

August 20, 1918.

Minutes of the Second and Adjourned Fifteenth Regular Session of the State Highway Commission held at the Capitol pursuant to adjournment, with the following members present:

Curtis Hancock, Chairman,  
R. M. Hubbard, Commissioner of Construction,  
J. G. Fowler, Commissioner of Registration,  
George A. Duren, State Highway Engineer.

The following business was transacted:

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of GRAYSON County to more definitely designate HIGHWAY NUMBER ELEVEN between Sherman and Whitewright be granted as follows: From Sherman to Ida to Whitewright. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of GRAYSON County for State Aid on Highway Number Eleven, beginning at Ida in Grayson County; thence south east to the county line, not to exceed the sum of \$16,666.66 be granted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of GRAYSON County for Federal Aid on Highway Number Eleven, beginning at Ida; thence south east to the county line, be granted not to exceed the sum of \$20,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that Highway Number THIRTY EIGHT be more definitely designated as beginning at Wolfe City; thence to Ladonia; thence to Honey Grove; thence to Selfs; thence to Ferry Crossing, Red River. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of VAN ZANDE County for Federal Aid heretofore granted in the sum of \$40,000 on Highway Number Fifteen from county line west to county line east, be divided so as to comprise two projects. The first project shall commence at the county line east on Highway Number Fifteen, extending west to the center of the court house in the town of Canton, and the sum of \$21,275 shall be allotted out of said appropriation for said project; and the second project comprising the mileage beginning at the center of the court house square in the town of Canton and extending north west to a point six miles south of Wills Point shall be and is hereby annulled, consisting of the sum of \$18,725, and that the Federal Aid heretofore granted on Highway Number Fifteen beginning at a point six miles south of Wills Point, thence extending west to the Kaufman County line, amounting to the sum of \$26,811.25, be and the same is hereby annulled. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of VAN ZANDE County for State Aid on Highway Number Fifteen, beginning at the center of the court house square in the town of Canton; thence extending west to the Kaufman County line, be granted not to exceed the sum of \$35,435. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the applications from FREESTONE County for State and Federal Aid heretofore granted in the sum of \$25,000 Federal Aid and \$25,000 State Aid on Highway Number Thirty Two be reformed so that the appropriation for \$25,000 State Aid shall be cancelled and that the sum of \$50,000 Federal Aid be granted in lieu of \$25,000 Federal Aid, making the sum total allotted \$50,000 Federal Aid. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of FREESTONE County for State Aid on Highway Number Seven, beginning at Fairfield; and extending a distance of seven miles to the eastern boundary line of Road District Number Eight, be granted out of State Aid not to exceed the sum of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of RUNNELS County for State Aid on Highway Number Seven, beginning at the town of Ballinger and running east a distance of ten miles, be granted not to exceed the sum of \$3,743. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of RUNNELS County heretofore granted for \$12,500 on December 18, 1917, for the construction of a bridge across the Colorado River west of the town of Ballinger, be reformed so as to grant the sum of \$24,482.50 Federal Aid in lieu of the sum of \$12,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of RUNNELS County for State Aid on Highway Number Seven, beginning at the town of Ballinger; thence west for a distance of ten miles, be granted not to exceed the sum of \$14,093.25, in lieu of Federal Aid heretofore granted on December 18, 1917, in the sum of \$19,142. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the State Aid heretofore granted on December 18, 1917 to RUNNELS County for the construction of the bridge across the Colorado River, in the sum of \$6,250, be reformed so that the grant shall be the sum of \$12,000 State Aid in lieu of the \$6,250. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of VAL VERDE County for State Aid in the sum of \$9,189.56 on State Highway Number Four, beginning at Del Rio, thence north a distance of 4.9 miles, be granted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of CALDWELL County for State Aid on the four sections of Federal Aid project on Highway Number Twenty Nine from county line to county line, more specifically described in Federal Aid project, be granted, not to exceed the sum of \$28,840.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the resolution declaring Hudspeth County available for 50% allotment as follows, be adopted:

