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Minutes of the One Hundred and Fourteenth 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.

126. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to select an engineer for Jackson County to make preliminary surveys and estimates, and an allotment of fifty percent State Aid is hereby made to Jackson County for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 12 through said County, on condition that Jackson County will pay fifty percent of the cost of the grading and drainage structures; and with the further understanding that in the construction of Unit II that Federal Aid will be allotted, and that Jackson County will not be expected to pay more than one-third of the entire cost of said Units I and II. Motion carried.
127. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Division Engineer Patton be instructed by the State Highway Engineer to repair Highway No. 35 from Houston in Harris County to Alvin in Brazoria County, which road is now being used to detour traffic from the Galveston-Houston road, and maintain the same as a detour. Motion carried.
128. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an allotment of State Aid be made to Atascosa County for gravel base, with asphalt or rock asphalt top, on Highway No. 9, from Pleasanton to the Live Oak County line, a distance of approximately 25.7 miles; on condition that Atascosa County will contribute one-half of the cost of such construction, and on the further condition that the total cost will not exceed \$420,000.00, and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the gravel base. Motion carried.
129. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an allotment of one-half State Aid to cover the cost of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 96, from a point about 3.5 miles north of Harlingen to the Willacy County line, is made to Cameron County, on condition that the total cost will not exceed \$150,000.00 for this construction; and on the further condition that Cameron County will pay one-half of the cost of such construction and furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide; and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on said project. Motion carried.
130. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an additional allotment of \$30,000.00 be authorized to be made by the State Highway Engineer to cover the cost of maintenance and placing in first class condition Highway No. 5 in Bowie County, from New Boston west to McKalb. Motion carried.
131. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an allotment of fifty percent State Aid be made for the construction of grading and drainage structures on 6.8 miles, from Tivoli, in Refugio County, to Longmott, in Calhoun County, on condition that Calhoun and Refugio Counties will contribute fifty percent of the cost of such construction, and on the further condition that the Counties will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.

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132. (a) Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Commission adopt Route "B" on Highway No. 72, in Lavaca County, from the Lavaca-De Witt County Line east to Old Sweet Home School House. Motion carried.
133. (b) Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that one-third State Aid, one-third Federal Aid and one-third County Aid be allotted to Lavaca County for asphaltic top with gravel or rock base from Old Sweet Home School House to the West city limits of Hallettsville, about eight miles, on condition that the County furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide, the estimated cost of such construction being \$186,000.00 and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on said project. Motion carried.
134. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that one-third Federal Aid, one-third State Aid, be made to Knox County Road District No. 2-A, for grading and drainage structures on approximately 12 miles of Highway No. 30, from the Baylor County line to the Haskell County line, on condition that said Road District through the County will pay one-third of the cost of such grading and drainage structures; and on the further condition that said Road District furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to appoint an Engineer to draw plans and specifications for such construction and to make location of said highway. Motion carried.
135. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an allotment of fifty percent State Aid to cover the cost of grading and drainage structures from Johnson City to the Burnet County line on Highway No. 108 about 16 miles, be made to Blanco County, on condition that Blanco County contribute fifty percent of the cost of such construction; and on the further condition that the County will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide, on location, plans and specifications to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, who is directed to appoint an engineer to make said plans and surveys and supervise the work. Motion carried.
136. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that fifty percent Federal Aid and twenty-five percent State Aid be allotted to Tarrant County for the construction of bridges over Rush and Village Creeks, on Highway No. 1, and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on said project. Motion carried.
137. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Real County line northeast toward Mountain Home on Highway No. 41, in Kerr County, Job No. 133-C, F.A.P. No. 520-A, be awarded to Walsh, Burney & Moore, San Antonio, Texas, on alternate bid, for \$50,221.99; 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.
138. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and culverts and concrete paving from 8.5 miles south of San Angelo to the Concho County line on Highway No. 9, in Tom Green County, Job No. 226-C, F.A.P. No. 338, Unit II, be awarded to W. S. Thompson, San Angelo, Texas, for \$386,670.95; 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.
139. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that contract for the construction of iron ore top soil base course from Douglass south on Highway No. 8 in Cass County, Job No. 34-K, F.A.P. No. 457-A, Unit II, be awarded to Garnett Jones, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$10,184.79, subject to investigation as to the responsibility of the contractor. The bid of Garnett Jones being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by

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P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Motion carried.

140. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that contract for construction of iron ore top soil base course from seven miles northeast of Linden to Linden on Highway No. 8 in Cass County, Job No. 34-K, F.A.P. No. 457-B, Unit II, be awarded to C. W. Burgess, New Boston, Texas, for \$9,673.91, 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.
141. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that contract for construction of iron ore top soil base course from Linden to Marion County line, on Highway No. 8, Job No. 34-K, F.A.P. 457-C, in Cass County be awarded to C. W. Burgess, New Boston, Texas, for \$15,535.50; 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.
142. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Crockett north to road district line three and nine on Highway No. 19, in Houston County, Job No. 114-G, F.A.P. No. 485-B, be awarded to J. S. Moore & Son, Lufkin, Texas, for \$39,250.30; 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.
143. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from 6.75 miles south of Crockett through Lovelady on Highway No. 19, in Houston County, Job No. 114-G, F.A.P. 485-D, be awarded to J. S. Moore & Son, Lufkin, Texas, for \$28,581.84; 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.
144. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Trinity County line to Carmona, on Highway No. 106, in Polk County, Job No. 187-D, S.A.P. No. 752, be awarded to J. S. Moore & Son, Lufkin, Texas, for \$12,515.50; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
145. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Tenaha southwest 0.941 miles on Highway No. 35, in Shelby County, Job No. 210-D, F.A.P. No. 348-F, be awarded to J. S. Moore & Son, Lufkin, Texas, for \$4,500.69 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.
146. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of grading and drainage structures from Navasota southwest to the Navasota River on Highway No. 90, in Grimes County, Job No. 94-B, S.A.P. No. 610-E, be awarded to E. B. Eproson, Sherman, Texas, on alternate bid, for \$10,363.98; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
147. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of a 3" Caliche Surface Course on 6" sledged stone base course from the Edwards County line to the Keer County line, on Highway No. 41, in Real County, Job No. 193-A, S.A.P. No. 500, Unit II, be awarded to Thomas & Ratchiff, Rogers, Texas, for \$48,982.59; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.

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- 148. ✓ Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the action taken by the Commission on November 14, 1927, making an allotment to Tarrant County for the reconstruction of two bridges on Highway No. 1, over Rush and Village Creeks, be rescinded, and in lieu thereof the following resolution is substituted:
- 149. ✓ That one-third Federal Aid, one-third State Aid, one-third County Aid be allotted to Tarrant County for the construction of bridges over Rush and Village Creeks, on Highway No. 1, but, inasmuch as Tarrant County is not now in funds to pay its entire proportion of one-third, that Tarrant County now pay \$22,500.00, with the understanding and agreement that the difference between this amount and one-third of the total cost be charged up to Tarrant County and the same shall be deducted in any subsequent allotment of aid granted to said Tarrant County. Motion carried.
- 150. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$500.00 per mile Federal Aid heretofore allotted to Cottle County on May 23, 1927, for the improvement of approximately 33 miles of Highway No. 28, between the Foard County line and Motley County line, be increased to twenty-five percent of the cost. Motion carried.
- 151. ✓ Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the allotment of \$500.00 per mile Federal Aid and \$500.00 per mile State Aid made on June 20, 1927, for the improvement of approximately 27 miles of State Highway No. 24, between Graham and Olney, in Young County, be increased to one-third Federal Aid and one-third State Aid, with the understanding that Young County shall also contribute one-third of said cost. Motion carried.
- 152. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be directed to make a report on the feasibility and cost of the proposed designation from Post, in Garza County, to Silverton, in Briscoe County, via Ralls and Floydada, and submit same to the Commission for consideration at a later date, at which time notice will be given to all interested parties who desire to be heard on the proposed designation. Motion carried.
- 153. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer is directed to take up with the Division Engineer the matter of graveling Highway No. 68 from Midlothian to the Dallas County line, a distance of five miles in Ellis County, and make report and estimate of cost of putting four or five inch gravel top on this road, together with estimate of asphalt topping. Motion carried.
- 154. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the matter be referred to the State Highway Engineer for report from the Division Engineer on location and probable cost of reconstructing Highway No. 18 from the town of Dickens, in Dickens County, via Spur, to the Kent County line. Also report on condition of bridges and cost of maintaining the same. Motion carried.
- 155. ✓ Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Highway Engineer be directed to have an estimate made for an asphalt top road from Trinity to the Angelina County line on Highway No. 94, in Trinity County, and at the same time make an estimate upon a permanent type of road north and south through said County on No. 19; and also, at the same time, report what funds are available, either from road districts or from the county at large, and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to designate a resident engineer to make surveys, etc., Motion carried.

