

Laurence, Douglas County Kansas January 10th 1876.

Pursuant to the provisions of law the Commissioners met in the office of the County Clerk ^{at 9 o'clock P.M.} There were present John Destines, Samuel L. Clark and Theo. Poehler and Thomas B. Smith County Clerk. The Commissioners each took the oath of office and each having filed his official bond in the sum of ~~Ten~~ ^{Five} thousand (\$10,000) dollars which had been severally approved by Hon. J. L. Norton Probate Judge of Douglas County; Also Theo. B. Smith Clerk elect having taken the oath of office and filed his bond with James E. Watson County Treasurer, the same having been approved by him; Thereupon ~~then~~ a motion of Mr. Clark the Commissioners proceeded to elect a Chairman by voting by ballot.

1st Ballot Clark 1 Poehler 1 Blank 1

2d " " 1 " 1 " 1

3th " " 1 " 1 " 1

4th " " 1 " 1 " 1

5th " " 1 " 1 " 1

6th " " 1 " 1 " 1

7th " " 1 " 1 " 1

There being no choice of Chairman Mr. Destines moved that Mr. Poehler be chosen Temporary Chairman which motion prevailed whereupon the Board ^{adjourned} until Tuesday morning January 11th A.D. 1876 to meet at 9 o'clock A.M.

Attest T. B. Smith
County Clerk

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The Board met in pursuance of adjournment in the office of the County Clerk. There were present Poehler Destines and Clark and the County Clerk T. B. Smith.

On a motion which prevailed the Commissioners resumed voting by ballot for a Chairman of the Board.

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Mr. Theo. Poehler, having received a majority of all the votes cast he was declared elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the two years ensuing.

Messrs. J. C. McCoy and B. H. Woodward were appointed by the Board to assist the Probate Judge in the next quarterly examination and counting of the funds in the hands of the