

August 10, 1925.

Minutes of Eightieth Regular meeting of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

Frank V. Lanham, Chairman  
 Joe Burkett, Member  
 John H. Bickett, Sr., Member

Bids for trucks having been opened and considered, the commission finds no difference in bids except as to bodies, some bodies being of inferior grade, some ordinary, and some first-grade, and the Commission, after considering the bids, concluded that the Hercules body is the most substantial and best body for hard truck service, and, therefore, on motion of Commissioner Burkett, the bid of Hub Diggs & Co., of Fort Worth, Texas, for Ford Trucks, equipped with Hercules body, was accepted and the Equipment Engineer is instructed to requisition the Board of Control for 28 Ford Trucks, equipped with Hercules body, to be purchased from Hub Diggs & Co., as per bid on file.

Hood County was granted \$2,000.00 aid for gravel to be placed on road one and one-half (1½) miles from Brazos Bridge westward to connect with regular gravel road, this work to be done by the Van Eman Construction Company, on a force account cost plus 10%.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Bickett, that the service of Mr. Ward in the Maintenance Department be discontinued, effective August 15. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that J. O. Jones be appointed Road Foreman in Division No. 3, for Foard, Knox and Hardeman Counties.

Upon motion of Commissioner Burkett, Dick Cosby was appointed Maintenance Superintendent of Division Four, to succeed Worth A. Jennings. Gus Thomas was appointed Section Foreman Division Four to succeed Dick Cosby at Canadian. D. W. Puckett was appointed Maintenance Superintendent of Division Five to succeed Cam Murray, resigned. All appointments effective August 15, 1925.

Motion by Commissioner Burkett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham, that L. V. Dodson be appointed Road Foreman in El Paso County, Division Six, at a salary of \$150 per month.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham that \$325.00 be allotted to be used for fresco work on designated highway about one half mile west of Heidenheimer, in Bell County.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham, that Milam County be granted \$1,700.00 to be used on the 600 yard gap in Highway No. 44, at Burlington.

Motion made to notify the County Engineer of DeWitt County that there will be no change in the San Antonio to Quero highway.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham, that the Equipment Engineer notify the Board of Control that the Highway Department purchase one Studebaker car for use in highway work, the purchase to be made at once.

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Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham that a highway from Hallettsville, in Lavaca County, to Edna, in Jackson County, thence to Lolita in Jackson County, thence to Laward, thence to Francitas in Jackson County, to Blessing, connecting with Highway No. 59 in Matagorda County be designated.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham, designating a highway from Yoakum, Texas, to Hochheim, connecting with Highway No. 29, and being a continuation of Highway No. 21, from Smithville to Yoakum.

Upon motion of Commissioner Burkett, Highway No. \_\_\_ was designated from Midland, in Midland County, running Northward to Friona, in Parmer County, passing through the towns of Andrews, Seminole, Seagraves, Plains, Morton and Muleshoe. This designation is made with the understanding that the respective counties through which it passes shall put said road in first class condition, constructing all necessary bridges and drainage, to be accepted by the State Division Engineer for the respective districts through which the road passes, with the further stipulation that the State shall be under no obligation to spend any money upon same for maintenance purposes, prior to January 1, 1927.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that Lamar County be allotted \$25,000.00 additional aid on F.A.P. 395-C, Job 139-J.

Motion by Commissioner Burkett, seconded by Commissioner Lanham, that Commissioner Lanham inspect east and west highways through Henderson County, and make a report at the next highway Commission Meeting, as to conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, that change in designation of Highway No. 25 in Archer County be made so as to pass through the town of Windthorst onto Archer City, and connecting with Highway No. 79 in said Archer County, subject to the following conditions:

"Whereas there having been held a bond election in what is known as Road District No. 4 of said County and said Highway No. 25 having been designated to pass through said road district, and the said town of Windthorst not being located within said Road District No. 4, it is therefore necessary that another bond election be had, including the town of Windthorst, and the Commission being assured that an election will be held enlarging Road District No. 4 so as to include the town of Windthorst, and that in case said election is ordered by the Commissioner's Court of Archer County and the bonds are carried, then said Highway No. 25 will be re-designated by this Department so as to pass through the town of Windthorst and onto Archer City there connecting with Highway No. 79."

