

Tuesday January 2, 1917

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met with all members present Gus H. Boone, J. L. Hoover and W. R. Green Chairman. Claims against the county were allowed as per allowance record.

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Whereas, The Edgar Steel Seal & Manufacturing Company did, on the day of June, 1916, duly list and value its property subject to taxation for the year 1916, and delivered the same, duly verified, to James Humlin, deputy assessor of the city of Lawrence, Douglas County, who received it without objection and delivered it to Herman Becker, assessor ex-officio of said county. And whereas, said Herman Becker as the Assessor or County Clerk of said County, without giving said company any notice of his proposed action, wrongfully, illegally and without warrant of law increased the value of the property listed by said company and placed the property with the value increase upon the tax roll of said County and delivered the same to the Treasurer of this County for collection.

And whereas, the said Edgar Steel Seal & Manufacturing Company have brought an action in the District Court of Douglas County, Kansas, against J. W. Cummings as Sheriff, J. C. Stinson as Treasurer, and W. R. Green, Gus H. Boone and J. L. Hoover as County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, and have obtained an injunction against said officers enjoining them from collecting the taxes as increased by said Herman Becker from said company.

And whereas, we have been advised that the act of said Herman Becker, as Assessor or County Clerk in increasing the valuation of the property of said company as fixed by said company without giving said company any notice or opportunity to be heard is wholly illegal and void, and that the taxes assessed against said company over and above the taxes based upon the valuation as fixed by said company cannot be collected.

And whereas, said Edgar Steel Seal & Manufacturing Company has made an offer of compromise in said action and has offered the sum of \$112⁸⁵ in the way of compromise.

Now, therefore, we being advised that we have the power to compromise said action and that it is a proper thing to do, and that the amount offered by said company is a larger sum than we could collect in said action on its final termination, do accept the offer of said company and we do accept the sum of \$112⁸⁵ in compromise of said action and as a compromise of the amount of the taxes due the County of Douglas for the year 1916 from said company.

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