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Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

May 15, 1940.

The Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk convened in regular adjourned session this 15th day of May, 1940, at the hour of 8:30 A. M.

Clifton Ramsey, Attorney for the Lone Star Lake Association and Raymond Rice, Attorney for N. T. Veatch, met with the Board and the County Attorney in regard to certain land adjacent to the Lone Star Park, now belonging to Mr. Veatch, which, has not, yet, been deeded to the county. Mr. Veatch is asking for certain water rights from the well on land recently deeded to the county by D. F. Smith, but which deed, as yet, has not been accepted. It is Mr. Veatch's contention that some plan should be worked out whereby he would be assured of a permanent supply of water, after which the land in question would be deeded to the county.

The following Offer of Compromise was presented by Solon T. Emery:

## PETITION FOR COMPROMISE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF KANSAS:

Your petitioner, Solon T. Emery, respectfully shows that he is indebted for personal property taxes for the years 1934, 1936 and 1937 in the total sum of \$129.98, plus interest and penalties.

That he has attempted to, but has been unable to, raise sufficient money to pay such taxes or any major part thereof.

That the County has recently sold his homestead for the non-payment of real estate taxes.

That the only other property now owned by him is mortgaged for practically all of its present market value and he has been unable to make a sale of such real estate for any amount over the liens thereon.

That he has been able to raise and now has the sum of \$40.00 which he now offers as a compromise and settlement in full for all taxes due against him on account of the personal property tax assessments for the years mentioned.

That your petitioner is the owner of no non-exempt personal property of any kind.

WHEREFORE your petitioner requests the Board to investigate the matter and make an order authorizing the compromise of the taxes due from him for the three years mentioned on his payment of said sum of \$40.00.

Solon T. Emery  
Petitioner

STATE OF KANSAS )  
DOUGLAS COUNTY ) SS

Solon T. Emery, being first duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing petition for compromise of personal property taxes; that he knows the contents thereof; and that all statements contained therein are true.

Solon T. Emery

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1940.

SEAL

Mary C. Morgan  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 15, 1942.

The above was put on file for further action.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Saturday, May 18, at 8:30 A. M.

ATTEST:

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

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

May 18, 1940.

As per adjournment, all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

Discussing the possibility of a compromise with the Kansas City, Kaw Valley and Western Railroad as to taxes and bridge rentals, came Harry Frazee, Attorney for the County and John Brand, member of the Chamber of Commerce. Milton Beach, County Attorney was, also, present. It was thought that the Arkansas Valley Plan of tax compromise would be feasible, that is, upon the payment of the current year's taxes, an additional hundred dollars is paid for the first year's taxes in delinquency, said amount to be accepted in full payment of that delinquent year's taxes. The plan as set up for the payment of bridge rental was the payment of \$200.00 for all bridge rental claims prior to February 1, 1939, and from that time to the present rentals would be paid on the basis of \$.1.00 per car. Speaking of a new bridge rental contract for the future, if said road is re-organized--John Brand contended that the dollar per loaded freight car is excessive and that 50¢ for same would be more than sufficient, on which the Board did not agree. The above matter was discussed pro and con, but no definite action was taken by the Board.

The Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 20, 1940.

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

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