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1121. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the designation of Highway No. 3, in Harris County, be changed from present location through the town of Crosby, Texas, shown on blueprint marked Exhibit "A" on file with the State Highway Department, as location No. 1, as follows: Beginning at the point of curve on Location No. 1 at Sta. 89~~7~~29.25 and extending in a generally northeast direction, as shown by Location No. 2 on blueprint referred to as Exhibit "A" to a connection with Location No. 1 at Sta. 305~~7~~72.73 which equals Sta. 323~~7~~93.3 of Location No. 1 at a point approximately 12,000 ft. east of the Town of Crosby. Motion carried.

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Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Meeting of the State Highway Commission held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

- Cone Johnson, Member,
- W. R. Ely, Member,
- Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer.

1122. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the County Commissioners' Court of Cameron County be requested to secure 80 ft. right-of-way on Highway No. 12, in Cameron County, from Harlingen to San Benito south, 100 ft. right-of-way clear, and the suggestion is made to the County Commissioners' Court that they propose to the Highway Commission to widen the highway from Harlingen to San Benito to 20 feet, County to bear two-fifths and the State Highway Department three-fifths of cost of such construction. Motion carried.

1123. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Cameron County for an appropriation of State funds on Highway No. 12-B known as the old Military Highway, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation, such report to contain traffic census, and whether or not it is necessary to relieve traffic congestion on present Highway No. 12 in said County. Motion carried.

1124. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the request of Collin, Lamar and Hunt Counties, for the designation of a highway from Paris, in Lamar County, to McKinney, in Collin County, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation, such report to cover feasibility of route leading from Highway No. 5, at Bonham to McKinney. Motion carried.

1125. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Bowie and Morris Counties for the designation of a highway from Omaha, in Morris County, to Red River in Bowie County, to connect with Oklahoma Highway No. 21, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for report, recommendation, etc. Motion carried.

1126. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Archer County be appropriated two-thirds aid on Highway No. 79, from Archer City to the Wichita County line, approximately 18.317 miles, for the construction of concrete paving, when, in the opinion of the State Highway Engineer, said road is ready for the construction of Unit II. Motion carried.  
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1127. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Midland and Upton Counties for the designation of a highway from Rankin, in Upton County, to Midland, in Midland County, to the Andrew County line, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation to the Commission at its next regular session, and that as soon as practicable the State Highway Engineer will furnish to Midland and Upton Counties an estimate of one-half of the cost of construction of proposed highway from Rankin, in Upton County, to Midland, in Midland County. Motion carried.
1128. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Crane County for the designation of a highway from Highway No. 99, in Crane County to Highway No. 1, by way of Crane City, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation at the next meeting of the Highway Commission. Motion carried.
1129. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Crosby County be appropriated \$80,000.00 aid for the construction of Highway No. 53, from the Dickens County line to Crosbyton City limits, a distance of approximately 10 miles, on condition that Crosby Road District No. 1, will furnish \$40,000.00 and right-of-way not less than 100 ft. wide on location approved by the State Highway Engineer. The State Highway Engineer is authorized to appoint a Resident Engineer for this construction. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-2.
1130. In Leon County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 32, from a connection with Highway No. 43 to Freestone County line, a distance of 1.854 miles, is awarded to Eproson & Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$15,642.97, which is the lowest and best bid.
1131. In Mueces County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 12-A, from Banquette Creek to Agua Dulce, a distance of 5.231 miles, is awarded to Cage & Ruby, San Antonio, Texas, for \$14,128.30, which is the lowest and best bid.
1132. In Winkler County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 82, from Ward County line to Kermit, a distance of 15.605 miles, is awarded to American Asphalt Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$209,789.86, which is the lowest and best bid.
1133. In Randall County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of underpass approaches, grading and drainage structures, on Highway No. 33, from Canyon 0.301 miles north to F.A.P. 60-B on Highway No. 33, a distance of 0.301 miles is awarded to Womack-Henning Construction Company, Sherman, Texas, for \$12,783.00, which is the lowest and best bid.
1134. In Young County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 79 from Throckmorton County line to Olney, a distance of 13.227 miles is awarded to D. H. Purvis & Son, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$32,269.89, which is the lowest and best bid.
1135. In Cameron County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of concrete pavement on Highway No. 96, from one-half mile south of Combes to Willacy County line a distance of 7.854 miles is awarded to F. P. McElwrath, Corsicana, Texas, for \$144,713.08, which is the lowest and best bid.

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1136. In Cameron County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of concrete pavement on Highway No. 100, from approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Los Fresnosto intersection with Brownsville and Point Isabel Road, a distance of 4.791 miles is awarded to Dodds and Wediegartner, San Benito, Texas, for \$103,351.26, which is the lowest and best bid.