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156. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 9, from Carlsbad, in Tom Green County, to the Coke County line, a distance of 9.75 miles, on condition that Tom Green County will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide, and with the understanding that on final completion of said road or topping, the State and Federal Departments will contribute two-thirds of the total cost; on location, plans and specifications to be approved by the State Highway Engineer; and on the further condition that Tom Green County will pay at this time the cost of such grading and structures; and on the further condition that should the funds be available that the State will pay its part sooner, of the grading and drainage structures. Motion carried.

157. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an allotment of fifty percent State Aid be made to Falls County for surfacing Highway No. 108, from a point on Highway No. 44 to the Bell County line, a distance of about 7.63 miles, work to commence as soon as the dump or grade is approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

158. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 33, from the Roberts County line to the Carson County line, in Gray County, on condition that Pampa Road District No. 2 pay the total cost of said drainage structures and grading, with the understanding that when the road is finally constructed the State Highway Department will pay two-thirds of the total cost of the same; and that Pampa Road District No. 2, Gray County, will have credit for the amount now advanced above one-third of the said cost; it being further understood that Gray County shall furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide, upon route approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

159. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an allotment of two-thirds State Aid be made to Cherokee County for grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 43, from the Anderson County line to Jacksonville and on Highway No. 37 from Jacksonville to the north line of Jacksonville Road District, on condition that Cherokee County contribute one-third of the cost of said construction; and on the further condition that same be upon location, plans and specifications approved by the State Highway Engineer, and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to appoint a resident engineer to make such plans, locations and specifications. It being further understood that Cherokee County shall furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.

160. (a) Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to add to the maintenance budget of McLennan County a sum sufficient to regravell Highway No. 7 from the Coryell County line to McGregor, a distance of about five miles, on such change in location as the Highway Engineer may require, and on the further condition that the County furnish 80 ft. right-of-way and pay one-third of the cost of the work. Motion carried.

161. (b) Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer make an investigation and report to the Commission, together with his recommendation, as to the condition of Highway No. 31 in McLennan County, approximately 11.3 miles, from the Hill County line to Tehuacana Creek. Motion carried.

