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February 4, 1939.

The County Board of Commissioners, namely: Earl T. Black, Chairman, Jas. F. Brass and Chris Schaake, Commissioners and the County Clerk T. R. Gerhart, met in regular adjourned session this day at the hour of 9 A. M.

Discussion of certain help in the courthouse, namely, the Janitress, was gone into by the Board, and it was deemed best by the Commissioners that the Board dispense with the services of Mrs. Johnson, who is now employed in that capacity.

The application of Amey Powell for position of Janitress was given deep consideration. Whereupon, Chris Schaake moved that the county dispense with the services of one Mrs. Johnson Janitress, said services to terminate on the 18th day of February, 1939. Commissioners Schaake further moved that Amey Powell be employed to occupy said position at the wage of \$25.00 per month, to work not less than three days per week, her services to begin on the 20th day of February, 1939. Jas. F. Brass seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman Earl T. Black, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

In regard to the purchase of fingerprinting apparatus for the Sheriff's office, came Sheriff Charles E. Banning and Deputy S. Wayne Owen, clearly expressing the need of said equipment to the Board. They stated that said equipment would cost about \$31.00. The Board, realizing the need of same, authorized the purchase of the above.

Howard Veatch of the Veatch Furniture Company met with the Board and the Sheriff in regard to the purchase of mattresses for the Jail. Because of the discrepancy that had occurred, Mr. Veatch presented an explanation to the Board.

Ina and D. H. Spencer, once again, appeared before the Board in regard to their petition filed to vacate the plat of University Heights--Part III. County Attorney Milton P. Beach was also present. No action on this matter has, yet, been taken.

For a general discussion on taking of certain land into the city, came Willard Brown and Mr. Berger of the City Council. This meeting required no definite action, but was informally held.

Claims against the county for wages, materials and supplies were duly scrutinized and allowed as recorded on the Allowance Record, by unanimous vote of the Board.

The County Engineer was present on several engineering matters.

By motion, seconded and voted, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, February 6, at the hour of 9 A. M.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart
T. R. Gerhart,
County Clerk.

Earl T. Black
Earl T. Black, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

February 6, 1939.

At the hour of 9 A. M., the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County convened in regular adjourned session, there being present: Earl T. Black, Chairman, Jas. F. Brass and Chris Schaake, Commissioners and T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk.

A delegation from Topeka, representing the Lake View Club, met with the Board; said delegation consisting of: Mr. C. A. Karlan, Dr. Clement Smith, Mr. W. Johnson and Mr. W. G. Dickie. Also, present, was Wesley Brune.

The object of the meeting was to determine if Douglas County would be willing to sponsor a W. P. A. project for the construction of a ditch from Baldwin Creek to the Lake. It is the contention of the delegation that this is the last resource in which Lake View can be supplied with water, said lake now being practically dry. They stated that the ditch would have to be constructed across Wesley Brune's land, and that said Mr. Brune has no objection to the matter. The gentlemen argued that without water in the lake, its merits as a resort, would be null, and that, at the present time, said lake is almost valueless to the existing members of the club. In order to increase membership, the lake must be put back on the same basis as it was several years ago. It was suggested that the county engineer investigate the proposition and report to the Board.

It was asked by the Board how much financial aid the Club could contribute toward the construction of the ditch. Members of the delegation expressed their willingness to solicit as much funds as they can from the members of the club, and to report to the Commissioners at a future date.

No definite action could be taken on this today.

A Mrs. Reese, accompanied by her son, appeared before the Board seeking some compromise on delinquent taxes against her properties located at 600 Mo. St., and 942 Mo. St. Because of misfortune in the family in the way of sicknesses etc., she claims she is unable to meet the total obligation. The Board informed her that, although it sympathize with her greatly, it has not adopted the policy of compromising taxes; and, therefore, felt that it could give her no aid in the matter.

A Chamber of Commerce Committee, consisting of 23 men, among them: John Brand, Roger Williams, J. Clifton Ramsey, George Hedrick and Harold Snider, met as per appointment with the Board on the Kansas City, Kaw Valley and Western Railway matter; also, presenting petitions signed by farmers and business men, asking that Douglas County's appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals be withdrawn. (These petitions are on file in the office of the County Clerk.) Each man present voiced his arguments as to why the appeal should be withdrawn, and the effect the loss of the railroad would have on their businesses.

The Board listened to all arguments, presented, but gave no answer to the delegation as to its decision in the matter.

Carl Perkins, Eudora, met with the Board in regard to certain land now in city lots, assessed in the City of Eudora. The object of his appointment was to determine if legally this property