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Minutes of the Ninety-Fourth Regular 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 a balance of old allotments to Bowie County, amounting to approximately \$29,700.00, be utilized for the completion of the 1.17 miles on Highway No. 47, south of Texarkana on Aikin Creek, F.A.P. 475-A. This concrete paving contemplated is not to be done until the embankment has thoroughly settled. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, contract on Job 12-B, S.A.P. 564, 0.8 miles on Highway No. 30 from Seymour to Haskell, Baylor County, be awarded to the Womack Construction Company, for \$21,825.59. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on Job 12-C, F.A.P. 452-A, Highway No. 30, Baylor County, be awarded to the Womack Construction Company for \$148,695.60, subject to conditions contained in their letter in which it is stated the county is to receive the benefit of any reduction in gravel prices. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on Job 12-E, F.A.P. 455-A, Highway No. 24, Baylor County, be awarded to the Womack Construction Company, low bidder, provided that should there be any reduction in the royalty on gravel that the county is to receive full benefit for such reduction in royalty. The County has agreed that no State Aid is to be paid on these projects in Baylor County until January 1, 1927. Amount of contract \$183,962.03. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that subject to the inspection and approval of the Division Engineer, a highway be designated beginning at Crowell, in Foard County, on into Hardeman County, into the town of Quanah and to the Red River north of Quanah, this being an extension of Highway No. 31, and further that aid be granted to the extent of \$6,000.00 to match a like amount furnished by the counties. This action is being taken at this time for the reason that the counties only have until September 1st to exercise option for the purchase of bridge over Pease River, which would cost \$50,000.00. Hardeman and Foard Counties have heretofore put \$12,000.00 into this bridge; the allotment now being made being one fourth of the original cost. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Wharton County be granted two thirds aid for the construction of Highway No. 12 from Hungerford in Wharton County to the Jackson County line, and on Highway No. 60 from Hungerford to the San Bernard River just west of Wallis, and that the Engineer be instructed to prepare such plans as may be necessary for starting these projects at the earliest possible date. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Comanche County be granted additional aid, which together with federal aid previously granted of \$33,000.00 and the county's money, will be sufficient for the construction of the grading and drainage structures on twenty six miles on Highway No. 10, with the exception of bridge across the Leon River; whatever portion of State aid that may be necessary will be available January 1, 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids on that portion of Highway No. 6 south of the town of Waxahachie between Waxahachie and Forreston, Ellis County, Motion carried. F.A.P. 487-E.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer request Ellis County to submit estimates and proposition to take out the crooks in Highway No. 68 for the further consideration of the Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that State and Federal Aid be granted on Highway No. 41 to the extent of \$190,000.00 (no State funds to be available until January 1, 1927) to match the \$100,000.00 to be furnished by Captain Chas. Schreiner for the construction of this highway across Real and Kerr Counties. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Brewster County be granted \$32,766.62 additional aid for the completion of F.A.P. 378-E. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to notify Senator Floyd that Highway No. 5 has been designated from Avery through Annona to Clarksville, in Red River County, by the action of the Commission some time ago, and that plans have been prepared for that portion from Avery to Annona, but that until finances can be determined, the State cannot build this portion; however, this matter will remain as a project to be taken up at the earliest moment that funds are available, and that further the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans on that portion of the road from Annona to Clarksville. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Highway Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids on additional projects in Trinity County with the understanding with the Commissioners' Court that no State aid will be available until January 1, 1927, and that such projects as can be financed and carried on until that time be submitted for bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Commission approve the award of contracts as made by the Commissioners' Court of Trinity County on S.A.P. 677-A, grading and bridging on Highway No. 94 to J. S. Moore & Son, Lufkin, Texas, low bidder, for \$84,019.93 on regular bid. This award recommended by the Division Engineer and the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, in which Mr. P. H. Everett Federal Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads concurred, contract on F.A.P. 440-D, Unit 11, bituminous topping on eight miles of Highway No. 81, Gonzales County, was awarded to John W. Goodrum, in amount of \$128,711.87, on Alternate B, consisting of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bituminous macadam on sledge stone base. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract be awarded to W. L. Pearson, low bidder, in amount of \$92,406.75, on F.A.P. 424-C, Unit 11, rock asphalt on macadam base on 5.61 miles Highway No. 12-A, Jim Wells County; this award being recommended by the State Highway Engineer and concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract be awarded to W. L. Pearson, low bidder, on F. A. P. 429-E, Unit 11, Jim Wells County, on 14.299 miles on Highway No. 12, in amount of \$173,738.81, type, rock asphalt on macadam base. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract be awarded to W. L. Pearson, low bidder, in amount of \$223,870.76, on F.A.P. 429-F, Unit 11, rock asphalt on macadam base on 13.696 miles Highway No. 12, Jim Wells County. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on F.A.P. 429-G, Unit 11, rock asphalt topping on macadam base, on 16.098 miles Highway No. 12, Jim Wells County, be awarded to W. L. Pearson, low bidder, for \$254,308.19. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on F.A.P. 429-H, Unit 11, rock asphalt topping on macadam base, on 14.417 miles Highway No. 12, Jim Wells County, be awarded to the low bidder, W. L. Pearson, for \$242,435.35. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, Madison and Grimes Counties be transferred from Division No. 12 to Division No. 17, as these counties are more accessible to the Division Engineer of that Division in the maintenance of highways. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Limestone County be granted aid not to exceed two thirds for the reconstruction of highways No. 7 and No. 14 in the Mexia Road District, the roads to be 18 feet wide, and of types approved by this department. This allotment is made with the understanding that no State Aid will be available until January 1, 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that order be given for the construction of bridge over Brushy Creek on Highway No. 43 in Milam County, not to exceed \$10,000.00 in cost, to be placed on permanent location of said highway No. 43. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, that the Department accept the tender of \$24,500.00 for the reconstruction of Highway No. 71, Travis County, and that the Engineer be instructed to work out such plans with the county with the use of maintenance funds looking to the rehabilitating of this road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to the request for aid on the road connecting Highway No. 5 at Detroit and Highway No. 49 at Rugby, a distance of 8.9 miles in Red River County the Engineer be instructed to write the interested parties that this road has not yet been designated, and therefore the request for aid cannot be considered until such designation is made, and that consideration will be given to designations on or about July 1st. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Commissioners' Court of Fannin County be notified that at this time the Commission will be unable to grant their request for \$110,000.00 aid for concrete pavement on Highway No. 5 from Bonham east, but that same will be given consideration at some future date. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Shelby County be granted \$22,254.04 Federal Aid, including \$14,518.74 heretofore allotted, and that \$9,700.00 State aid be granted on Highway No. 35, from Bobo to Timpson, with the understanding that no part will be paid until 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Highway Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids on project between Timpson and Bobo on Highway No. 35, Shelby County. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that \$5,000.00 Federal Aid be granted to Shelby County for the construction of an underpass and approaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Hall County be allotted \$10,079.04 on Job 197-D, S.A.P. 572, available in 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer the Commission ordered the bridge over Cibolo Creek on Highway No. 81, in Wilson County, repaired at a cost of \$1,800.00. Motion carried.

