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Minutes of the Eighty-fourth 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 M. Bickett, Member

Joe Estill, Grapevine, Texas, was appointed Resident Engineer in several counties at a salary of \$300.00 per month, to receive his instructions from the Department at Austin. This appointment to become effective November 1st

The Commission authorized the advertisement for bids for the shelling of Highway No. 3 in Liberty County.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that the road from Kilgore to Gladewater, in Gregg County, be designated a State Highway, and also, that the road from Longview, Gregg County, to Tatum, in Rusk County, be designated a State Highway.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that the road from Rock Springs, Edwards County, to Uvalde, Uvalde County, be designated a State Highway. This road was designated several years ago, but cancelled in 1923.

by Commissioner Lanham, seconded Com Bickett, A motion/cancelling the Parten-Herring maintenance contract in Limestone County was passed.

The Commission authorized the advertisement for bids for the widening of the Fort-Worth-Dallas pike to 24' as per the plans and specifications prepared by Engineer Courterand Federal Engineer Losh. The Commission wished to go on record that it was not considering the building of any other highway between Fort Worth and Dallas at this time.

The Commission authorized the advertisement for bids for bridge on Highway No. 10 in Erath County by February 1, 1926.

The citations served on the Highway Commission in the case of Neyland-Smith vs. the Highway Commission relative cancellation of maintenance contract in Val Verde County referred to Attorney General's Department for such action as that Department may think the matter may deserve.

Upon motion of Commissioner Burkett Highway No. 1 through Nolan County was awarded \$150,000.00 additional Federal Aid to complete road in accordance with plans and specifications desired by the Federal District Engineer, said funds to be available in July 1927.

On motion of Commissioner Burkett, road from Ballinger, Runnels County, to Bronte, Coke County, by way of Maverick, was designated as a State Highway conditioned upon the counties putting said road in proper shape to pass inspection of the Division Engineer, and to be taken over not before January 1, 1926.

Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Burkett, Highway No. 10 through Erath County is to be re-surfaced with gravel and asphalt topped in the Spring of 1926 when funds are available.

Shackelford County was re-allotted the sum of \$800,000.00 Federal Aid, \$421,560.28 being available in 1925, and \$378,439.72 available in 1926.

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Bailey County was allotted \$250,000.00 Federal Aid available in 1926 and 1927 to be used in hard surfacing highways No. 7 and No. 28 from county line to county line on the condition that Bailey County vote bonds to the amount of \$250,000.00.

Lamb County was allotted \$300,000.00 Federal Aid to be used in hard surfacing Highways No. 7 and No. 28 through the county, on condition that Lamb County vote bonds to the amount of \$300,000.00.

Walker County was granted \$108,000.00 Federal Aid to be used on Highway No. 45 from Huntsville to the Grimes Walker County line, a distance of 18 miles.

The matter of Jim Wells County, which asked for a letting on F.A.P. 429-E, Highway No. 12, from near Nueces River to approximately three miles south Alfred, was referred to Engineer R. J. Hank.

The Karnes County delegation from Kenedy who asked that the designation which was granted at the meeting on October 12th changing designation from Kenedy via Runge to Cuero to Karnes City to Cuero via Runge be changed back to the original designation were instructed to first vote bonds in the Kenedy District and then come back to the Commission.

The request of Williamson County for \$6,892.39 additional State Aid for overrun on Job 246-H, F.A.P. 418-A from Florence to Georgetown was referred to State Engineer Hank.

Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties asked for designation of road from Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, to Freeport, in Brazoria County, via Needville, Damon, West Columbia and Brazoria, and also 50% aid. Commission Lanham suggested that the proposition be put into writing, stating what money the counties would need, etc. and filed with the Department for further consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Bickett, seconded by Commissioner Burkett that J. E. Motheral be appointed a temporary resident engineer, located at Austin, at a salary of \$250.00 per month with the understanding that he is not allowed any office rent.

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Application in writing has been filed for the re-locating of a portion of Highway No. 6 between Calvert and Hearne in Robertson County, eliminating three railroad crossings of said public highway and shortening the distance .44 of a mile. The County has heretofore spent \$50,000.00 on highway No. 6 and the State and Federal Government has not, up to this time, matched any of the expenditures on this portion of said highway. The city of Calvert, a town of less than two thousand population, has recently voted \$40,000.00 to build Highway No. 6 through the city limits of said town of Calvert. This application is for at least \$90,000.00 State and Federal Aid to match the \$50,000.00 already spent and the \$40,000.00 now ready to be used on

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this highway. The application also asks that said Highway No. 6 be relocated so as to eliminate these railroad crossings in accordance with map on file in the State Highway Engineer's office, and also asks that the portion of Highway No. 6 between Calvert and Bremond be included in this project to be resurfaced with an asphalt topping, and that this \$90,000.00 asked for be used on any portion of said highway north or south of Calvert as asked for in the petition and shown on the map. The Highway Commission, therefore, hereby grants to Robertson County \$90,000.00 to be allotted \$40,000.00 the first of March 1926 and the other \$50,000.00 by the first of July 1926, and it is understood and agreed that the city of Calvert will with its \$40,000.00 above mentioned pave Highway No. 6 in the city limits of Calvert under its own contract and engineering, and that the State Highway Commission will handle and contract for the portion of said Highway No. 6 upon which the \$90,000.00 is to be expended.

Dimmit County was granted \$3,653.43 additional State Aid to cover cost of damage done by overflow on Section B of S.A.P. 483, Highway No. 85.

In Waller County authorization was given as follows:

To have maintenance contractor, Mr. Boyette, to widen and grade roadway, do the necessary clearing and grubbing and furnish in place the necessary wooden culverts and corrugated pipes on 20-mile section of Highway No. 73 from Harris-Waller county line to the San Felipe Ferry on the Brazos River at cost plus 10% in a sum not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Also, to grade roadway and place corrugated iron culvert pipes already delivered on Highway No. 20 from its intersection on Highway No. 6 for the distance of approximately seven miles to the Brazos River, the work to be done on a basis of cost plus 10%, the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

The Commission authorized the Equipment Engineer to arrange to purchase through the regular channels the following equipment for the purposes and department indicated:

One new automobile for the use of Henry J. Cox, Maintenance Engineer.

New cars for the following Division Engineers on the basis of trading in the car now in use:

Packard, Division #1	Abney, Division #11
Field, Division #5	Atkinson, Division #12
Henning, Division #6	Baker, Division #18
Gresham, Division #7	

Construction for warehouse and shop building at Alpine to cost about \$3500. In as much as the County has donated \$2500 and the Alpine Chamber of Commerce donated the ground for same, this leaves an expenditure of approximately \$1000.

Construction of Section warehouse at Big Springs, Division #18, to cost approximately \$1800.

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One heavy grading outfit, consisting of 10-ton tractor and 12 ft. grader for Division No. 6.

One heavy grading outfit, consisting of 10-ton tractor and 12 ft. grader for Division No. 7.

One Ford touring car for Resident Engineer Landon, Division No. 8.

Four frescoes, Division No. 14.

One heavy duty 12 ft. grader, Division No. 14.

One Ford car for Resident Engineer Caulfield, Division No. 15.

The Commission authorized the purchase of necessary engineering instruments and supplies as needed by the Resident Engineers on construction work, the same to be charged against State, County and Federal money.

The maintenance contract in Matagorda County, which is held by the Fayette County Construction Company, cancelled, effective November 1st.