

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

February 3, 1941.

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular adjourned session, there being present: L. H. Griffith, Chairman, J. M. Sanderson and Ed Johnson, Commissioners, and T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk.

Leah Pettibone, 1124 R. I. Street, made a verbal application to the Board for office work of any kind in any office in the courthouse. She, also, asked to be considered if additional help is needed when and if the Food Stamp Plan goes into effect. The Board suggested that she place a written application on file with the County Clerk.

A delegation from Willow Springs Township, namely, J. W. Kennedy, a Mr. Reynolds and two Messrs. Hibners, met, as per appointment, with the Board to discuss road improvements in said Township. They asked that this road, located in the SE cor of Sec. 10-14-19, be officially located, so that Willow Springs Township would take over and maintain same. It was stated that the township formerly maintained this road until they discovered that it was not on the map, and was not an officially located road, whereupon said township discontinued the maintenance. The Board informed the delegation that a petition must be presented to the Board for action, and if so accepted, was to be advertised and viewed, before official action could be taken.

A verbal application for work on the bridge or road crew was made by John Mohler. His name was placed on file, along with other applicants.

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It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that the County Yards, located in the 700 block on Connecticut Street, should be enclosed by a fence. Whereupon, the Commissioners directed Alva Hodges to attend to this matter.

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at Atchison. Henry Allen Matthews is now living with his foster mother, Mrs. Henrietta Matthews, in North Lawrence. Since, it was discovered that Mrs. Matthews was not, legally, the guardian of Henry, a hearing was held in the Probate Court and Mr. A. E. Strode, was appointed Guardian. All three of these cases were discussed thoroughly, and it was deemed best by the Commissioners that these boys should be admitted to the training school. The county is responsible to pay, upon admission of these boys, \$40.00 each, to the school, this money to be used for clothing for the children; and further agree to pay each year thereafter for each child, up to \$40.00 for clothing.

J. M. Sanderson moved that favorable action be taken upon the request of Rachel Flory, Guardian for George Tipton and William Cecil Edmonds, and upon the request of A. E. Strode, Guardian of Henry Allen Matthews, for the admission of these children to the State Training School, at Winfield, Kansas; whereupon, the county agrees to pay, at the time of their admittance, the sum of \$40.00 each, amount required for clothing, and each year thereafter, up to \$40.00 for clothing. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman L. H. Griffith, all commissioners voted unanimously.

Harold Fisher made a request to the Commissioners that the county furnish a large county map to each of the high schools in the county. There are four Rural High Schools. These maps may be purchased for \$3.60 if of cloth and \$2.00 if of paper. The Board suggested that he contact the school boards to see if they would purchase the maps, and then report back to the Board.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, February 5, 1941.

ATTEST:

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

L. H. Griffith
L. H. Griffith, Chairman of the Board of
County Commissioners.

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The Board of County Commissioners, with all members and the County Clerk present, met in the regular meeting rooms in regular adjourned session.

Mr. Decker from the Re-employment office met with the Commissioners to discuss the classes to be held at K. U., for the purpose of training out of school young men, air craft welding and machine shop work. The boys wanted for training do not have to have any former experience nor any previous schooling. They are desirous of obtaining about 65% of these from the young men on farms who are out of school; the age range is from 17 to 25 years of age. These classes are to be conducted in shifts of six hours per day for five days a week and a course will run for at least nine weeks. In this way, it is possible for a person to hold down a part-time job while training in this other work. All of these young men will have to be enrolled with the Employment office. The only requirement is that each boy will have to agree to go into the industry and take jobs when they are offered. There is no charge for the course. Mr. Decker was interested in the matter of getting this information to those people in the country and who do not take papers. It was suggested by the Board that the Case Workers in the Welfare Department could assist in this materially, since they contact a great many people who probably do not take any newspapers.

The new County Engineer, E. E. Larson, made a request for the wage increase of Len Jella and Claude Redmond. Jella is Draftsman and Instrumentman and Redmond is Deputy County Surveyor. Mr. Larson reported that Leonard Jella had the possibility of securing another job in Kansas City at a higher salary than that which he is receiving here, and because a man of his ability would be very difficult to employ at this time, the Engineer was anxious to retain Jella if at all possible. It was his thought, too, that Claude Redmond's work and service to the county merited such an increase in his salary. The Commissioners entered into considerable discussion before any action was taken. After so doing, J. M. Sanderson moved that the salary of Leonard Jella be increased from \$93.60 to \$110.00 per month, and that the salary of Claude Redmond be increased from \$93.60 to \$110 per month, same to become effective the 1st of February. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman L. H. Griffith, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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