

Ordered that the County Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to Confer with the Secretary of the Interior either directly or through our Congressman Hon. Stephen A. Cobb to ascertain what will be the cost of a full Abstract of lands in this County patented to Indians, with date of patent and the date of deeds from Indians of same, and date of approval.

The matter of bids for printing for the County for the present year was taken up and after consideration the contract for blank work & binding was awarded to H. A. Cutler at the following rates as per his bid for same.

Blank Books. Medium - printed heads. Canvas covers. full bound per gr 7500	
" " Demg " " " " " " " "	2.50
Indexes per quire	1.75
Better heads. first class per Ream	3.50
Blanks 1/2 cap size " quire	.30
1/4 " " " " "	.22
less than 1/4 " " " "	.18

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and read

Whereas it has been ascertained on examination of bills presented by J. D. Thacher against the County of Douglas, under contract for doing the printing, for the last three years for said County, that he (Thacher) has claimed and received more than his contract justly allows him, which amount he refuses to refund to the County under certain technicalities of law; therefore,

Resolved, that the board of County Commissioners would not be justifiable in awarding the contract for doing the printing for the aforesaid County for the present year to said Thacher notwithstanding his present low bid.

Resolved, that the bid of Ross and Stevens of the "Spirit of Kansas" being the next lowest bid, that the legal advertising for the County of Douglas be and is hereby awarded to said Ross and Stevens for the ensuing year at their last amended bid of May 6th 1874 the contract to close on the 1st of May A.D. 1875.

On Motion to adopt the foregoing resolutions it was carried Deskins and Clark voted yea Zimmerman voted no.

Commissioner Zimmerman presented the following.

The undersigned County Commissioner desires to file this written protest against the above resolution, as warranted by no facts within the knowledge of this board, eminently unjust