

Saturday, August 7th 1920.

The board met in adjourned regular session, Commissioner Cox and Hoover present, Commissioner Andrews absent owing to sickness, Temporary Chairman Hoover presiding.

The board ordered a refund of \$1.00 to Oscar Britton account dog paid for which he did not own.

Opinion

800m Co.

Attorney

on Proceeding

in Building

Bridges

The following opinion on procedure in building bridges was submitted by A. C. Wilson, deputy County Attorney, upon request from the board.

To the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas:

1. You may proceed to the construction of any of the bridges destroyed by the recent flood in Douglas County in the following manner, to wit: - All matters and arrangements with reference to the construction of bridges, must be determined by you with reference to each bridge separately.

2. Your records must show that it is necessary to build a bridge. Then you must submit the matter to the County Engineer with the facts concerning each bridge, and order him to visit the respective sites and make a written report to you of his estimates of the cost of construction or repair of each bridge separately.

3. Where the County Engineer's estimate of the construction or repair of a bridge does not exceed \$4000.00, you may order its construction and pay for the same out of the general bridge fund. And in such cases, the Board of County Commissioners shall make all contracts for the construction or repair in such cases as provided by law, and hereinafter stated. If the bridge is to be built on a township road and is a township bridge, and the County Engineer's estimate of cost shall not exceed \$600.00, the entire expense thereof shall be paid by the township, but if such bridge, even though it is a township bridge, shall exceed \$600.00, in the County Engineer's estimated cost, then the County Board shall appropriate from the County bridge fund, the money therefore exceeding \$400.00, township being required in such cases to assist in the sum of \$400.00.

In such cases where the estimated cost of the construction or repair does not exceed \$600.00, all contracts for material and labor and the general management of the construction or repair shall be made and attended to by the Township Board of Highway Commissioners. But when the same exceed \$600.00, the management contracts for labor, material etc., falls upon the Board of County Commissioners.