

July 26th, 1926.

Minutes of the Ninety-Sixth 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

The following motion was offered by Mr. Cage, and duly carried; In the designation of a highway from Panhandle, in Carson County, thru Plemans in Hutchinson County, to Spearman in Hansford County, a portion of said designation from 6666 ranch to the Canadian River was inadvertently omitted. The intention of the Commission was to designate from Panhandle to Spearman, subject to the conditions as set forth in the minutes of July 13, 1926, page 170.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract for the reconstruction of bridge on Highway No. 20, in Travis County, be awarded to low bidder, John F. Buckner, at \$5,403.85. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contracts on grading and bridge on Highway No. 19 north of Huntsville in Walker County, be awarded to Reynolds & Sutton, low bidder, at \$6,221.54, on unit 1, covering the grading; and to Thomas & Ratliff, low bidder, at \$18,506.45 on Unit 11, these contracts awarded with the understanding that Walker County is to finance these projects until January 1, 1927, and on the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract for grading and bridges on Highway No. 90, Grimes County, be awarded to the low bidder, Johnson Bros., at \$64,127.32, provided the county will finance same until 1927. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the list of equipment as prepared by Mr. Estes, Equipment Engineer, and submitted to the Commission under date of June 14, 1926, be declared unserviceable and offered for sale. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on 6.1 miles bituminous surfacing of Highway No. 5 in Bowie County be awarded to C. W. Burgess, low bidder, at \$9,594.61, as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the low bid of D. R. Collins for painting of steel bridges in Guadalupe County over Geronimo, Mill and Darse Creeks, at \$675.00 be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the bid of W.A. Sedwick for wire mesh guard fence be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Chief Clerk be authorized to purchase safe in accordance with lowest bid which has been received. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for bids on grading and bridges, S.A.P. 610-C, Unit 1, Grimes County, Highway No. 90, with the understanding that the county will finance all work during 1926.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to write the interested parties with reference to requested aid on proposed designation beginning at intersection with Highway No. 2 to intersection with Highway No. 2-B, Travis County, that no aid can be granted until the designation has been made.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the action of the State Highway Engineer in advertising F.A.P. 427, Unit 11, on the Round Rock-Hutto road, Williamson County, be approved. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to write the interested parties with reference to the request of Denton County for aid for the bituminous surfacing on six miles from Clear Creek to Albany that the Commission will be glad to consider this work for the 1927 program, but nothing can be done at the present time.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to write the interested parties with reference to the request for aid for the bituminous surfacing of Highway No. 41 from Lufkin south fifteen miles, Angelina County, estimated cost \$25,594.00, that the Commission is unable to finance this project at this time.

With reference to the request for aid on Highway No. 21, Lee and Burleson Counties, from Caldwell to Giddings, the Maintenance Engineer was instructed to advise the county officials that this work can not be done at this time. This action recommended by the State Highway Engineer.

With reference to the request for aid on four highways leading out of Carthage, Panola County, the Highway Engineer was instructed to advise the county officials that this work cannot be undertaken at this time.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer the offer of Grimes County be accepted, this offer being that Grimes County will aid in the improvement of the Navasota River bottom to the extent of \$5,000.00, and that the Maintenance Engineer be instructed to match this with a like amount. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the previous allotment amounting to \$14,890.82 on F.A.P. 55-A and of \$4,417.07 on F.A.P. 333-A, Camp County, be made retroactive. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Equipment Engineer be authorized to make the purchase of two extra Ford Truck motors. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer the salary of C. J. Franke, Division Clerk, Division No. 13, be increased to \$135.00 per month. Motion carried.

With reference to the surface treating of Highway No. 65, Upshur County, motion made and carried that the Maintenance Engineer be informed that this work cannot be undertaken at this time.

With reference to the improvement of F.A.P. 324-D, 5.4 miles grading and structures on Highway No. 3, Terrell County, estimated cost \$68,777.00, upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, the Commission stated it would be unable to undertake this improvement at this time.

