

Authorization - Ferry Operations Committee to Inaugurate  
Future Ferry Service from Engelhard to Hatteras and  
Ocracoke

Commissioner Elliott on behalf of the Ferry Operations Committee, of which he is Chairman, presented a proposal to inaugurate ferry service across the Pamlico Sound from Engelhard to Hatteras and Ocracoke upon completion of the Oregon Inlet Bridge. In a rather full discussion of the proposal, Commissioner Elliott outlined a number of benefits of a practical nature which he stated would accrue to the residents of the communities involved, as well as to the touring public, from such a facility.

It was moved by Commissioner MacLamroc that the Commission authorize the Ferry Operations Committee to inaugurate operation of ferry service across Pamlico Sound from Engelhard to Hatteras and Ocracoke upon completion of the Oregon Inlet Bridge and thus utilize one of the ferry boats currently operating in the Oregon Inlet Ferry fleet. Commissioner Horner followed with a questioning of the costs involved et cetera in said proposal and offered a substitute motion that action on the proposal be postponed until cost data et cetera can be furnished the membership of the Commission. Commissioner Horner's motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner MacLamroc's motion was seconded by Commissioner Nesbitt, and unanimously carried.

Action - Re Designation of US-74 from Wilmington to Asheville as  
the "Andrew Jackson Highway"

Director Babcock presented a request to the Commission from Representative Hawfield, of Union County, asking for the designation of US-74 from Charlotte to Wilmington as the "Andrew Jackson Highway". Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Younts, seconded by Commissioner Webb, and unanimously carried, that the Commission concur in the naming of US-74 from Charlotte to Wilming

"Jackson Highway" if the counties involved approve the designation.

In further discussion of the matter, it was suggested by Commissioner Nesbitt that the designation of US-74 from Wilmington to Charlotte be extended on to Asheville, provided approval is secured from the counties involved. Accordingly, Commissioner Benson offered a substitute motion that the Commission approve the designation of US-74 from Wilmington to Asheville contingent upon approval by all the counties involved, which motion was seconded by Commissioner MacLamroc, and unanimously carried. Thus, by this overall action US-74 will run continuously from Wilmington to Asheville.

Approval - Deletion of Reconstruction of Bridge No. 48, Burke County, and Substitution therefor of Construction Bridge No. 45 over Catawba River at Rhodhiss

Pursuant to a request of the Burke County Commissioners and the recommendation of Commissioner Kirksey, it was moved by Commissioner Kirksey that Bridge No. 48 in Burke County, which is scheduled for reconstruction, be deleted and in its stead Bridge No. 45 over the Catawba River at Rhodhiss be programmed for construction, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Webb, and unanimously carried.

Authorization - Committee to Study Encroachments upon Highways and Shoulders by Transmission Gas Pipelines

It was recommended by Director Babcock that the Commission give consideration to the matter of encroachments upon the highways and shoulders by transmission gas pipelines. He stated that the Commission is faced with this problem continually, with the policy now in force and effect dating back to 1956. In the discussion that ensued, and acting on the suggestion of Chairman Evans, a motion was made by Commissioner Younts that Chairman Evans be authorized to appoint a com-