The Engineer was instructed to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 442-A Highway No. 58, Brazoria County.

The request of Kent County to advertise for bids will be granted as soon as the Federal Bureau has determined if this highway No. 84 can be placed on the Federal System.

The Commission authorized the Equipment Engineer to purchase through the Board of Control and subject to his inspection and approval, equipment amounting to \$4,175.00.

The Commission authorized the Equipment Engineer to purchase through the Board of Control graders for use in Division No. 14.

The Commission authorized the expenditure of \$9,200.00 in Division No. 4, Castro, Swisher, and Parmer Counties, to repair damage caused by flood. The Division Engineer is to be instructed to not expend any more of this amount than is absolutely necessary.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Highway No. 9 through the town of Kress, in Swisher County, be retained on the west side to the point at the crossing on Main street north of the depot; to continue on the east side and follow the railroad to present crossing on the north and continue on the present location. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Secretary be instructed to write the Texas Road Marking System for a report on all signs erected; and also, instructing the Highway Engineer to ask for a report from each Division Engineer as to how many signs have been erected by this company in each Division. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 477-C & D, Unit 11, Jones County.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that additional aid amounting to \$3,000.00 be granted to Sabine County, Highway No. 21, to the St. Augustine County line, to take care of a portion of the overrun amounting to \$5,849.39. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract be awarded to the Austin Bridge Company, amounting to \$3,494.00, work consisting of the construction of a creosoted timber trestle, 90 feet long, on Highway No. 85, near Carrizo Springs, in Dimmit County, and a double 5x5 concrete box on Highway No. 85 near Dilley in Frio County. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the following resolution be entered into the Minutes of this meeting:

WHEREAS, it is proposed to construct an interstate bridge free of all tolls across the Red River on Highway No. 30 connecting Wichita County, Texas, and Cotton County, Oklahoma, same being Federal Aid Project No. 491, and

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WHEREAS, it is proposed to finance this project with \$61,070.24 Federal Aid from the apportionment of Federal Aid to Texas, \$61,070.24 Federal Aid from the apportionment of Federal Aid to Oklahoma, \$61,070.24 from Texas State Aid funds, and \$61,070.24 from funds furnished by Wichita County, and

WHEREAS, it has been declared illegal for the State of Texas to disburse any State funds for construction outside the boundary of Texas, and as there is some question, as to the legality of receiving Federal Aid and disbursing said Federal Aid out of the State Highway fund, and

WHEREAS, the County of Wichita is limited by special legislature enactment as to its share of funds, same not to exceed 25 per cent of the cost of the afore said project, and

WHEREAS, approximately only 311.74 feet of this bridge estimated to cost \$33,000.00 is in Texas, and approximately 2710 feet estimated to cost \$231,280.96 is in Oklahoma, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order that this be financed as contemplated, that the Secretary of Agriculture be requested to insert a section under Article lll of the proposed project agreement to read as follows:

"Of the \$132,140.48 Federal Funds approved and set aside to the credit of this project, \$200.00 shall be paid on vouchers submitted by the State Highway Department of Texas, and shall be charged against the Federal funds apportioned to the State of Texas, and \$131,940.48 shall be paid on vouchers submitted by the State Highway Department of Oklahoma, of which amount \$61,070.24 shall be charged against the Federal funds apportioned to the State of Texas, and \$61,070.24 shall be charged against the Federal Funds apportioned to the State of Oklahoma, and furthermore that a copy of this resolution, if deemed necessary and expedient, be made a part of the project agreement for Federal Aid Project No. 491, and that such certificate as the Secretary of Agriculture and U. S. B. P. R. may later desire be executed acknowledging receipt of such funds as may be paid on afore mentioned Federal Aid Project No. 491 chargeable to the apportionment of Federal Aid to Texas.

APPROVED:

A. C. Hefave
State Highway Engineer.

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Chairman
John N. Capps
Member

Eugene T. Smith
Secretary