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1137. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Atascosa, Medina, McMullen, Dimmit, Live Oak, San Patricio, Maverick, Bexar, La Salle, Uvalde, Frio, Zavalla and Nueces Counties for the designation of a highway from Mathis, in San Patricio County to Corpus Christi, in Nueces County, known as the Winter Garden Route, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation to the Commission. Motion carried.
1138. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Medina and Atascosa Counties for the designation of a State Highway from Castroville, in Medina County, to Pleasanton, in Atascosa County, via Lacoste, in Medina County, Lytle and Potect in Atascosa County, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation to the Commission. Motion carried. \*
1139. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an appropriation of two-thirds aid be made to Hale County for the construction of Unit II on Highway No. 9, from Hale Center north to Swisher County line, on condition that Hale County will contribute one-third of the cost of such construction to be of such type as the State Highway Engineer may select. The State Highway Engineer is authorized to advertise for bids at such time as he considers Unit I ready for surfacing. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-3.
1140. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an appropriation of fifty per cent aid be made to Polk County on Highway No. 106, from Carmona to the Tyler County line, on condition that Road District No. 1 of Polk County will pay not less than fifty per cent of the cost of grading and drainage structures and furnish not less than 100 ft. right-of-way on location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer. The State Highway Engineer is authorized to advertise for bids. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-4.
1141. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Real County for the designation of a highway from Leakey, in Real County, north to Highway No. 41, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation to the Commission. Motion carried.
1142. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an appropriation of two-thirds of the cost of construction of a 16 ft. road be made to Cass County on Highway No. 48, in the town of Linden, on condition that the town of Linden will pave that portion of Highway No. 48, through the town of Linden for a full 30 ft. road and will prohibit center parking, the total cost being approximately \$971.00; construction to be under supervision of the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-5.
1143. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the application of Bastrop County for the designation of a highway from Smithville, in Bastrop County, to Lockhart in Caldwell County, be referred to the State Highway Engineer for investigation, report and recommendation. Motion carried.

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- 1144. In Runnels County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and concrete pavement on Highway No. 30, from Ballinger to north line Precinct No. 1, a distance of 9.334 miles, is awarded to W. S. Thompson, San Angelo, Texas, for \$212,619.92, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1145. In Navarro County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 32, from Streetman to Richland, a distance of 6.753 miles is awarded to Tibbetts Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$66,974.13, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1146. In Ellis County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and small drainage structures on Highway No. 6, from Forreton to 2.9 miles south of Italy, a distance of 8.279 miles is awarded to Tibbetts Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$55,152.50 which is the lowest and best bid. The contract for the large drainage structures is awarded to Thomas & Ratcliff, Rogers, Texas, for \$117,153.36.
- 1147. In Goliad County, on bids received January 21, 1929, contract for construction of grading and bridge over Manahuilla Creek on Highway #12, is awarded to W. E. Pearson, Edinburg, Texas, for \$53,180.35, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1148. In Victoria County, on bids received January 22, 1929, contract for construction of a reinforced concrete and steel bridge on Highway No. 12, is awarded to W. L. Peasson & Company, Edinburg, Texas, for \$68,414.14, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1149. In Grayson County, on bids received January 22, 1929, contract for construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 91, from Denison northwest for a distance of 10.282 miles, is awarded to Tibbetts Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$80,594.01, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1150. In San Patricio County, on bids received January 22, 1929, contract for removing concrete culvert, building spans and maintaining detour on Highway No. 9, from St. Paul to Bee County line, a distance of 44.5 feet, is awarded to E. E. Board & Son, Cleveland, Texas, for \$5,765.70, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1151. In Throckmorton County, on bids received January 22, 1929, contract for grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 79 for a distance of 14.511 miles is awarded to Tibbetts Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$69,812.37, which is the lowest and best bid and is made on the condition that Throckmorton County will furnish additional funds in the amount of \$1657.78.
- 1152. In DeWitt County, on bids received January 22, 1929, contract for construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 119, from Yorktown to the Goliad County line, a distance of 6.907 miles is awarded to A. M. Decuir, Crockett, Texas, for \$21,381.72, which is the lowest and best bid.
- 1153. In Montgomery County, on bids received January 22, 1929, contract for construction of grading on Highway No. 19, a distance of 0.473 miles is awarded to Eproson & Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$10,879.52, which is the lowest and best bid.

