

June 1st, 1926.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

Hal Moseley, Chairman
John M. Cage, Member

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the State Highway Engineer through the Maintenance Department make necessary changes on the highway from Brownwood, Brown County, to Carbon, by way of Rising Star, Eastland County, with money to be spent on that portion of the highway from Brownwood to Rising Star as per recommendation of the Division Engineer of June 1st. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to proceed with the rehabilitating of the roads in Coleman County, preparing such plans and specifications as may be necessary for the completion of the first stage of this improvement on Highway No. 23 from Coleman to the Callahan County line, a distance of approximately twentyfour miles, and that same be advertised at the earliest possible date; and that when that section is completed that the Engineer be instructed to carry on the work on the rest of the highways in Coleman County which approximate some sixty miles including the twentyfour miles above referred to. The plan contemplated is that eventually all of the roads in this county will be reconstructed in satisfactory manner. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Highway Engineer be instructed to take up with the Federal Bureau the matter of placing Highway No. 23, between Albany, Shackelford County, and Cisco, Eastland County, on the Federal System; that this is an important matter and that early action be earnestly requested. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the contract in Liberty County on 13.8 miles of concrete pavement on Highway No. 3, F.A.P. 352, be awarded to the low bidder, Hanson & Pearce, Oklahoma, for \$323,048.79. This award being recommended by the Commissioners' Court of Liberty County, and the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, contract on S.A.P. 652, Unit 1 grading and bridges, on 11.5 miles on Highway No. 29, Williamson County be awarded to the low bidder, Armstrong and Armstrong, of San Antonio, Texas, for \$66,400.26; and further that \$4,200.00 additional aid be granted on this project; this award and aid being made on the condition that Williamson County furnish \$26,627.98 as its portion of the cost of the project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, the bid of the Hanson & Pearce Construction Company for concrete pavement on 1700 ft. gap in Jefferson County on Highway No. 3, F.A.P. 312-C, Unit 2, be accepted and contract awarded, for \$8,358.24. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer the low bid of J. P. Foty, Wichita Falls Texas, for \$197,598.96, be accepted on the concrete type, this work consisting of five miles of grading, drainage structures and concrete pavement on Highway No. 6, Galveston County, F. A. P. 466-G, and contract awarded. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, contract on F.A.P. 52-C, Unit 2, Callahan County, Highway No. 1, be awarded to the low bidder, McClung Construction Company, for \$10,517.79. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the Highway Engineer, contract on F.A.P. 498, Unit 1, Nolan County, consisting of 9 miles grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 7, be awarded to W. E. Burke, Eastland, Texas, low bidder, for \$18,263.42. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract for bridge on Highway No. 43, over the Trinity River, Anderson and Freestone Counties, be awarded to the Austin Bridge Company, for \$150,128.35. This award subject to the placing of all county funds in escrow. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on S.A.P. 655, Highway No. 43-A, Anderson and Cherokee Counties, be awarded to Thomas & Ratliff, low bidder, for drag line grading and bridging, for \$49,139.60. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 500-A, Jasper County, which consists of 12.4 miles of gravel and shell surfacing on Highway No. 62, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that all bids received for removing burned hull timber ship in Neches River be rejected. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the time for the acceptance of the Pecan Belt Highway, beginning at Comanche, through Mills, San Saba, Llano and Gillespie Counties, for maintenance by the State Highway Department, be extended to January 1, 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 502-Unit 1, 15 miles grading and bridging, on Highway No. 7, Lubbock County. Motion carried.

The Commission authorized the expenditure of \$42,100.00 in Division No. 17 to repair flood damages. This work recommended by the State Highway Engineer, that it be done at the least possible expense.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that \$33,000.00 Federal Aid be allotted for grading and bridges on Highway No. 10, Comanche County, and that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that \$17,473.70 Federal Aid be allotted to Ellis County On Highway No. 14, from Dallas County line to town of Ferris. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that \$10,000.00 State Aid and \$30,000.00 Federal Aid be allowed Young County, supplementing \$20,000.00 furnished by Young County, for use on Highway No. 24, from Graham to the Jack County line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the request of Williamson County for \$14,177.13 on Highway No. 2-B, from Hutto to Round Rock, be not granted and that the county be requested to comply with their contract with the Highway Department dated July 18, 1924, in which agreement Williamson County obligated itself to provide one third of the cost of this road. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that:

WHEREAS, the 37th Session of the Legislature designated the highway from the Louisiana State line on State Highway No. 3, and traversing the same to Orange, Houston, Fort Bend, and St. Bernard, thence over No. 12 to Victoria and Goliad, thence over No. 3-B to Beeville, thence over No. 9 to Karnes City, Floresville and Del Rio, thence over No. 1 to El Paso, from Beeville to Gregory over No. 9, thence to Brownsville to

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No. 12 as the Jefferson Davis National Highway;