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162. (a) Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to prepare plans and advertise for bids for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 6, in Road Districts Nos. 6-A and 7, in Ellis County, on condition that said Road Districts will pay the cost of said grading and drainage structures; and with the further understanding that upon the final completion of said road the State Highway Engineer will, first and last, pay two-thirds of the total cost; and with the further understanding that said Road Districts will have credit for all amounts over one-third that they pay now for said construction; said road to be constructed upon plans approved by the State Highway Engineer. The Road Districts shall furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.
163. (b) Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer make investigation of the proposed viaduct on State Highway No. 6 in the City of Waxahachie, and report to the Highway Department with his recommendation as to whether or not the State should participate in the construction of same. Motion carried.
164. (a) Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of grading and drainage structures on 9 miles of Highway No. 123 from Seguin north, on condition that Guadalupe County will pay the total cost of construction of said grading and drainage structures, and with the understanding that, first and last, the State Highway Department will pay two-thirds of the total cost of the completed highway; and on the further condition that Guadalupe County will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.
165. (b) Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Guadalupe County be authorized to put up the grade and drainage structures on Highway No. 3-A from Seguin to the Caldwell County line, a distance of approximately 10.5 miles, and to use their own funds for such construction, with the understanding and agreement that the State Highway Department will furnish, first and last, two-thirds of the total cost of final completion of said road, giving Guadalupe County credit for the amount which they have thus advanced; on location, plans and specifications to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, and on the further condition that Guadalupe County will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide, and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on said project. Motion carried.
166. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that Jim Wells County be authorized to use its funds for placing the first course of caliche base on approximately 9.79 miles of Highway No. 12-A from Alice to the Duval County line, under the direction and supervision of the State Highway Engineer, with the understanding that, first and last, Jim Wells County will not be required to contribute more than one-third of the total cost of the completed road; it being understood that Jim Wells County has already secured 80 ft. right-of-way. Motion carried.
167. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an allotment of one-half State Aid be made to Terrell County for grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 82, a distance of 1.5 miles, known as the Big Hill Project, on condition that Terrell County furnish one-half of the cost of such construction, and on the further condition that the County furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide; work to be done on location plans and specifications approved by the State Highway Engineer, and the total expenditure not to exceed \$43,000.00. Motion carried.
168. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 434-C, (Highway Unit I, in Karnes County, Texas, as soon as plans and specifications are approved. Motion carried.

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169. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$1,000.00 be appropriated out of the State Highway Fund to make survey and prepare plans for a bridge across Cibolo River near the town of Schertz on Highway No. 3, Bexar County, and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with the work. Motion carried.
170. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$2,500.00 be appropriated out of the State Highway Fund to make surveys and prepare plans for a bridge across Trinity River near Riverside on Highway No. 19, on the line between Walker and Trinity Counties and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with the work. Motion carried.
171. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the Minute covering allotment of aid for two bridges in Kinney County under date of July 19, 1927, be modified as follows:
 "That two bridges on Highway No. 3 east of Brackettville, in Kinney County across Elm Creek and Arenosa Creek, be included in the project for the construction of grading and drainage structures on said Highway from Brackettville to the Val Verde County line, and for the construction of said bridges, two-thirds State Aid and one-third County Aid is allotted." Motion carried.
172. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$4,000.00 be allotted from the State Highway Fund to maintain a detour around the section of Highway No. 10 now under construction in Parker and Johnson Counties. Motion carried.
173. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that the allotment of aid made to Kenney County May 9th, 1927, for grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 3, from Brackettville to the Val Verde County line, a distance of approximately 19 miles, be increased from \$86,350.00 to \$128,000.00, one third Federal Aid, one-third State Aid and one-third County Aid, on account of the fact that since surveys and plans have been made it is found desirable to raise the type of construction. Motion carried.
174. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the \$65,000.00 Federal Aid allotted to De Witt County on September 9, 1927, for the improvement of approximately 15 miles of grading and drainage structures on State Highway No. 81 from Cuero to the Gonzales County line, be cancelled and that in lieu thereof \$65,000.00 State Aid be allotted for this improvement. This is with the understanding that the County will put up the \$115,000.00 as originally provided. Motion carried.
175. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$3,000.00 be allotted from the State Highway Fund to cover the cost of making surveys and preparing plans and specifications for bridge across Trinity River on Highway No. 3 in Liberty County; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with making said plans and surveys. Motion carried.
176. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$2,625.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund to cover the cost of crushing 3,500 cubic yards of gravel on Highway No. 9, south of Fredericksburg, in Gillespie County, same to be used as cover material for asphalt topping. Motion carried.

