

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

The Hindweed Supervisor, Asa R. Colman, spoke to the Board about purchasing a carload of sodium chlorate, which is all he will have to buy this year. A check-up on the budget revealed sufficient funds for the purchase of same.

Trustee of Lecompton Township, Fred H. Moore, conferred with the Commissioners in regard to the township taking a road across the railroad tracks in Lecompton Township, and the objection the railroad had to same. Since the township couldn't have bought this right-of-way without the approval of the county, Mr. Moore asked the records to be checked. The Board said that it would get an opinion from the County Attorney in regard to this matter.

Mrs. Dan Spencer and Mildred LeSuer appeared to discuss the bill of John Brand who was hired as attorney by I. C. Bushong for Sewer District No. 1. The amount of said bill is \$50.00. Mrs. Spencer says that a majority of the people in Sewer District No. 1 were not in favor of paying such a bill, since they did not agree to hire an attorney. The Board said that whatever decision the people in the district reached was all right with the Commissioners. John Brand who was also present stated that he would be willing to accept his fee from those people in Sewer District No. 1 who had no objection to paying him for his services. Since Sewer District No. 1 is not a regular corporation, the district, as a whole, would not be responsible for the claim. The County Attorney said the matter of payment was between the people in that district and John Brand.

Mrs. Karl Kreider Commissioner of the Girl Scouts met with the Board to present her request, on behalf of that organization, for a building at the Lone Star Park. She would like to have a building fairly isolated from others, and also close to the Care Taker of the Camp site, if possible.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, May 7, 1941.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart
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County Clerk.

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

May 7, 1941.

In regular adjourned session this day, all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

A Mr. Archer, salesman for the Kansas City Coca Cola Bottling Company asked the Board to give consideration to placing a vending machine in the courthouse, all profit on the machine to go to the county. This is an electric machine, and the salesman thought it would take around 50¢ per month to run it. The machine would be loaned to the county under contract to the company. The Board wished to discuss this before giving an answer.

In an effort to interest the Commissioners in purchasing fire extinguishers, appeared Ray Ogden, salesman. These are glass globe automatic extinguishers, said to be an improvement over the old type. The Board gave no answer this day as to purchasing these equipment.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Saturday, May 10, 1941.

ATTEST:

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T. R. Gerhart,
County Clerk.

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

May 10, 1941.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session this 10th day of May, 1941.

Mrs. Daniel Spencer presented a petition, signed by a majority of the people in Sewer District No. 1, in regard to payment of the claim of John Brand as attorney for that district. John Brand, also present, said about the only thing to do is to deduct the amount of his fee from those people in that Sewer District who did not object to paying him for his services. Mr. Brand stated that this has been a rather embarrassing matter, and that he would rather not have the money then have anybody embarrassed over this. He said he wouldn't claim a nickel from those who didn't wish to pay him. Mr. Brand is willing to take the proportionate share of his fee from those people who want to pay him and no more.

The Board agreed to permit the Kansas City Coca Cola Bottling Company to install a coca cola vending machine at the courthouse. Since the county has no funds to purchase the coca cola in advance, it was agreed that payment of same could be made after sufficient pop was sold, from profits received on same.

Mrs. Karl Kreider and a Mrs. Keene, Chairman of the Camp Committee of the Girl Scouts, met with the Board to discuss an ideal building at the Lone Star Lake for the use of the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Kreider said they would not want their girls using the latrine that is situated there at the present time, if it is going to be used for the public, too. The Board suggested that the Girl Scouts organization build their own latrine, the county being willing to dig the pit and fix the crib. These representatives asked if the county would give them a definite answer as to what building they may have by next Wednesday morning, so they could report to the council which is meeting that day.

Allen French, Auditor, met with the Commissioners to discuss the county audit for all county offices for the year 1940. Several recommendations were made for various offices. In regard to the Justices of the Peace, Mr. French said that when they collect a fine, they should pay same to the county within twenty days. They could be a little more prompt on this. They bill the county when the client doesn't have any money. The J. of P. have a more loose system of bookkeeping than any other county office. They sometimes forget to turn in a fine or fee. At one time, Robert Oylor forgot to turn in two or three dollars and Mr. Rankin forgot to turn in \$50.00. However, this was done when the two J. of P. were contacted. Mr. French recommended that they

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