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1154. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that there be appropriated \$11,596.48, in addition to the \$32,872.98 appropriated Dec. 18, 1928, Minute #1061, to pay 50% of the cost of grading and drainage structures on 10 miles of Highway No. 91, between Denison and the Red River in Grayson County; this appropriation to be subject to the same conditions laid down in the previous appropriation above mentioned. A.F.E. 29-6
1155. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$34,000.00 be appropriated as the State's share of gravelling 7.3 miles of Highway No. 42, between Trenton in Fannin County, and Whitewright in Grayson County, the Counties having placed \$6,000.00 in escrow to aid on this work as required by Minute No. 832, of September 18, 1928. A.F.E. 29-7.
1156. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an appropriation of \$36,085.06 be made to cover cost of grading and drainage structures on 2.5 miles of Highway No. 48, in Cass County, from the end of concrete pavement at Johns Creek west to a connection with the present road, county to furnish 100 ft. right-of-way. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-8.
1157. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that a conditional designation be made of a State Highway from Amarillo, in Potter County to Stinnett, in Hutchinson County, Spearman in Hansford County, Perryton in Ochiltree County, thence eastward to Lipscomb County in the direction of Woodward, Okla.; this designation being made with the condition that no part of it is to be taken over for maintenance until it has been placed on an acceptable location provided with a 100 ft. right-of-way and the interested counties have provided funds for not less than 50% of improvement with grading and drainage structures, and also has been provided with surfacing; and the further condition that the actual improvement of this road is not to begin until the State of Oklahoma has made suitable and satisfactory arrangements for the designation and construction of a highway from Woodward, Okla., to a connection with this road at the State line; and on the further condition that the State of Oklahoma has designated and provided for the complete construction of a State Highway leading across Oklahoma from Perryton to Liberal, Kansas. Motion carried.
1158. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the sum of \$50,459.53 be appropriated from State and Federal funds to defray 50% of the cost of Unit I on State Highway No. 5, in Childress County, extending 13.429 miles from the Hall County line to Childress (excepting an underpass near the center of the project) conditioned that Childress County provide funds for 50% of the cost of Unit I with the understanding that the County's share will not exceed one-third of the final cost of the completed road; and with the further understanding that Childress County will furnish a 100 ft. right-of-way on location satisfactory to the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-9.
1159. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an appropriation of \$165,284.86 State and Federal funds be made in Runnels County to cover two-thirds of the cost of a pavement on State Highway No. 30, from Ballinger to the north line of Precinct No. 1, a distance of 9.242 miles, with the understanding that Runnels County provide one-third of the cost of such construction and furnish such right-of-way as may be necessary. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-10.
1160. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the contract between the State Highway Commission and the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., for the building of an underpass with the T. & P. Railroad track just west of Loraine, in Mitchell County, is hereby approved and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to sign same in behalf of the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.

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1161. It is ordered by the Commission that an additional maintenance appropriation of \$1,200.00 be hereby made to Job No. M-8-B, Highway No. 1, Mitchell County, this appropriation being necessary to properly construct the approaches to the bridge recently completed. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-11.
1162. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that McLennan County be advised that their proportionate part of construction of the present State Highways in McLennan County shall be \$2,250,000.00 and in addition thereto not less than a 100 ft. right-of-way on location approved by the State Highway Engineer fully fenced. And upon being notified and advised that McLennan County has provided the sum of \$2,250,000.00 for McLennan County's portion of the construction of State highways in said County, and in addition will furnish not less than 100 ft. right-of-way fully fenced, the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to appoint a Resident Engineer for construction in McLennan and adjoining counties at a salary not to exceed \$6,000.00 per annum. The State Highway Engineer is further authorized to make plans and specification on highways in McLennan County, submitting to the Commission each definite item for appropriation as construction may be started, it being the purpose of the Department to proceed with the construction and improvement of the State designated highways in McLennan County as rapidly as the funds available for that purpose will permit. Motion carried.
1163. It is moved by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that a special maintenance appropriation of \$36,594.00 or so much thereof as may be found necessary, be hereby made for the preparation of base, regrading and re-shouldering, and for the construction of a two course asphalt surfacing 18 feet wide on 8 miles of Highway No. 135, in Smith County, on condition that Smith County furnish the sum of \$8,000.00 as their portion of the estimated cost, and in addition furnishing 80 ft. right-of-way fenced and cleared of obstruction. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-12.
1164. It is moved by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the sum of \$4,865.00 be hereby appropriated for general maintenance on Highway No. 135, from Troup to Arp, in Smith County; this highway having been designated in September and no maintenance funds having been provided in the general maintenance budget. Motion carried. A. F. E. 29-13.
1165. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the Chairman of the State Highway Commission make application to the Secretary of War for approval of plans and permit for constructing a bridge across the Neches River, State Highway No. 8, at the county line of Hardin and Jasper. Motion carried.
1166. It is ordered that the sum of \$13,391.95 be appropriated from State funds for the construction of 0.473 miles of approach to the Spring Creek Bridge on State Highway No. 19 in Montgomery County. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-14.
1167. It is ordered by the Commission that an additional maintenance appropriation of \$4,100.00 be made to Job No. M-13-F-2, Highway No. 73-A, in Austin County, for completing the graveling of a one mile section from the Brazos River bridge southwest; all local gravel having been exhausted, making it necessary to ship in gravel at an additional cost. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-15.
1168. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that there be appropriated the sum of \$6,500.00 for location survey in Live Oak and Jim Wells Counties to supplement the previous sum of \$7,000.00 for this work. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-16.

