

Minutes of the Seventy-Ninth and Special 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. Lanham, that M. M. Robinson and Neyland-Smith, now having contracts in several counties, be notified to appear before the Highway Commission on August 10 and give reasons why their contracts should not be cancelled for failure to live up to the terms of their contracts; also notifying the County Judges of Val Verde County, Uvalde County, Webb County, Frio County and LaSalle County of this action. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lanham, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Section Foreman, D. L. Kennon in Grayson County, be notified of his dismissal from service, to become effective August 1. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lanham, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that Smith County be granted aid on a seven mile, and also a five mile stretch in that county on a 50-50 basis. Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Burkett, the sum of \$5,390.78 is allowed Coleman County, less Federal Aid yet due, with the provision that the State shall complete the F. A. P. 371 and make same acceptable to the Federal Department and when the Federal Aid is paid in, then the Federal Aid so paid shall be allotted to Coleman County.

On motion of Commissioner Burkett the sum of \$5,000.00 was allowed McGulloch County on Job 160-C, F. A. P. 419, on overruns, as recommended by Joe Gresham Division Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Burkett, Tom Green County was allowed \$90,000.00, available in 1926, Irion County was allotted \$340,000.00, available one half in 1926 and one half in 1927, and Reagan County was allotted the sum of \$310,000.00, one half available in 1926, and one half in 1927, conditioned that the said counties provide equal amounts for expenditure upon State Highway No. 99.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that the old designation made in April of highway from Mt. Enterprise to Timpson via Concord and Caledonia be re-designated, and the new designation made on July 13 be cancelled for the time being. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that change be made in designation from Lampasas to Briggs so as to eliminate sharp curves, a steep hill, and which will shorten the route about 400 yards. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett seconded by Commissioner that the following designations and allotments be granted:

Designating Highway No. 60 from East Bernard in Wharton County to Wallis, in Austin County, a distance of eight miles, with the understanding that there will be no expense to the State until January 1926. Counties traversed will file maps with the Highway Commission.

(2) Designating No. 3-C running from Fayette County line through Austin County, via Industry, Nelsonville, and Bellville, on to the city of Hempstead intersecting No. 20 and connecting Highway No. 6 at Hempstead. Maintenance of said designation is to be the same per mile basis as designated highways now being maintained in Austin County. Aid in the sum of \$150,000.00 was granted for said Highway No. 3-C, as above designated, available one year from this date.

(3) Designating highway from Smithville in Bastrop County through Cistern on to Flatonia intersecting Highway No. 3 at Flatonia on through Moulton, Shiner and terminating at Yoakum. The counties traversed by this designation are to put into shape for maintenance by the state all roads beginning January 1926. No expense to the State until January 1926. Fayette, Lavaca and Bastrop Counties are to file with the Highway Commission maps showing said designation.

(4) Aid on Highway No. 73 from Fayetteville in Fayette County to Austin County line, a distance of 7-7/8 miles, was granted in sum of \$62,986.00, State and Federal Aid to become available after May 1, 1926.

(5) Aid on Highway No. 3-B in Lavaca County, a distance of 25.3 miles, was granted in sum of \$165,500.00, one half of which will be available in 1926, the other half to become available in 1927.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham, that Atascosa County be granted \$400,000.00 aid to match the \$400,000.00 that the county now has on hand. The County was notified to go ahead and use their money with the assurance that the Highway Department would furnish its part later. Motion carried. The money will be allotted as follows: \$90,000.00 on July 1, 1926, \$110,000.00 on March 1, 1927, and \$200,000.00 on November 1, 1927.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham that Highway No. 3 in Gonzales County be topped, the cost to be approximately \$125,000.00. The County is to pay the first \$65,000.00 of this amount, and will be reimbursed by the Highway Commission after the first of March 1926, and the Highway Commission to pay the other \$65,000.00 upon completion of the work. Bids will be advertised for at an early date. Motion passed.

The awarding of the Fort Bend County contract will be held up until the next meeting on August 10th for a report of the County Judge.

The road which runs from Taylor in Williamson County to Elgin was designated a State Highway. This road was designated some time ago, but failed to be put into the minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, that road beginning at Mahl on Highway No. 26, 13 miles north of Nacogdoches in Nacogdoches County, then to Cushing, thence to Sacul, thence to the Cherokee County line be designated. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, that Jasper County be granted aid amounting to \$60,000.00 on gravel construction work on 12 1/2 miles on Highway No. 62 between the town of Buna and the Newton County line. The entire cost of construction is estimated at \$100,000.00, and Jasper County will furnish \$40,000.00.

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J. G. George Construction Co., Mt. Pleasant, Texas, was awarded the contracts for Orange and Jefferson Counties as follows:

Orange County	\$16,550.00
Jefferson County	33,150.00

Hardeman County was granted aid to the amount of \$600,000.00, to become available as follows:

\$100,000.00	in 1926
\$250,000.00	in 1927
\$250,000.00	in 1928

to be expended on Highway #5 from the Wilbarger County line to the Childress County line, a distance of 32 miles. The County is to furnish \$600,000.00, or one half of the cost of the project.

Kent County was granted \$15,000.00 aid on bridge on Highway 84 from Dayton to Stonewall County line. This money will be available in 1926.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Bickett to advise Maintenance Engineer Cox to notify all Division Engineers to stop all surface treatment on August 1.