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177. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that an additional sum of \$9,000.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund to complete the construction of the concrete pavement on Highway No. 15 at Texas & Pacific Railroad overhead crossing between Terrell and Elmo in Kaufman County about 2,600 ft. long, same being a part of F.A.P. 130-B, Unit II, in Kaufman County; and the State Highway Engineer is directed to advertise for bids. Motion carried.
178. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$2,750.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund for paving five stream crossings, aggregating 3700 ft., on Highway No. 3, in Uvalde County, with Duraco or some similar asphaltic material, as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
179. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$4,220.00 be appropriated out of the State Highway Fund for the construction of a shop building and other improvements on a tract of land leased for warehouse and shop purposes in San Antonio, Texas, in accordance with the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
180. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$2,500.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund for the construction of an office building and garage for Division No. 6, at Balmorhea, Texas, as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
181. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the highway previously designated and now under maintenance by the Highway Department extending from Knox City in Knox County, Texas, to Munday in Knox County, Texas, shall be known as Highway No. 126. Motion carried.
182. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the highway designated on October 10, 1927, extending from a connection with Highway No. 113 at Tivoli in Refugio County, eastwardly across the Counties of Refugio, Calhoun, Jackson and Matagorda to a connection with Highway No. 59 at Palacios in Matagorda County, shall be known as a part of Highway No. 59. Motion carried.
183. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the highway designated on October 10, 1927, from Catarina in Dimmit County to a connection with Highway No. 2 at or near Artesia Wells in La Salle County, shall be known as a part of Highway No. 55. Motion carried.
184. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the highway designated on October 10th, 1927, extending from Cotulla in La Salle County east to an intersection with Highway No. 9, through La Salle, McFullen and Live Oak Counties, shall be designated as Highway No. 127. Motion carried.
185. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$2,000.00 be appropriated from the Highway Fund to be used for grading a section of Highway No. 32 in Freestone County, about 8 miles north of Fairfield to eliminate a double reverse curve now in said road and straighten the alignment of the highway at this point, prior to the installation of hard surface pavement, in accordance with the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

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186. Motion by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$3,000.00 be allotted from the State Highway Fund for making surveys and preparing plans and specifications for a bridge across the Brazos River on Highway No. 10 near Grandbury in Hood County, Texas; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with making said plans and surveys. Motion carried.
187. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that Karnes County shall place in escrow \$35,000.00 for the construction of 5½ miles of Highway No. 16, from the Wilson County line south, out of the \$40,000.00 bond issue recently voted by said County, with the proviso that \$5,000.00 of said bond issue shall be retained by the County out of which to purchase right-of-way for said 5½ miles, with the understanding that any balance remaining of said \$5,000.00 after said right-of-way is purchased, shall be placed in escrow to the credit of the State Highway Department. Motion carried.
188. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$7,500.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund to surface with gravel about five miles of Highway No. 68, in Ellis County, between Midlothian and the Dallas County line; and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with the work through the maintenance department. Motion carried.
189. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the State Highway Engineer be authorized to advertise for four portable rock crushing and screening gravel plants for the maintenance department and an appropriation of approximately \$7,500.00 each is made from the State Highway Fund for the purpose of purchasing said plants. Motion carried.
190. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the Minutes of the Highway Commission dated May 24, 1927, allotting aid to Gregg County for the construction of a bridge on Highway No. 31, near the town of Gladewater, be modified to read as follows:
 "That 100% State Aid be allotted Gregg County for the construction of State Highway No. 31, from Smith County line to a point east of the Sabine River where the new location intersects the present road, about 2.3 miles from Smith County line, including the construction of the bridge across said River, the cost of said work to be approximately \$107,000.00. Motion carried.
191. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$175,000.00 be allotted from the State Highway Fund to authorization No. I, Budget No. 21 to take care of maintenance expenditures made prior to September 1, 1927. Motion carried.
192. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$2,135.00 be allotted from the State Highway Fund as a special maintenance appropriation to cover the cost of repairing a washed out bridge on Highway No. 1 in Rockwall County. Motion carried.
193. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an additional allotment of \$6,832.86 be made to Job M-4-B, in Potter County, to cover the cost of asphalt resurfacing work on Highway No. 33. Motion carried.
194. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$11,000.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund for the improvement of Highway No. 26-A between Carthage and Beckville in Panola County upon the new location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, provided Panola County will furnish an 80' right-of-way on which to construct said highway. Motion carried.