

February 14, 1927.

Minutes of the One Hundred and Third Regular 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.

Ellis County requested Aid to hard surface Highways No. 6 and 34, through the Waxahachie district which includes approximately 27 miles. Action deferred until State and Federal funds are available.

A committee from Mason County asking for maintenance on Highway No. 29, from Mason in Mason County to Junction in Kimble County was advised by the Chairman of the Commission to bring this matter up before the Commission at a later date.

Representatives from Howard, Martin, Midland, Ector, Ward, Reeves, Culberson and El Paso Counties urged the need of widening Bankhead Highway No. 1, also maintenance on same as topping is wearing away, on approximately 138 miles through the above named counties.

No action taken by the Commission at this time.

Representatives from Kenedy in Karnes County requested that Highway No. 72 be changed to its original designation, which was from Yorktown in De Witt County via Nordheim and Runge to Kenedy in Karnes County instead of from Cuero to Karnes City. A request was also made for the extension of Highway No. 72 from Kenedy to Three Rivers, intersecting Highway No. 9 at that point; and a further request for the designation of a road from a point four miles east of Kenedy on Highway No. 72, running south through Charco intersecting Highway No. 12 at Goliad.

These matters were referred to the State Highway Engineer for a report.

A delegation from McCulloch County requested the extension of Highway No. 107 from the Colorado River south to Brady but this was declined by the Commission.

A further request to have Highway No 107 from Brady to Junction in Kimble County surveyed was referred to the State Highway Engineer for a report.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Young County be authorized to advertise for bids on the grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 67, S.A.P. 694, from Graham to the Stephens County line, a distance of 12.61 miles, with the understanding that the county is to finance the project until January 1, 1928, at which time, or when funds are available, the Highway Department will participate to the extent of 50% in the cost of the project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely that Brooks County be authorized to advertise for bids to pave with concrete 980 feet between Highway No. 16 and Highway No. 12 in the town of Falfurrias, the cost of which is to be borne entirely by the county. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely that Mr. J. P. Neal of Dallas, Texas, be appointed Equipment Engineer at a salary of \$3,600.00 per year, this Appointment recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

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A request from Bell County for aid to complete Highway No. 108 from Temple to Rose bud, was declined by the Commission as County had no funds to participate in the expense of same.

Willacy and Cameron Counties requested 50% State and Federal Aid on paving and completing Highways No. 96 and 100; the cost on same estimated at \$720,000.00. No action taken as the Commission is without funds at this time.

No action was taken on the following requests from Jones County:

- (1) \$2,545.00 Aid on Highway No. 18, from Shackelford County line to Stamford, a distance of 15.27 miles.
- (2) \$23,353.33 Aid on Highway No. 18, from Stamford to Haskell County line, 1.40 miles.
- (3) \$7,166.67 on Highway No. 30, from Stamford to Haskell County line, .43 miles.
- (4) \$161,333.33 Aid on Highway No. 30, from Stamford to station 509-80, a distance of 9.68 miles.
- (5) \$289,666.67 Aid on Highway No. 92, S.A.P. 606, from Hamlin to intersection with Highway No. 30, a distance of 17.38 miles.

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In Lubbock County bids were not called for on Highway No 7 on account of the injunction, and when bids were called for on Highway No. 53 only one bid was received which was rejected, and same was to be called again on the 17th. The Commission instructed Judge Nordyke, County Judge, of Lubbock County, to go ahead and receive bids as advertised for the 17th of April, 1927.

A controversy having arisen in Lubbock County as to whether the road as designated from Lubbock to Idalou shall come in on Highway No. 9 via Avenue H, or on Highway No. 53 via Broadway Street, the Commission ordered that an Engineer from the Highway Department would be sent out to make a report on the situation.

Highway No. 39 has been submerged by Lake Dallas and representatives from Denton County desire a northern route around Lake Dallas leading from Denton to McKinney, same to be designated as Highway No. 39, which will be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles shorter than the southern route via Highway No. 40, now being used. The Commission advised that an Engineer would be sent to look over the situation and decide the proper location of Highway No. 39.

Bandera County was advised that Highway No. 81 had not been canceled as was rumored.

The Commission deemed it best for Hardeman County to wait until Federal Aid is released before said county advertise for bids on grading and drainage structures on Job 100-A, Quannah east to Damsite on Highway No. 5.

Maintenance is badly needed on Highway No. 16, in Kleberg County, as stated by the representatives and they suggested that a new top be placed on this road with a curb 18" wide, but no action was taken by the Commission at this time.

