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Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Meeting of the State Highway Commission held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

R. S. Sterling, Chairman,
Cone Johnson, Member,
W. R. Ely, Member,
R. A. Thompson, State Highway Engineer.

195. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the contract for asphalt surface treatment of 10.4 miles of Highway No. 19 in Fort Bend County between the Harris and Matagorda County lines be awarded to the Dexter Construction Company of Dallas, Texas for \$14,262.05 as recommended by the State Highway Engineer, sealed bids for said construction having been received and opened by the Department November 28th, 1927, and said Company being the lowest and best bidder. Motion carried.
196. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be instructed to have an estimate made of the cost of topping approximately 14 miles of Highway No. 43 in Milam County. Motion carried.
197. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the application of West Texas Utilities Company for the building of a spur across right-of-way of Highway No. 5, in Hardeman County, Station 217/50 be granted, with the understanding that said Company will comply with all the requirements of the State Highway Department and to build said line across the highway according to the specifications of the Highway Department. Motion carried.
198. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that the Minutes of the Commission of November 15, 1927, allotting aid to Kinney County for grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 3, from Brackettville to the Val Verde County line, about 19 miles, be revised to approve the increase in the preliminary estimate of the total cost of said construction from \$86,350.00 to \$128,000.00 and that 1/3 Federal Aid and 1/3 State Aid and 1/3 County Aid be allotted to cover the cost of said construction on said revised basis. Motion carried.
199. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the 50% State Aid which was allotted to Jackson County on November 14, 1927, for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 12, through said county be cancelled and in lieu thereof 25% Federal Aid and 25% State Aid be allotted. Motion carried.
200. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that State Aid in the amount of 50% of the total cost be applied on original Federal Aid Project 138 in Limestone County on Highway No. 14, said State Aid Project to begin at survey station 174 on the west side of the proposed Houston and Texas Central Railroad under-pass north of Mexia, and to extend to the present north end of the city pavement of Mexia at survey station 259/63.5. Federal Aid will be applied to said Highway No. 14, from the Freestone County line at survey station 0 to said survey station 174 as provided in the minutes of the Commission of April 25, 1927. Motion carried.
201. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$4,512.58 be allotted out of the State Highway Fund for the construction of a bridge over Manos Creek in McLennan County on Highway No. 6, between Waco and Marlin. Motion carried.

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202. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$50,000.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund for the construction of a bridge across Morgan Creek in Mitchell County between Colorado and Westbrook; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to prepare plans and advertise for bids. Motion carried.

203. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an additional allotment of \$17,000.00 be made from the State Highway Fund for resurfacing with gravel Highway No. 27, in Kerr County, from Mountain Home north to the Kimble County line, about 12 miles and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with the work with the maintenance forces. Motion carried.

204. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an additional allotment of \$20,000.00 each, be made to Division No. 1 to No. 17, inclusive, except Division No. 7, aggregating \$320,000.00 to be known as the "Contingent Budget" for each division, same to be added to the budget heretofore authorized for the fiscal year, ending August 31st, 1928; said contingent fund to be used for necessary increases in authorizations of the regular maintenance budget out of which payments will be made for general maintenance costs. Where previous budget allowances are in excess of actual cost of maintenance, such excesses will be credited to said contingent fund and carried as a revolving fund out of which other authorizations may be increased as necessity demands. Motion carried.

205. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the President of Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, be notified that the Texas State Highway Department will join with said Parish in the execution of a contract with N. J. Ward of Merryville, Louisiana, for the operation of a ferry across the Sabine River, connecting Highway No. 63, in Texas, with Highway No. 22 in Louisiana, on a basis of \$286.00 per month, 1/2 of said amount to be paid by Beauregard Parish and 1/2 to be paid from the maintenance fund of said Department; payments on said contract to date from October 5, 1927. Motion carried. Highway No. 63 is in Newton County.

206. It was moved by Commissioner Ely, seconded by Commissioner Sterling that it is the sense of the Highway Commission that owing to changes in the route of Highway No. 3 in Harris County, from the city limits of Houston, Texas to the Fort Bend County line, necessitating a routing around Houston, that Federal Aid heretofore allowed to said Highway be reduced from \$125,000.00 to \$62,500.00, and limited from the Fort Bend County line to a point at or near West Junction, to the beginning point of F.A.P. No. 512-B, and that the \$62,500.00 taken off of Highway No. 3, be re-allotted and placed on Highway No. 6, Washington County Road, section Cypress to Waller County line, to which it shall become applicable in all respects, as though contained in the original allotment, it being understood that Harris County will secure the right-of-way on Highway No. 3 from a point at or near West Junction, around the south and east portion of Houston to the intersection of Wayside Drive and Telephone Road in Houston, Texas, and that the County will finance from its own funds, the Main Street Road which was formerly a section of Highway No. 3, from Bellaire Boulevard to a point at or near West Junction to intersect with Highway No. 3 as re-routed. Motion carried.

207. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Archer City north to station 494 on State Highway No. 79, in Archer County, Job No. 5-A, F.A.P. No. 532-C, be awarded to D. H. Purvis & Son, Fort Worth, Texas, on the regular bid for \$66,385.42, same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. Guy R. Johnson, County Engineer for Archer County, and Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

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208. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from 9 miles north of Archer City to Wichita County line on State Highway No. 79, in Archer County, Job No. 5-A, F.A.P. No. 532-D, be awarded to D. H. Purvis & Son, Fort Worth, Texas, on the regular bid for \$22,077.36, same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. Guy R. Johnston, County Engineer for Archer County, and Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads, Motion carried.
209. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from New Castle to Olney on State Highway No. 24, in Young County, Job No. 252-C, F.A.P. 527-B, be awarded to D. H. Purvis & Son, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$35,325.30, same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. Guy R. Johnston, County Engineer of Young County, and Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
210. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Neches to the Neches River on State Highway No. 43, in Anderson County, Job No. 1-B, F.A.P. 453-F, be awarded to Patterson & Gage, Corsicana, Texas, for \$15,961.69, same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
211. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of concrete pavement from end of F.A.P. No. 130-A, near Elmo, west over Overpass to the existing concrete pavement on State Highway No. 15, in Kaufman County, Job No. 130-A, F.A.P. No. 130-B, Unit II, be awarded to J. A. Hunt & Company, Terrell, Texas, for \$11,464.99, same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
212. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Decatur to Sandy Creek on State Highway No. 39, in Wise County, Job No. 249-D, S.A.P. No. 753-B, be awarded to Oran Speer, Alvord, Texas, for \$30,666.51, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
213. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and gravel surface and bridge from Titus County line toward Johnstown on State Highway No. 49, in Franklin and Red River Counties, Job No. 81-B, and 194-J, S.A.P. No. 743, be awarded to Tibbetts Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$78,995.39, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
214. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for maintenance Job No. M9-J, consisting of construction of timber bridge with steel stringers over Manos Creek on State Highway No. 6, in McLennan County, be awarded to E. E. Board & Son, Cleveland, Texas, for \$4,102.33, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
215. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that Highway No. 4 be designated to extend from Hamlin in Jones County, to Anson in Jones County. Motion carried.

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216. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$3,400.00 be allotted for construction of a detour in Harris County from the Fort Bend County line east about two miles for use during the period of rebuilding the west end of Highway No. 3 in Harris County, it being understood that Fort Bend County will appropriate an equal amount for the construction of this detour and place same in escrow to be expended by the Department. Motion carried.
217. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$1,859.68 be allotted for a gravel surface on Highway No. 11, in Hunt County, from the east city limits of Commerce westwardly within the city limits, a distance of 0.3 miles, it being agreed that the city of Commerce will pave with concrete the remaining 0.3 miles of the present gap in this highway and the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the work. Motion carried.
218. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures on State Highway No. 24, in Young County, F.A.P. No. 527-A, be awarded to Oran Speer, Alvord, Texas, for \$74,776.92, same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
219. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures and paving from West Junction to Fort Bend County line on State Highway No. 3, in Harris County, F. A. P. No. 512-B, be awarded to Gibson & Mitchell, Huntsville, Texas, on the regular bid, for \$139,011.87; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
220. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from the Dimmit County line north to the Uvalde County line on State Highway No. 55, in Zavalla County, S.A.P. No. 750, be awarded to Standifer Brothers, Big Wells, Texas, for \$71,939.82; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
221. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from the Brazos River to Mill Creek on State Highway No. 73-A, in Austin County, S.A.P. No. 646, be awarded to A. A. Davis & Company, Kansas City, Missouri, for \$59,265.24 same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
222. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of concrete pile bridges on Highway No. 73-A, in Austin County, S. A. P. 646, be awarded to Davis Pace Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$34,880.60, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
223. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of crushed stone base from eight miles west of Albany to the Jones County line on State Highway No. 18, in Shackelford County S.A.P. No. 669, be awarded to the Dexter Construction Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$49,571.48, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.

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224. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Lexington to Milam County line on State Highway No. 102, S.A.P. No. 734, in Lee County be awarded to Hannah Construction Company, Waco, Texas, for \$25,058.99, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
225. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the minute of November 15, 1927, allotting Cottle County Federal Aid to the amount of 25% of the cost of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 28, between Foard County line and the Motley County line be revised to provide that said 25% aid shall be State Aid in lieu of Federal Aid. Motion carried.
226. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the minutes of the Highway Commission of November 14, 1927, allotting aid to Cherokee County on Highway No. 43 and 37 be modified to allot one-third Federal Aid and one-third State Aid in place of two-thirds State Aid. Motion carried.
227. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$7,000.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund for the construction of a 3.5 mile detour in Harris County, same to be used during the construction of F.A.P. 512-B, Highway No. 3, in Harris County, between Stafford and Old Richmond Road; provided that Harris County will furnish, at its own expense, the gravel for the construction of said detour, approximately 5475 tons. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

P. G. Thompson
State Highway Engineer.

R. S. Sterling
Chairman

Gene Johnson
Member

N. N. Ely
Member

Charles T. Tice
Secretary.