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August 10, 1939.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners met in regular adjourned session at the hour of 8 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of attending a Bindweed Inspection Tour with the County Bindweed Supervisor, State Weed Supervisor and other supervisors from various counties.

All morning was given to this tour and at the hour of 1:30 P. M., said Board with the County Clerk convened in the regular meeting rooms at the courthouse to attend to regular county business.

J. Withers quoted the price of \$40.00 for the work of plastering and repairing certain places in the Commissioners' room and in the Red Cross room.

No other business coming before the Board, said Board adjourned to meet Saturday, August 12.

ATTEST:

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

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

August 12, 1939.

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

Roy Flory, Deputy County Treasurer, discussed a new method of Tax Receipts for said office.

At the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., all members of the Board, the County Clerk, the Budget Director and the County Director of Welfare, met in the court room to attend a public hearing on the county budget, as advertised in the official county paper. Approximately, fifty people attended said meeting.

The proposed budget, as set up by the Commissioners, assisted by the Budget Director and the County Clerk, was reviewed fund by fund. After the reading of each fund by Mrs. LeSuer, Budget Director, discussion was held, whereupon the Commissioners and Mrs. LeSuer acted as explicators in the matter.

In the General Fund, objection was heard on the amount allowed for clerk, hire and wages and for salaries of deputies. It was asked that the wage scale for same be reduced to a certain extent. In regard to the electric power used by the county, it was suggested that an effort be made to secure a discount on this, in view of the large quantity used by the county. The public was informed, that, already, an effort was being made toward this end.

In the Road Fund, it was suggested that said budget be cut by eliminating some of the employees and by reducing wages. The amount set up for gasoline, oil and grease provoked some criticism, and was asked to be reduced.

Criticism on the Welfare Fund was in regard to the administration expense and to the qualifications of the Case Workers. A reduction in the wages for said department was asked.

Considerable objection was given to the increase in the Farm Bureau budget, said budget having been increased for the purpose of hiring a Home Demonstration Agent. However, representatives from the Bureau and Extension Division upheld the merit of such an increase.

Both the Bindweed and the Park Fund were asked to be reduced. It was remarked that the budget of \$5000.00 set up for the Bindweed Fund, was considered by the Tax Payers' League, to be about twice what it should be. A few individuals gave severe criticism on the budget set up for the Lone Star Park.

Adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

At the stated hour, the hearing on the county budget continued.

Fred Laptad read a resolution which the committee, representing The Tax Payers' League and the American Liberty League, had drawn up to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners, containing therein the following recommendations:

1. Reduce the General Fund 10%, mostly on wages of clerks and deputies, and any other way that would bring about a 10% reduction.
2. Reduce the electric power bill 40%.
3. Appoint a Welfare Board: 1 from each township
1 from each ward in the city
1 from each smaller town
who are home owners, to pass on the work of the County Director.
4. Reduce the Welfare budget 10%, to be divided up in the most advisable manner.
5. Reduce 10% in budget for all luxuries such as Lone Star Lake.
6. Allow the Farm Bureau budget to remain as it has been at \$2500.00.

Considerable discussion was gone into among the Board members, in regard to recommendations and criticisms received at this hearing. The Funds were, again, carefully gone over with the possibility in view of reducing certain items.