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Representatives from Callahan County requested Aid to gravel 8 miles on Highway No. 23, from the Eastland County line to the Coleman County line. No action taken by the Commission at this time.

The Chairman of the Commission recommended that Walker County hold the matter in abeyance of advertising for bids on Highway No. 19, from Huntsville south to the county line, as Federal Aid could not be secured at the present time.

The County Engineer was instructed to prepare plans on the present location of Highway No. 19, from Huntsville, Walker County, to Riverside, and the proposed designation as recommended by the County Engineer, and the Department will then decide which route to adopt.

Representatives from Runge, Karnes County, requested that the present designation of Highway No. 72 remain unchanged, i. e. from Cuero in De Witt County, via Runge to intersection of Highway No. 16 at Karnes City, Karnes County, instead of from Cuero to Kenedy in Karnes County. The Commission advised that no action would be taken until all interested parties could be heard.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to see that a number be given to the Highway designated April 28, 1925, running from Fort Worth, Tarrant County, to McKinney, Collin County, a distance of 9 miles, via Grapevine and Frisco.

- (2) The Commission was also advised that no name or number has been given to the Highway from Fort Worth northwest to Jacksboro, designated March 16, 1925. No action taken by the Commission.
- (3) County would like to have allotments reinstated on project F.A.P.510, Highway No. 1 and Highway No. 10, same having been canceled several months previous.
- (4) Tarrant County desires to have bids readvertised which were previously rejected on Highway No. 10, to which the Commission advised that they could do nothing at this time.

No action was taken on the following requests from Tom Green County:

- (1) \$173,444.00 Aid on Highway No. 30, from San Angelo to Runnels County line, a distance of  $14\frac{1}{2}$  miles.
- (2) \$173,729.00 Aid on Highway No. 99, from San Angelo to the Irion County line, 16.1 miles.
- (3) \$32,838.00 Aid on Highway No. 70, from San Angelo to Coke County line, a distance of  $14\frac{3}{4}$  miles.
- (4) \$132,022.00 Aid on Highway No. 9, from Carlsbad to Coke County line, a distance of  $9\frac{3}{4}$  miles.
- (5) \$237,901.00 on Highway No. 9, from eight miles S. E. of San Angelo to Concho County line,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

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The Commission made the suggestion that Terrell County wait until Federal Aid is released before advertising for bids on Highway No. 3, section D.,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Webb County requested Aid on Highway No. 12-A, from Laredo to the Duval County line, a distance of 44.5 miles. The grading and drainage structures on 31 miles are now completed but the remaining 12 miles is not complete. No aid granted by the Commission at this time.

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Williamson and Lee County representatives desire aid on 5 miles Highway No. 102 in Williamson County, and 8½ miles on said Highway in Lee County. No action taken.

Zavalla County wants aid when available on Highway No. 55. from Uvalde in Uvalde County, to Laredo, via La Pryor, Garriso Springs, and Catarina.

In September 1926, a former Commission allotted \$37,500.00 State and Federal Aid to Panola County for paving about 2 miles of Highway No. 64 and Highway No. 8, in the city of Carthage, and the County now desires to go ahead with the work but the present Commission ruled that they did not favor the paving of the streets of Carthage, while the Highways in that County are in their present condition, but that they would get a written report from the Division Engineer with reference to the needs of said County.

Highway No. 7 in the Coolidge and Prairie Hill District, Limestone County, is reported to be badly in need of maintenance and the County has spent their bond issue and now wants five or ten thousand dollars from the State. No action taken by the Commission.

Jim Wells County desires to finance Unit 1, on approximately 9½ miles, Highway No. 12-A, running east and west through the County, if the State will later give credit when funds are available. No action taken by the Commission.

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On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely the resolution of the Highway Commission of April 7, 1925, appointing S. B. Moore, Resident Engineer of Bell County and authorizing him to employ help to carry on construction of roads in Bell County and to purchase equipment, be repealed and same held to be of no force and effect. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to advise the Division Engineer, Division No. 7, that the conditions with reference to the construction of the road in Mason County, on designation from Mason, Mason County to Rock Springs in Edwards County, having been complied with as per report of the Division Engineer, the same constitutes part of the State Highway System, and that he should take over the maintenance of said Highway.

APPROVED:

R. G. Thompson  
State Highway Engineer.

A. S. Sterling  
Chairman

Gene Johnson  
Member

W. R. Ely  
Member

Ruth Mason  
Acting Secretary.