

## COMMISSIONER'S RECORD M

April 5, 1939.

As per adjournment, the Board of County Commissioners met at the hour of 9 A. M., with all members of said Board and the County Clerk present.

A discussion was gone into regarding Amy Powell and her duties as Janitress in the courthouse. It was suggested that her duties should cover janitor service on the third floor of the courthouse as well as the first and second. For such additional work, the Board deemed it best to increase Miss Powell's wages, whereupon, Jas. F. Brass moved that the wages of Amy Powell, Janitress, be increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per month, beginning as of April 1, 1939 because of an increase in janitor duties on the third floor of the courthouse, namely, the Welfare offices and the Red Cross Office. Chris Schnake seconded the motion. On vote, all Commissioners voted in the affirmative.

Salesmen Mr. Halworth and Mr. Dunn from the Standard Register Company demonstrated to the Board the Standard Register for use in the Welfare Department. No purchase was made of same.

Bids for a new lavatory on the third floor of the courthouse were opened, there being three bidders, as follows:

Shimmons Plumbing Company	\$148.00
Olson Bros.	163.00
Kennedy Plumbing Company	112.00

It was moved by Chris Schnake that the Board award the contract for the new lavatory to the Kennedy Plumbing Company for the low bid of \$112.00. A second was made by Jas. F. Brass. On vote, called by Chairman Black, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

The Board adjourned until Saturday, April 8.

ATTEST:

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

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

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All members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

For a discussion on the Brecheisen Road in Marion Township, came all members of the Township Board, namely, John Elm, Trustee, Chas. E. Forth, Clerk and Chas. Jones, Treasurer. No action on this road was taken.

N. A. Eberhart appeared before the Board in regard to damages done to his property because of the construction of a county bridge in Willow Springs Township. The Board informed said Mr. Eberhart that the matter would be taken up with the County Engineer.

In regard to the payment of back taxes against property described as the N 50' of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, Blk. 5, S Lawrence, belonging to Mrs. Laura Higdon, there appeared before the Board, said Mrs. Higdon, her daughter Mrs. Turner and W. Roy Martin. Due to a clerical error, the improvements on said lot were not assessed on same from the year 1930 to and including the year 1937. For these years, the improvements were erroneously assessed against the S 25' of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, in the name of Alfred H. Moyes. The above error was discovered in 1937 by the present County Clerk, then Deputy, and the correction made on the assessment roll. Escaped taxes were charged back for each year to the year 1930.

The purpose of the meeting, at this time, was to determine if some compromise could be made with the Board concerning the payment of these taxes. Due to the nature of the error, Mrs. Higdon felt that the fault of same was half and half and so asked if a settlement could be made on the 50-50 basis, she to pay half of the delinquent taxes and the county to cancel the other half. The Board went into detailed discussion, calling the County Attorney in on the meeting. The Commissioners, finally, stated that an answer would be given as soon as the County Attorney would check the legal side of the question.

Members of the Lone Star Lake Association: George Hedrick, Art Weaver and Harry Nevin met with the Board to discuss the securing of aid from the National Park Service for improvements yet to be done at the Lone Star Park. The CCC camp now stationed there is scheduled to move in the near future. The County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer were present and stated that a year's work could yet be done at the Park. Several suggestions were made during the meeting, and it was finally agreed to make a trip out to the lake and look over the situation as it now is.

The County Treasurer made a request of the Board to purchase a table for his office, which he says he is in great need of. The table he had in mind was one offered for sale by Mrs. Adda Dickinson at the price of \$15.00. It is a solid walnut and in good condition. The Board authorized the Treasurer to purchase the table at the above named price. Mr. Gardner, also, stated that he is in need of a filing cabinet for tax cards. He was requested to secure bids on same.

The following action was taken in regard to certain roads in Lecompton Township:

WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS. Acting under the Laws of 1923, Chapter 68, Article 114, which reads as follows, "PROCEEDINGS FOR CHANGES IN ROADS. When it is found necessary to layout, relocate, alter, widen or vacate a road or highway for the purpose of eliminating sharp turns or other dangerous places, or for the proper construction of a highway, or for the extension of a bridge or culvert, the board of county commissioners shall by order of board layout, relocate, alter, or widen a public road and may vacate an existing road. All land required for the laying out, widening or altering of a road shall be acquired by the board of county commissioners by purchase or by donation."