

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD M

June 15, 1932

The Board of County Commissioners met in adjourned regular session with all members and the County Clerk present.

A committee representing the Lawrence Chapter of the Red Cross Organization with Rev. C. A. Puls as chairman, appeared before the Board with a petition requesting the appropriation by the Board of Commissioners of \$100 per month toward the salary of the Red Cross Rural Health Nurse. Several members of the delegation spoke of the work being done by the Red Cross Nurse and urged the necessity of continuing the work. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

On motion of E. J. Hill, seconded by Earl T. Black, that the working time of County Road and Bridge employees be reduced to a five day week with maximum monthly working of 22 days with a corresponding reduction in the rate of wages paid per month, and that the County Engineer be paid \$175 per month, and that the shop foreman be paid \$140 per month. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Before adjourning, the Chairman called a special meeting of the Board for June 18, 1932

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The Board of County Commissioners met in special session with X. J. Kennedy, Chairman, Earl T. Black and E. J. Hill, Commissioners and the County Clerk present.

The matter of the Red Cross petition for an appropriation of \$100 per month by the county for the support of a Red Cross Rural Health Nurse came before the Board for consideration. The Board made a thorough investigation of the financial ability of the county to assume this added expense, and finding that the County General Fund would be overdrawn more than \$15,000 by the end of this fiscal year and in face of the wide spread demand for retrenchment, the Board directed the following reply to the request of the petition.

Rev. C. A. Puls,
Chairman Red Cross Chapter
Douglas County.

Dear Sir:

After careful consideration of your petition presented to us asking that the County Commissioners appropriate \$100 per month toward the salary of the Douglas County Rural Health Nurse employed by the Red Cross Chapter of Douglas County, we, the Board of County Commissioners, find that the county has no funds available for this purpose at this time.

During the present fiscal year the county will have expended approximately \$25,000 charity, hospital fees, dependents at the County Home and elsewhere, and we fear the coming year will demand even more.

We are confronted with the problem of cutting our expenses so as to reduce materially the tax burden, and this in the face of the fact that our taxable valuation will be more than four million dollars less than it was last year,

We assure you that it is not from lack of sympathy for your program that we feel compelled to take this action, but with conditions as they are we cannot furnish such support at this time.

Respectfully,

The Board of County Commissioners

Attest: E. J. Hill
County Clerk

X. J. Kennedy
Chairman

Wage Scale

Red Cross

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