

# COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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Boone County Republican, Lawrence

May 28, 1940.

All members of the Board of Equalization and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board for the purpose of hearing appeals on personal property valuations.

An appeal was made by Herbert J. Gloed, 515 W 23rd St., for an adjustment on the valuation placed on property described as Lot 27, Blk. 17, Babcock's Enlarged Addition, which is on the rolls in the total valuation of \$2,280, \$1,080 for the lot and \$1,200 for the improvements. He asked that the improvements be reduced to \$600.00, stating that the house is fifty years old and the best offer for sale he has received is \$400.00, exclusive of the lot. No reduction was asked on the lot. No decision this day.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Brown, officers of the Lawrence Women's Club, presented their appeal for a reduction in the appraisements placed on new improvements made on the Club house this year. She claims they borrowed \$1700.00 to make these new improvements; that they redecorated the kitchen, did some outside painting and made some changes on the first floor of the club house, but added no extra improvements to the building whatsoever. The assessor placed a valuation of \$1000.00 on these new improvements. Mrs. Young's plea was that it would be impossible for the women of the club to pay any more taxes on this building, as they were carrying a too heavy burden already. The Board assured the ladies, that it would take this matter under consideration.

For a detailed discussion of the personal property assessment of the merchants in the City of Lawrence, appeared Frank M. Holliday, Deputy Assessor. This was in connection with the complaint made by W. E. Spalding that the merchants in town were under-assessed. It was suggested this matter be discussed at another meeting, also, for the purpose of clarifying the situation.

Harold Simon appeared before the Board requesting that some consideration be given to the reduction of the assessed valuation of his property described as Lot 178, Ohio Street, which is on the tax rolls at \$2,310.00. He says he purchased said property for \$1500.00, and that he believed the assessed valuation should be no more than the purchase price. This appeal was set aside for further consideration.

The Board adjourned to sit as a Board of County Commissioners to discuss the welfare budget with Leon G. Abele, Supervisor of Business and Finance, Mildred D. Watson, County Welfare Director, and Mildred LeSuer, Budget Director, after which said Board adjourned to meet May 29, 1940.

ATTEST:

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County Clerk.

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

May 29, 1940.

The Board of Equalization met this 29th day of May, 1940, there being present all members of said Board and the County Clerk.

C. C. Stewart, Attorney for the Williams-Roberts company, met with the Board to discuss the personal property assessment of said company. He said at the time of assessment he and the deputy assessor had no difficulty in arriving at a valuation, and it was his feeling that if the Board of Equalization would deem it necessary to raise the Williams-Roberts assessment, it should, also, give some consideration to the valuations of the other garages in the city.

Clarence Miller, 1808 Vermont, appeared before the Board to present his plea for a real estate property reduction. He said he purchased the property for \$500.00 and assumed all the back taxes, which were approximately \$342.67. The house is at least fifty years old and is very badly in need of repairs and remodeling. Practically, the only thing that doesn't need repairs is the roof. He said in its present condition, the house isn't worth \$750.00, but it is his intention to make numerous repairs to put it back in good shape. The Board placed this on the viewing list.

The Board adjourned to sit as a Board of County Commissioners to discuss several matters pertaining to the Lone Star Lake with Clifton Ramsey and Raymond Rice. The Board informed Mr. Rice, who is Attorney for H. T. Veatch that the county is anxious to secure the title to land now owned by Mr. Veatch, and this matter which has been pending for a long time, should be settled as soon as possible. The Board felt that if this could not be done within a reasonable length of time, the county would be compelled to take condemnation proceedings. Mr. Rice assured the Board that he would get in touch with Mr. Veatch as soon as possible.

The Board adjourned to meet Friday, May 31, 1940.

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Lenna McAlcarney asked for a reduction on the assessed valuation of three vacant lots, described as Lots 201, 203 and 205, Ohio Street. Each of these lots is assessed for \$990.00, making a total of \$2970.00. Mrs. Alcarney purchased these lots at the Judicial Tax Sale, one for \$65.00 and the other two for \$85.00 each. The Board informed her that at this particular time, it could see no way in which it could adjust the valuations on these lots, since they are in line with neighboring lots.

Leonard Jella, Sr., 806 Ohio Street presented his request for a reduction on the assessed valuation of his home, which went on the assessment rolls for the first time this year. Said property