

Lawrence Kansas January 12 1889

The Board of Commissioners of Douglas County met pursuant to adjournment. There were present Commissioners Cutler, Griffiths and Platts and Paul R. Brooks County Clerk.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

Whereas, there is a suit pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, wherein S. Edgar Thompson and others are complainants and the County Treasurers of Douglas, Wyandotte and Jefferson Counties are defendants, and whereas there is a suit of like character pending in the Circuit Court of the United States in and for the district of Kansas where the same complainants appear and the County Officers of Lawrence, Wyandotte, Douglas, Jefferson, Shawnee, Riley, Davis and other Counties are defendants, and whereas, the questions involved in these actions is the right of the State of Kansas to collect taxes from the Union Pacific Railway Company Eastern Division and whereas the question is one of great magnitude and of general interest to the State and one which the Counties above named ought not alone to bear the burden of contesting. Therefore Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County respectfully ask the Senators and representatives of their County to present the matter to the Legislature and ask for an appropriation sufficient to defray the expenses of Counsel employed to defend the Counties in the above cases in the Supreme Court. Resolved that the Board respectfully ask the Legislature to make an appropriation for the object above named.

The following resolution was offered and adopted. Resolved that the County Attorney be requested to file a motion before the Hon. Judge of the District Court to dismiss the injunctions heretofore allowed against the Board of County Commissioners and have the same heard as soon as possible.

On motion it was Ordered that Holland Whelan Geo. Wells and F. Fuller be and are hereby appointed a Committee to examine when completed the bridges now being built by St. E. Turner at Baldwin's Crossing of Mud Creek and by Wm. Conitchfield at Jones Crossing of Coal Creek and report to the Board whether said Bridges are completed in accordance with the contracts made by the County with the builders.

The following resolution was offered read and adopted. Resolved that hereafter no more than one Bailiff exclusive of the Sheriff will be allowed for attendance on the District Court except in special cases where ordered by the Court.

On motion A. G. Norman was appointed a Commissioner to advertise for proposals and receive bids for building a bridge across Muddy Creek in Grant Township.

In the matter of the reassessment of Personal property of R. S. Stevens of Palmyra Township on evidence submitted by Mr. Stephens it was ordered that said assessment be abated to seven thousand seven hundred