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1169. It is ordered by the Commission that a special maintenance appropriation of \$1,932.00 be hereby appropriated for constructing a concrete culvert under Highway No. 16, near the southeast city limits of San Antonio, Texas, so as to remedy a bad drainage condition; this appropriation being made with the understanding that Bexar County will construct the balance of the drainage structures necessary outside of the right-of-way limits of Highway No. 16 so as to provide a satisfactory outlet, to the satisfaction of the Highway Engineer. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-17.
1170. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$33,000.00 State funds be appropriated from 1929 revenue for the construction of Unit I on State Highway No. 113 in Refugio County, from Tivoli to the Victoria County line, a distance of about seven miles; with the understanding that Refugio County provide a like amount and furnish an 80 ft. right-of-way on location acceptable to the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-18.
1171. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an appropriation of \$6,350.00 be allotted out of the maintenance fund for building a large multiple concrete box culvert across drainage canal near Taft on State Highway No. 16, in San Patricio County. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-19.
1172. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the appointment of M. B. Hodges to act as Resident Engineer in Limestone County in addition to his duties in Freestone County be and is hereby approved. Mr. Hodges is to receive a total salary of \$425.00 per month. Motion carried.
1173. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the appointment of Larry O. Cox to be Division Engineer, Division No. 8 at Abilene, Texas, which has been made by the State Highway Engineer be and the same is hereby approved. Motion carried.
1174. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the appointment of Joe H. Caldwell, at present Maintenance Superintendent, to be Division Engineer of Division No. 5 at Lubbock, Texas, which has been made by the State Highway Engineer be and the same is hereby approved. Motion carried.
1175. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that an additional appropriation of \$1,500.00 be made to cover the salary and expenses of R. M. Stene and assistant, logging highways from January 1, 1929, to March 31, 1929. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-20.
1176. It is ordered by the Commission that an appropriation of \$208,715.00 be made to cover the purchase of posts and signs, and the cost of erecting same for marking the State Highway system of Texas, to be distributed as follows:
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| Signs----- | \$80,202.05 |
| Posts----- | 40,957.05   |
| Labor----- | 87,555.90   |
- Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-21. Total \$208,715.00
1177. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that \$6,000.00 additional State funds or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the construction of State Aid Project No. 440-C on State Highway No. 8, in Hardin County. Motion carried. A.F.E. 29-22.

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1178. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the following appointments made by the State Highway Engineer are hereby confirmed:

Leo Ehlinger to be Resident Engineer of Brown County, Texas, at a salary of \$350.00 per month; in addition he is authorized to supervise lateral road work on behalf of the County and be compensated for it.

J. B. Early, Division Engineer of Division No. 8 to succeed Leo Ehlinger as Maintenance Engineer.

Henry C. Porter to fill the authorization given by the Commission in Minute #953 at the salary authorized.

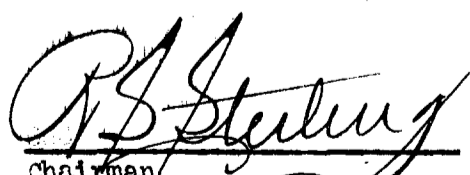


Miss Bessie Bergstrom, now Asst. Clerk and Acting Chief Clerk, to be Chief Clerk of this Department. Motion carried.

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1179. In Karnes County, Texas, it is so ordered by the Commission that the total contribution of Karnes County in the Kenedy District for the whole construction of approximately 7½ miles of Highway No. 72, from Kenedy to the District line, including 1/2 of the cost of the San Antonio River Bridge, shall be 50% of such cost but shall not in any event exceed the sum of \$83,000.00 exclusive of right-of-way.

1180. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an appropriation of \$18,059.00 be made for extending the lengths of 59 culverts and the building of new headwalls to same on State Highway No. 65 in Upshur County. Also, this work will include the building of a new concrete structure at Lilly Creek at an estimated cost of approximately \$6,000.00. The above work is to be considered as a maintenance construction project, this appropriation is available fiscal year ending August 31, 1929 - \$10,000.00, fiscal year ending August 31, 1930 - \$8,059.00. Motion carried  
A.F.E. 29-23

APPROVED:  
  
State Highway Engineer.

  
Chairman  
  
Member  
  
Member