Bastrop County is proposing to vote bonds to the amount of \$25,000.00, and when same is done, the Highway Department will grant a like amount for work on highways in this county. Left open for outcome of the bond election.

Burleson County proposes to vote bonds to the amount of \$500,000.00 to be used on Highway No. 36, a distance of 32 miles, and on Highway No. 21, a distance of 28 miles, and if the bond election carries, the State will grant aid in a like amount, to be allotted as follows: \$200,000.00 September 1926, and \$300,000.00 September 1927, and there is to be a clause in the contract which will read that local labor will be used as much as possible.

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Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, that aid be granted to Travis County in the amount of \$38,582.55 to construct 7.9 miles from the Hays County line in Travis County on Fredericksburg road to the creek. The road is to be constructed with a 17 ft. base, and 17 ft. top, the total cost estimated at \$76,582.55

Designation from Fredericksburg to Kerrville, a distance of 25 miles was made. Motion made to notify the engineer now at work in Llano County to go over this designation at once and make report.

On motion of Commissioner Bickett, contracts for maintenance of the several counties under contract with M. M. Robinson & Co., Laredo, Texas, were ordered cancelled. Effective August 15, 1925..

Motion by Commissioner Lanham, seconded by Commissioner Bickett that Commissioner Lanham be excused for the balance of this meeting on account of personal business. Motion carried.

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On the second day of the State Highway Commission the following members were present:

John H. Bickett, Sr., Acting Chairman  
Joe Burkett, Member

Motion by Commissioner Burkett, seconded by Commissioner Bickett that a proper settlement be made with M. M. Robinson & Co., Commissioner Bickett to use his own judgment with regards to same.

On motion of Commissioner Bickett, Highway No. 45 running through the north edge of San Jacinto County was re-designated so as to begin at Dodge, in Walker County, thence to Point Blank in San Jacinto County; thence to Cold Spring; thence to Camilla and thence to Shepperd, joining Highway No. 35 at Shepperd, upon the condition that the State will not expend any money for said highway until same is placed in acceptable condition by the county of San Jacinto and no State funds shall be spent thereon prior to January 1, 1926. This designation is made with the understanding that the citizens of San Jacinto County will vote sufficient bonds, which, together with fifty-fifty State aid, will hard surface highways within San Jacinto County, and the State reserves the right, if these conditions are not complied with, to cancel said designation.

Panola County was granted \$35,000.00 to match the county's share for work on Highway No. 8 from Carthage for a distance of 9.65 miles.

Panola County was granted 50% aid, or \$39,749.87 on road from Gary to State Highway No. 8, money to become available next year.

Motion that the 42 miles on Highway No. 3 of the Houston-San Antonio road through Gonzales County be topped at a cost of \$130,000.00, this work to be done as soon as possible. The first \$65,000.00 of this money will be advanced by the County, with the understanding that the State Highway Department will re-imburse Gonzales County after January 1, 1926. A clause in the contract will read that home labor will be used in this work.

The application for designation from Gonzales County, to Karnes City, Highway No. 124, a distance of 30 miles, via Cost, Bebe, and east of Nixon to Karnes City, was granted.

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The topping of roads in Fayette County to be done the same as in Gonzales County at a later date.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, that aid be granted to Montgomery County to the amount of \$44,518.85, on Highway from the town of Willis to the Montgomery-Walker County line, a distance of 6.5 miles.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett, that aid be granted Montgomery County to the amount of \$7,832.84 to be used on the construction of a bridge over Spring Creek on State Highway No. 19 at the Montgomery-Harris County line.

Motion was made to notify Mr. Kemper to get in touch with Commissioner Abbott with reference to the permanent location of the Taylor-Elgin road.

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Bid for 36 Fresno and 12 Rooter Plows having been considered, the Commission is of the opinion that the bid of Russell Grader Mfg. Co. of Texas on such Plows and Fresno is the best and most substantial bid, taking into consideration the quality of the articles mentioned. Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Burkett, the bid of Russell Grader Mfg. Co. of Texas was accepted and the Equipment Engineer is instructed to requisition the Board of Control for 36 - 4 ft. Fresno and 12 Rooter Plows, to be purchased from Russell Grader Mfg. Co. of Texas, as per bid on file.