

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD M

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November 5, 1930

The Board of County Commissioners met in adjourned regular session with Earl T. Black, Chairman, E. J. Hill and X. J. Kennedy, Commissioners, and the County Clerk present. Claims against the county were allowed as per Allowance Register.

The resignation of Geo. O. Reed as constable for the city of Lawrence was presented to the Board. On motion made by X. J. Kennedy and seconded by E. J. Hill the Resignation of Geo. O. Reed as constable for the city of Lawrence was accepted.

A petition signed by thirteen members of the Lawrence Bar requesting the appointment of Theodore Charlton to the position of Constable for the city of Lawrence for the unexpired term of Geo. O. Reed, resigned. On motion of X. J. Kennedy, seconded by E. J. Hill, the Board by unanimous vote appointed Theodore Charlton as constable for the city of Lawrence to fill out the unexpired term cause by the resignation of Geo. O. Reed.

On motion of E. J. Hill, seconded by X. J. Kennedy, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a 20 caterpillar, 16 ft. blade, Road Maintainer from the Martin Tractor Company, Ottawa, Kansas, for the sum of \$3233, payable as follows: \$1000 payable January 1, 1931; the balance, \$2233, July 1, 1930.

November 6, 1930

JOINT SESSION OF DOUGLAS AND JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARDS

This joint meeting of the Douglas and Jefferson county Boards was held for the purpose of opening the bids submitted for the repair of the substructure of the Leecompton bridge, a joint bridge between Douglas and Jefferson counties across the Kansas river at Leecompton, Kansas. Those present were: Amos Leech and Harvey Tait, Commissioners, and H. A. Marshall, Engineer, of Jefferson County: Earl T. Black, E. J. Hill and X. J. Kennedy, Commissioners, C. O. Bowman, County Clerk, and E. E. Trueblood, Engineer, Douglas County.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, Earl T. Black, Chairman of the Douglas County Board, called the meeting to order and the clerk was directed to open the bids in his possession. The bids were as follows:

Drexel Const. Co.,	Kansas City, Kans.	\$19055.47
Orr Const. Co.,	Marion, Kans.	19277.50
Kepler Const. Co.,	Kansas City, Kans	23524.61
Engineers Estimate		17665.13.

All bids being above the Engineer's estimate, they were on motion of X. J. Kennedy seconded by Amos Leech, unanimously rejected by the Joint Boards. The Boards then went in conference with the bidders proposing to let the contract at the Engineer's estimate. The Orr Construction Company agreed to do the work at the Engineer's estimate. On motion of E. J. Hill, seconded by X. J. Kennedy, the contract to repair the Leecompton Bridge according to the plans and specifications furnished by the Engineer for the sum of \$17665.13. The motion being put, it was carried unanimously.

November 7, 1930

The Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, consisting of Earl T. Black, E. J. Hill, X. J. Kennedy, Commissioners, and C. O. Bowman, County Clerk, met as a canvassing board for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the General Election held November 4, 1930. The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Board began the official canvas, and continued through the day, completing the canvas of the votes cast within the various voting precincts of the county. The result of said canvas is duly recorded in the Abstract of Votes Cast at the General Election held Nov. 4, 1930. The Board then adjourned until Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1930, for the purpose of canvassing the Absent Vote cast within the State.

November 8, 1930

The Board of County Commissioners met in adjourned regular session with Earl T. Black, Chairman, E. J. Hill and X. J. Kennedy, commissioners and the County Clerk present. The Board completed the allowing of claims against the county for this session.

The application of the Board of Trustees of the Trinity Lutheran Church for a refund of taxes paid on Lots 4 and 6, park, City of Lawrence, during the years 1924 to 1929 inclusive. On motion of E. J. Hill, seconded by X. J. Kennedy, the Board's findings in the matter, together with their recommendations are directed to be submitted to the State Tax Commission. The Board's findings are as follows:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAWRENCE, FOR REFUND AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES PAID ON LOTS 4 AND 6, PARK, CITY OF LAWRENCE.

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, find the following to be the facts regarding the taxes charges and paid on lots 4 and 6, Park, Lawrence, Kansas.

The above described property was not used for religious worship until late in September, 1928. It was not exempt, nor entitled to exemption from taxation during the years 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

The only payment of taxes showing a protest was for the year 1927. In May, 1927, the Lutheran Church sold the improvements then occupying lots 4 and 6 Park. Said improvements were removed from said lots during the summer of 1927. The Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Church then made application to have this property ie. Lots 4 and 6, Park, exempted from taxation on the ground that they were erecting a church building on said lots. This application was referred to the State Tax Commission with the recommendation of the Board of County Commissioners that the petitioner be relieved of the 1927 taxes in an amount equal to the difference in the assessed valuations of the improvements removed, \$5000, and the given sale price of the improvements, \$500, or the taxes on a valuation of \$4500. The State Tax Commission held, that as the improvements were on the lots March 1, 1927, they were subject to the 1927 tax. This tax was collected and distributed to the various funds entitled thereto.

The assessment rolls and tax rolls of Douglas County for the year 1928 show, that the County Clerk reduced the assessed valuation of lots 4 and 6, Park, in the sum of \$5000, the value of the improvements removed in 1927.

Leecompton
Bridge

Exemption
Petition