"WHEREAS, it is made to appear to the judgment of the State Highway Commission that the assessed valuation of property in the county of HUDSPETH does not warrant the construction of the section of Highway Number One passing through the county of Hudspeth, which said highway is a trunk line necessary to this State, connecting market centers of the State, and that it is necessary for the Commission to exercise its discretion in increasing its allotment for said Hudspeth County, so that the aggregate sum contributed shall not be in excess of the whole cost of ten average miles of said road in said county;

"THEREFORE, be it ordered by the Highway Commission that the discretion of the Commission is hereby exercised in the matter of Hudspeth County's application for State Aid on Highway Number one in said county, and that in making allotment for State Aid in said county the Commission shall make and is hereby authorized to make such allotment, not to exceed half the cost of constructing said Highway Number One, as provided in Amendments to State Highway Act, 1918, Chapter 71. "

Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the following resolution with reference to Hudspeth County be adopted:-

"WHEREAS the County of Hudspeth has suffered disastrous washouts in the last few weeks, destroying bridges and culverts on Highway Number One in said county; and

WHEREAS the taxable values of Hudspeth County are not sufficient to warrant the issuance of road bonds to meet the expenditures in the reconstruction of said highway; and

WHEREAS it is provided in the law that the Highway Commission may make allotments of Aid for money available in the Highway Fund not to exceed under certain conditions one half the cost of construction; and

WHEREAS there is an emergency and an imperative public necessity existing requiring this work of reconstruction on said highway to be done immediately;

THEREFORE the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed at once to assist said Hudspeth County in the preparation of plans, profiles and estimates and the necessary application for State Aid, and to supervise the construction of said highway in said county; and when said reconstruction has been completed in accordance with same, to present the estimates to this Commission, and a sufficient amount of funds not to exceed one half the cost of the construction is hereby appropriated out of the Highway Fund." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of WARD County for Federal Aid on Highway Number Seventeen from Grand Falls to Monahans heretofore made on the 12th day of October, 1917, be amended and reformed so as to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 on said project in lieu of the \$13,000 heretofore granted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of WARD County for State Aid on the section of Highway Number One beginning at a point ten miles west of the Ector County line; thence west along said highway a distance of ten miles, be granted not to exceed one half the cost of the project, and not to exceed the sum of \$15,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the following resolution be passed:-

"WHEREAS Ward County has made no provision for the construction of that portion of Highway Number One, beginning at the Reeves County line, thence east a distance of 24 miles; and

WHEREAS it is provided by law that notice by the Commission shall be given to said county;

THEREFORE, as provided by law, the Highway Engineer is hereby directed to notify the Commissioners Court of said Ward County of what is necessary to complete the above connection in said Highway." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of HAYS County for additional State Aid in the sum of \$3,894.94 be granted on Highway Number Two in said county. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of FOARD County for State Aid on 22 miles of Highway Number Twenty Eight heretofore granted in the sum of \$11,000 be reformed, and that not to exceed the sum of \$27,279.80 be granted on forty miles of said highway, beginning at the Wichita River on the south, thence to the Cottle County line on the west. Motion carried.

Mr. Hancock excused, Mr. Hubbard in the chair.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of PALO PINTO County for State Aid be granted in the sum of \$40,000 and not to exceed one half the cost of construction on that part of Highway Number One beginning at the town of Palo Pinto; thence running due west to the Stephens County line on the Northern Loop of Highway Number One; and beginning at the Metcalf Gap, thence running south west through the town of Strawn to the Eastland County line on the Southern Loop of Highway Number One; the foregoing grant of 50% being in the judgment of the Commission a necessity by reason of the fact that the assessed valuation and outstanding indebtedness in those precincts do not justify necessary expenditures, and by reason of the further fact that there exists in the opinion of the Commission an urgent necessity for construction of the two sections of Highway Number One, by reason of its serving an oil producing section necessary to increase fuel production at this time. Motion carried.

Adjournment taken until August 21st.

Curtis K. Hancock

Chairman

Attest:

Geo. A. Lucas

State Highway Engineer