THEREFORE, the present State Highway Commission does hereby recognize the same as such. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Washington County be granted \$300,000.00 aid for the construction of 18.3 miles of pavement on highway No. 36 from the Burleson County line to the Austin County line; that the work be so financed that no State aid is to be applied until 1927; that other types of pavement in addition to concrete be included in the plans. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to write the officials of Liberty County, with reference to resurfacing 5.2 miles on Highway No. 61, Liberty County, that while the Commission realizes the importance of this highway, it will be impossible to properly improve it at this time, that the Commission will be glad to consider plans for its improvements at some future date during 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications and estimates for the construction of that part of State Highway No. 22 in Navarro County from Corsicana to the State Orphans Home, for the consideration of the Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that action on the matter of Highway No. 21, from Caldwell to Giddings, in Lee and Burleson be deferred until July 1st. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates on Highway No. 35, across Montgomery County, for the further consideration of the Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Webb County be granted \$131,000.00 aid with as much Federal Aid as is applicable, and that an agreement be entered into with the County providing that no State Aid be used until 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates on the Neches River Bridge, on Highway No. 43, between Cherokee and Anderson for the further consideration of the Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to request for aid on extension of Highway No. 55 in Dimmit County that as this road is not yet designated, the Commission cannot grant this aid, but will give this matter further consideration after said designation has been acted upon. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Dimmit County request for \$260,000.00 aid for bituminous topping of Highway No. 85 be deferred for future consideration of the Commission after Maverick County has completed the gravel surfacing of this highway in that county. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that action be deferred on the Fayette County's request for \$59,739.25 aid on 8 miles on Highway No. 44 from Road District No. 2 to the Lee County line, until the question of the availability of county funds is settled. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that action be deferred on the request of Fayette County for \$60,700.00 aid on 7½ miles of Highway No. 44 until the question of availability of county funds is settled. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the request of Frio County for \$90,000.00 aid on 14.56 miles on Highway No. 85 from Dilley to the Dimmit County line be deferred until Maverick County has completed its portion of this highway. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Commissioners' Court of Houston County be requested to submit plans and specifications and manner in which the proposed improvement is to be made on the Crockett-Lufkin road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to notify Houston County that it will be impossible for the Highway Commission to grant the \$22,352.22 aid requested on Highway No. 21, known as the Old San Antonio Road, until the road district bond question is cleared up. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates on bridge over the Trinity River between Houston and Madison Counties and submit same to the Highway Commission for further consideration. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Kent County be granted \$200,000.00 State aid, this aid to be granted on the condition that the county will finance the projects until January 1, 1927, at which time the aid will become available. Motion carried.

The matter of the \$584,000.00 aid requested by Limestone County in the Mexia Road Districts on Highways No. 7 and No. 14 was referred to the Division Engineer for his recommendation, considering the whole county in the scheme. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to notify the interested parties that no aid can be granted on the road from Cooledge to the Hill County line until designation has been made, and that the consideration of designations will not be had until July 1st. Limestone County. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans on Highway No. 17 from Sweetwater to the Fisher County line, in Nolan County, in order that aid can be worked out at some future date. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to write to the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, with reference to the four applications for aid for concrete pavement on highways leading out of Carthage, that the county make new applications on a less expensive type of pavement. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Panola County be granted \$8,402.99 State aid on 4.11 miles grading and bridges on Highway No. 43, from Panola County line to Tatum, and that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to write Smith County requesting that the county provide some portion for the cost of constructing Highway No. 64 from Tyler to Rusk, and on No. 31 from Tyler to Henderson, and to resubmit applications for aid. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to advise Webb County with reference to proposed aid on proposed extension of Highway No. 55 in that county, that no aid can be granted until designation has been made, and no action will be taken at this time on designations. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to advise Zavalla County, with reference to requested aid on proposed extension of Highway No. 55 in that county, that no aid will be granted until designation has been passed on, and no action will be taken at this time on designations. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to take up with Freestone County the proposition of graveling of Highway No. 32, between Fairfield and Dew, being a maintenance matter, and obtain from Freestone County further information for the consideration of the Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Equipment Engineer be authorized to purchase, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a second hand grader requested by Division No. 8. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Equipment Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids for truck for maintenance for Division No. 14, if no truck can be provided from the equipment on hand in the Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Claim C of \$2,760.00 of Cocke & Turner in Camp County be not allowed. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the claim of Knox County for \$1,385.20 for maintenance be not allowed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Equipment Engineer be authorized to handle the purchasing, through the Board of Control, of a Caterpillar tractor, price \$5500.00 from Holland Page. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Equipment Engineer be authorized to purchase, through the Board of Control, one Austin Western Mammoth Grader, price \$475.00, for Division No. 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Equipment Engineer be authorized to purchase through the Board of Control one 8-ft. grader with engine hitch, for Division No. 6. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to complete plans and advertise for bids on Highway No. 1 in Parker County, from Weatherford to the Palo Pinto County line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the following resolution be entered into the minutes:

WHEREAS the designation of Highway No. 107 from New Castle, in Young County, to Aspermont in Stonewall County, by way of Throckmorton, in Throckmorton County, and Haskell and Rule in Haskell County and Old Glory in Stonewall County, was made by a former Highway Commission in March 1925; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of said meeting are missing but that correspondence in the files of the Department shows that such designation was made subject to the "condition that the road be placed in proper condition, acceptable to the Division Engineer, and will not be taken over for maintenance by the Highway Department until this condition has been met."

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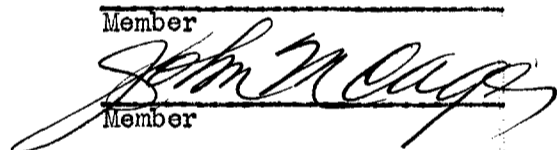
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission recognize such designation and as soon as the conditions have been complied with that the road be placed on the map as a part of the designated system.

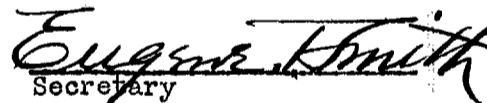
Motion carried.

APPROVED:


STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER


Chairman

Member

Member


Secretary