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for bids for the grading, bridges and re-graveling of Highway No. 71, Travis County.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to the request for \$15,000.00 aid for paving one mile of Highway No. 60 from F.A.P. 428 to connect with city limits of Bay City, that the State Highway Engineer be instructed to write the interested parties in Matagorda County that no state aid will be available this year, but that \$3,000.00 can be allotted as Federal Aid, and if desired the Commission will be glad to ask the Federal Bureau to participate to this amount. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that San Jacinto County be granted \$226,808.83 State aid, not to exceed 50% of the cost for the construction of all of Highway No. 45 within the limits of San Jacinto County, none of this money to be available during 1926. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Grimes County be granted \$300,236.94 aid, or not to exceed 50% of the cost of construction upon 34.9 miles on Highway No. 90 from the Brazos County line through Navasota to the Madison County line, this aid to be available \$127,950.00 in 1927 and \$172,286.94 in 1928, as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Moseley, seconded by Mr. Cage, that Real County be granted additional aid amounting to \$357.88 on S.A.P. 500, same to be paid to contractor on work as soon as said contractor has submitted affidavit that this money is due and unpaid. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to the request of Nueces County for \$36,057.00 state and federal aid on Highway No. 16 from F.A.P. 341 to Corpus Christi, 1.59 miles in length, and also the request for change in location to Agnes street, that the Highway Engineer be instructed to write the interested parties that the Highway Department will be unable to undertake this work at this time unless the county can contribute a substantial amount. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that, as a road was designated from La Pryor to an intersection with Cactus in Webb County, in Webb, Dimmit and Zavalla Counties in March 16, 1925, on condition that bonds be voted, on the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, this road be not taken over until these conditions as set forth in the minutes of March 16, 1925 be complied with and that the officials of the counties be so informed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the following designation which appears on the minutes of the Commission meeting of September 5, 1918, but which does not show on the highway map, known as the Mexican Border Highway, be cancelled, upon the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer: beginning at El Paso, El Paso County, thence along Highway No. 1 to a point one mile east of Ysleta; thence to Socorro; thence to San Elizario; thence across the Rio Grande to the center of the island to a point on the Mexican border connecting with the Chihuahua and Mexico City Highway. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the bid of C. H. Van Eman, low bidder, at \$42,231.02 for the construction of 9.924 miles of Highway No. 23, grading and drainage structures through Eastland County be accepted; and that the bid of the McClung Construction Company, low bidder, at \$49,156.90 for grading and the bid of Crouch & Nolan, at \$40,351.10 for the drainage structures consisting of 3.689 miles on Highway No. 23 in Eastland County, be accepted, with the understanding that the State will pay no estimates on these projects until January 1, 1927. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to the recent letting on Highway No. 1, Parker County, that all bids be rejected for the reason that the Federal Bureau refused to approve the types as advertised, and further that the Highway Engineer be instructed to prepare plans which will meet with the approval of the Federal Bureau and re-advertise for bids at the earliest possible date. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the budget as submitted by the State Highway Engineer be approved and that the Secretary be instructed to present same to the Board of Control. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Karnes and Goliad Counties be given a designation of a highway beginning at Runge, in Karnes County, and passing through Charco in Goliad County to the town of Goliad, conditioned on the two counties issuing county wide bonds for the construction of same, the allotment of aid for the construction of this designation to be 50%. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Division Engineer be instructed to take up with the Municipal Gas Company of Wichita Falls the matter of laying a gas line longitudinally paralleling Highway No. 5 as near the north right of way boundary as possible, beginning at the city limits of Wichita Falls and extending west along the highway to the city limits of Iowa Park; that the Division Engineer be instructed to permit the laying of this line if it can be done without in any way affecting the maintenance of the highway. With reference to crossing requested by this company, that same be permitted with the understanding that the crossings are to be below the ditch line, that gas main shall be laid inside of another pipe which is to be placed under the highway by borings. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the request of the Lone Star Gas Company for permission to lay a gas line attached to the caps of bridge across Red River be approved, with instructions to the Highway Engineer to prepare a contract fully protecting the State from any expense incident to the maintenance of this line or the maintenance or reconstruction of the bridge. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that that portion of State Highway No. 29 from Port Lavaca through Seadrift to Port O'Conner, Calhoun County, be placed back on the State system in as much as this portion contains F.A.P. 99 and 248 and the State is obligated to maintain same. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the designation of Highway No. 23-A from its intersection with Highway No. 23 south east corner of Callahan County, then running north, crossing Highway No. 1 to intersection with Highway No. 23, southeast corner of Shackelford County, be cancelled and the Maintenance Engineer be instructed to cease maintenance at once. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Maintenance Engineer be instructed to begin maintenance on Highway No. 107, through Young, Throckmorton and Haskell Counties. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Bureau of Public Roads be requested to place that part of Highway No. 12 from Roma, in Starr County, through Zapata, in Zapata County, to Laredo, in Webb County, on the Federal System. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the pay roll as submitted by Mr. Estes be approved and that in the future additions to this pay roll be made by written instructions by some one in authority. This action recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Highway Engineer be instructed to advertise the balance of Highway No. 12-A in Jim Wells County, using same specifications as on the other work, immediately. Motion carried.


Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the bid of Armstrong and Armstrong, San Antonio, Texas, for the construction of an addition to the bridge across Oso Creek, in Nueces County, at

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\$8,181.55 be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Fisher Alsop be appointed License Inspector in the 14th Division, at a salary of \$150.00 per month, effective at once. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


State Highway Engineer.


Chairman


Member


Secretary

Note: Owing to illness, Mr. Bickett has been unable to attend the recent meetings of the Commission, and for that reason his signature does not appear on these minutes.