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Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifth 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.
H. A. Thompson, State Highway Engineer.

Representatives from Archer, Young and Wichita Counties requested Federal Aid on Highway No. 79, running north and south from Wichita Falls to a connection with Highway No. 24 at Olney in Young County, to which the Commission agreed to take the matter up with the Federal Engineers.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the designation of Highway No. 24, from Graham to Olney, Young County, be postponed until the Commission can be assured that the funds will be provided to aid in the designation via New Castle. Motion carried.

Representatives from Tarrant County requested a designation from Fort Worth to Jacksboro; connecting Highway No. 34 at Fort Worth to Highway No. 25 at Jacksboro in Jack County. Request declined by the Commission.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the present Designation of Highway No. 39, from Denton in Denton County, around the south end of Lake Dallas to McKimney in Collin County, stand as it is at present.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that inasmuch as Zavalla and Dimmit Counties have complied with the conditions in the designation of the Highway from La Pryor to the connection of Highway No. 85 at Carrizo Springs, that such designation be confirmed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that a note be added to the contract on Unit No. 1, S.A.P. 713, Highway No. 117, from Panhandle in Carson County to Hutchinson County line, as follows:

"This agreement is without prejudice to Carson County to apply to the Highway Department for aid in such hard surface".

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the present designation Highway No. 88, from Spearman in Hansford County to Pampa in Gray County, connecting Highway No. 33, be canceled and that a Highway be designated from Spearman in Hansford County through Hutchinson County to Panhandle in Carson County; and that same be numbered 117.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Division Engineer be instructed to make a report, at the earliest date possible on 25 miles of Highway No. 1, from Finley in Hudspeth County to the El Paso County line.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that project for a new bridge across Brazos River, Highway No. 107, west of Rule in Haskell County, be readvertised, and if necessary, new plans be drawn.

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Representatives from Kleberg County requested maintenance and reconstruction of Highway No. 15 through Kleberg County, which matter was referred to the Engineering Department for investigation and report.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Highway Engineer is instructed to examine and report on the situation of crossing the Trinity River on Highway No. 31 in Navarro County, and report on most feasible and economical method of making said crossing passable. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Navarro County be permitted to use its funds, \$16,000.00 for building drainage structures and grading on Highway No. 22, from City limits of Corsicana to Orphans' Home.

Representatives from Dallas County stated that there is a gap of 1,900 feet on Highway No. 15, between Mesquite and North Mesquite Creek, that is unpaved and needs to be filled. County will contribute \$5,500.00 on said project if State will put up the other half.

Action deferred until Federal Aid is released.

Mitchell County representatives stated that if State and Federal Aid could be secured on Highway No. 1, through said County, they felt sure they could vote bonds and finance their part and go ahead with the grading and drainage structures. The Commission advised Mitchell County to vote bonds, put same in escrow, and await release of Federal Aid.

Sterling and Mitchell Counties requested that a designation be made from intersection with Highway No. 1 at Colorado in Mitchell County, to intersection with Highway No. 9 at Sterling City in Sterling County.

The Commission advised that they were making no new designations at this time, and would not until the present designated Highways are brought back to required standard of maintenance, as the State has too many designated Highways at this time to take care of.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that contract for construction of grading and drainage structures, 12.612 miles, Job 252-B S.A.P. 694, Highway No. 67, Young County, be awarded to Womack Construction Company, in the amount of \$76,185.07, the said Womack Construction Company being the lowest and best bidder on this project.

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Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Montgomery County be authorized to advertise and receive bids for grading and drainage structures on 6.3 miles on Highway No. 19, from Willis to the Walker County line, with the understanding that Montgomery County will spend its own money for said grading and drainage structures. Motion carried.

The Commission will take immediate steps toward authorizing the construction of a bridge across Spring Creek, Highway No. 19, between Harris and Montgomery Counties; said Counties to bear one-fourth of the cost each, and one-fourth each by the State and Federal Departments.

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Waller and Harris Counties stated that the bridge over the Brazos River on Highway No. 73-A, was in need of runners and also needed painting. This matter being a maintenance proposition, same was referred to the Engineer for investigation and report.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the construction of an approach and structures on Highway No. 43, across the Brazos River bottom, in Robertson County. Of this \$25,000.00, \$10,000.00 will satisfy the claim of Robertson County against the Highway Department for materials and work on another portion of Highway No. 43. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the Commission request Federal Department to put on the Federal System, Highway #94, from Iufkin in Angelina County, to Groveton in Trinity County, and from Groveton to Trinity in Trinity County, to connect with Highway No. 19 at Trinity, and No. 35 at Iufkin, Texas. Motion carried.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to have a survey of route made from the southwestern corner of the Henry Wilkey Survey to an intersection with the Meyer and Wolf Ridge Road in Cooke County; said survey to be made at the expense of the County, and is Highway No. 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Austin County be notified to appear before the Commission at its next regular open session, in connection with Highway No. 73-A, through Austin County, to be heard in connection with the application of Fayette County. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that bids be advertised for on Highway No. 81, Cuero in De Witt County, west to Gonzales County line, for grading and drainage structures. Motion carried.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Highway Engineer be directed to take necessary steps to get Federal Aid on closing .7 miles on Highway No. 6, from city limits of Dallas County, Texas, to Mockingbird Lane, as soon as Federal Aid is available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Willacy County be authorized to use so much of their funds as may be necessary to construct drainage structures and grading on Highway 96 extending from Raymondville, Willacy County, south to the Cameron County line, a distance of approximately 10½ miles. Motion carried.

Bell County representatives requested aid for the completion of the Temple-Rosebud Highway, but aid was refused by the Commission. This is Highway No. 108.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Jim Wells County be authorized to spend its funds in constructing drainage structures and grading on Highway No. 12-A, from Alice to San Diego on the Duval County line, approximately 10 miles.

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Caldwell County was advised by the Commission to take the matter up again with the Commission, after voting bonds with which to hard surface Highway No. 80, from Hays County line to Luling, a distance of approximately 24 miles.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Highway Engineer be instructed to take up with the Federal Engineer, the advisability of making location along route proposed by Harris County on Highway No. 3.

Coleman County requested a settlement from the Highway Department, in connection with the agreement entered into with the town of Coleman to participate on a 50% basis in connecting Highway No. 7 through the city of Coleman, S. A. P. 656.

This matter was referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation and report to the Commission.

Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$27,500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated and set aside for 1" bituminous treatment on Highway No. 23, from Albany in Shackelford County, to a connection with the waterbound macadam on said Highway near Moran; Shackelford County to contribute 50% of the cost of said work.

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On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Engineer arrange with Erath County to use their equipment in grading Highway No. 19, from Strawn to Hico, with the understanding that the Department will pay the force account of said construction; said grading to be charged to the maintenance in said County. And with the further understanding that the County of Erath will keep said equipment in repair and furnish the necessary culverts on said road.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract of J. S. Moore and Sons, dated March 30th, 1927, for building Flat Fork Creek creosoted timber trestle on State Highway No. 76, be approved, and that \$12,040.00 is hereby appropriated for same as a maintenance construction project. This is in Shelby County.

APPROVED:

H. G. Thompson
State Highway Engineer.

R. S. Sterling
Chairman

Conrad Johnson
Member

W. R. Ely
Member

Ruth Mason
Acting Secretary.