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B. F. Bowman, County Engineer of Doniphan County, met with the Commissioners to discuss his application for the position of County Engineer. Mr. Bowman is 52 years of age and has been County Engineer of Doniphan for about four years.

The applications of Mrs. Gertie K. Johnston and Orah Million, were received too late to be considered for the secretarial position in the Farm Security Office; they were received after final action had been taken hiring Mrs. Quinn for this position.

Harry Sutton met with the Commissioners for the purpose of making some arrangements with the county so he could either purchase or rent a pump and motor for the public well situated on his property. Although, this is a Douglas County well it was placed on Jefferson County property, due to the source of water supply. The equipment at all county wells were brought in recently when the Board of County Commissioners took action closing the drought emergency. Mr. Sutton claims that he has a considerable number of cattle which depend on this particular well for water, and since the well has been closed, said cattle are without drinking water. Mr. Sutton, also, stated that the school used this well for its water supply. It was finally agreed to have an engine taken out to the Lecompton Well this day, with the provision that said Mr. Sutton be responsible for the electricity used for the motor. Mr. Sutton agreed that he would be responsible for the cost of operating said well. This action was taken only as a temporary arrangement, with the thought that something definite could be done at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 29, at which time the County Attorney would be present.

Another applicant for the position of County Engineer, namely, W. E. Briscoe, met with the Board. Mr. Briscoe is working for the State Highway Commission, and is, at present, located at Clay Center, Kansas. For qualifications and experience, see his written application on file.

Arthur Hopkins, presented his verbal application for janitor at the courthouse. Mr. Hopkins is, at present, employed at various places in town. His home is at 1206 N. J.

At the hour of 1:30 P. M., gasoline bids for the county for the ensuing year were opened. Several representatives of oil companies or agencies were present, along with the County Engineer.

The invitations to bid asked for two proposals:

- No. 1. Propose to furnish Douglas County's Gasoline requirements for the period designated, on tank wagon delivery to County equipment any place in Douglas County without Federal tax, but with State tax included.
- No. 2. Propose to furnish Douglas County its Gasoline requirements for the period designated, on tank wagon delivery to County equipment any place in Douglas County, at a unit price based on Certified refinery costs, plus certified freight costs, plus _____ cents per gal. handling charge.

Bids are as follows:

Socony Vacuum Oil Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 11.2¢ per gal.
K-T Oil Corporation:	Proposal No. 1	Net 10.2¢ per gal. delivered within City limits. Net 10.7¢ per gal. delivered outside city limits.
	Proposal No. 2	Net 9.9¢ per gal. within the City limits Net 10.4¢ per gal. delivered outside city limits.
Independent Oil Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 10.2¢ per gal.
	Proposal No. 2	Net 9.97¢ per gal.
Sinclair Refining Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 10.5¢ per gal.
Skelly Oil Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 11.2¢ per gal.
Texas Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 11.2¢ per gal.
Bareco Oil Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 10.0¢ per gal.
	Proposal No. 1	Net 10.1¢ per gal.
Phillips Petroleum Company:	Proposal No. 1	Net 10.7¢ per gal.

No bid was accepted this day.

Ed Steele asked the Commissioners to give consideration to improving the road running from No. 6 to Belvoir, for which a petition was presented several years ago, and which is now on file with the county. The Board assured him that it would check this petition and discuss this matter further.

Leroy D. Harris, who is now employed as County Engineer of Pawnee County, presented his verbal application to the Commissioners, for the position of County Engineer of Douglas County. Mr. Harris is 50 years of age, and has been Co. Eng. of Pawnee County for the past sixteen years. Mr. Harris stated his qualifications and experience, especially his work now as County Engineer.

The matter of employing a janitor for the courthouse, was, again, brought up for discussion. All applications received were carefully scrutinized and discussed. After considerable time spent on this, by formal action and unanimous vote, the Board went on record appointing Harold Wilburn as custodian of the courthouse, his services to begin the 1st of February, 1941, at the salary of \$100 per month.

The County Clerk was directed to contact Mr. Wilburn, informing him of the action taken, and, also, to contact Arthur Lewis, present janitor and Aray Powell, Janitress, to inform them that their services will no longer be needed after January 31.

The Board adjourned to meet Monday, January 20, 1941, at 9:30 A. M.

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
County Clerk

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Chairman of the Board of Co. Com.

*Harold Wilburn
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