylor south to Travis County line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that this Commission concur in the expression of the former Commission, that the contracts of Wilson County should go to the lowest bidders on this work, with the understanding that the Commissioners' Court of Wilson County will meet, and make notice on their records, and determine for themselves that after re-considering this matter they find that they have been misled as to the responsibility of the contractors and that they now desire to give the contract to the lowest bidders, subject to the engineers' investigation in details of plans. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that action upon the application of Panola County to redesignate Highway No. 6, between Marshall and Carthage via Grand Bluff Bridge, instead of the present designation via Colless Ferry Bridge and Redville, be postponed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the application of Panola County to definitely locate Highway No. 8 between Carthage and the Shelby County line via Woods Post Office, be not granted. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that the application of Richita County to designate Highway No. 25 from Jacksboro to Wichita Falls via Windthorst, be not granted. Motion carried. ✓

Motion by Mr. Burkett, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the road via Hobbsville, and Wheeler to the Texas-Oklahoma State line be designated as a State Highway to be known as Highway No. 33 A. Motion carried. ✓

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that the following roads be designated as State Highways only and upon the condition that they will be located along the lines as approved by the engineers of this Department, and that they will not be taken over for maintenance by this Department until the counties through which they pass have placed same in first class condition.

(a) Highway No. 101 from Snyder in Scurry County via Duan to Colorado in Mitchell County. ✓

(b) Highway No. 23-A, from Cross Plains in Cullahan County via Patnam to connection with Highway 23 at or near Moran in Shackelford County. ✓

(c) Highway No. 102 from Claude in Armstrong County to Panhandle in Carson County. ✓

(d) Highway No. 85, from Eagle Pass in Maverick County to Del Rio in Val Verde County. ✓

(e) Highway No. 103 from Lufkin in Angelina County via Kennard and Crockett to Centerville in Leon County. ✓

Motion by Mr. Lanham, seconded by Mr. Burkett, that all bids for contracts over State be tabulated and sent to this office, where the State Highway Commission will meet and sit with County Commissioners' Court and discuss bids and awards of contracts; that all contracts be awarded at this office, after receiving Division Engineers' reports. Also, that all counties with contracts pending be notified of this action and be invited to bring said bids to Austin, where contracts will be let. Motion carried.

Alternate Bids: It was decided that many alternate bids asked for are unnecessary, and that it is possible to decide on type before bids are taken. If two types are called for, it should be understood that the lowest price will be the one accepted.

It was suggested by Mr. Lanham that the Commission get prices on material - asphalt, aggregates etc - and let the county have the advantage of prices secured, deducting said prices from Contractors' estimates, and take away this risk. It was decided that each Commissioner see what prices he can obtain on different materials and report to this office.