

## COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

The Board adjourned to meet Thursday, May 22, 1941.

The Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Clark of 643 Indiana Street, presented their plea for an adjustment of the assessment of their home, described as Lot 1, Blk. 2, Lot 2, Blk. 2, both in Lane's First Addition and S 22' of Lot 165, Indiana Street. The total valuation of the property is \$7055.00. The Clark's have spent considerable time checking on the valuations of adjoining or like properties in their neighborhood, and declare that the assessment placed on their home is out of line as compared with these others. This house is about 55 years old, and it is very bad repair. The wiring was very bad and it took \$350.00 to make the place safe to live in, by putting in new wiring. They purchased this property for \$3750.00. They are asking for reduction on the improvements only. As far as they know, the lots are not out of line. This request was taken under consideration and the Commissioners agreed to view the property before taking any final action.

In the interest of the Acacia Educational Corporation, appeared John Stutz, requesting that the assessed valuation of this property be reduced. The legal description of said property is as follows: Beg. 167 3/4' E of NW cor, Block 1, Babcock's Addition, E 182 3/4', S 190', W 182 3/4', N 190', less N 15'. The value of the land is \$1350 and the improvements 15,500.00, making a total of \$16,850.00. The rent for this building was originally set at \$1000.00 per year, but the boys have not been able to pay this rental. This property was purchased for \$12,000.00, and they paid \$2000.00 for the first payment. This is owned by the local Acacia Fraternity and not by the national organization. This building was originally built and owned by the University Club. The Board assured Mr. Stutz that it would view this property to see if an adjustment would be justified.

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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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All members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session.

The County Engineer and the Road Foreman met with the Commissioners to discuss the vacation and Saturday afternoon off policy. Alva Hodges stated that if the boys working on the road and bridge were unable to take their Saturday afternoons off, then he thought they should have two weeks vacation. The matter of obtaining insurance on the road and bridge employees was also discussed.

The Board entered into a discussion with the County Clerk and the Accountant in regard to issuing refunding warrants in connection with Sewer District No. 1. Since the proper time has arrived when such warrants can be issued, J. M. Sanderson moved that the County Clerk be instructed to issue refunding warrants to the tax payers of Sewer District No. 1, on the basis of their relative shares of principal paid in the former special assessment in Sewer District No. 1, and that deductions for legal expenses, payable to John Brand, Attorney, be made from the refunding warrants of:

I. C. Bushong  
J. F. Kell  
Emma Kell  
Geo. C. Shaad  
Mrs. Geo. C. Shaad  
John H. Kane  
Wm. S. Johnson  
Geo. J. Hood  
H. B. Hungerford

Seba Eldridge  
Mary A. Grant  
Donald M. Swarthout  
Viola G. Brown Estate  
Dr. Florence Sherbon  
Elizabeth Sprague  
Fred Beverstock  
Roy M. Reeves

who have assigned their relative interest. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

The quarter reports of the following county officials were approved this day: County Engineer, Probate Judge, County Clerk, County Attorney, Register of Deeds and Clerk of the District Court.

Mr. Griffith was absent this P. M.

Asa R. Colman and Alva Hodges met with the Board to discuss the matter of hiring a man to help Mr. Colman with the bindweed this summer. The Bindweed Supervisor said he would like to have somebody to help him in the south end of the county, because he was unable to do a full day's work because of the time he took him to get home at night. The two Commissioners wished to take no action until the third member of the Board could be present.

The Board adjourned to meet Friday May 23, 1941.

Once again, the Commissioners reconvened as a Board of Equalization.

Elara Wiley, representing his Mother-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Gilley of 906 Alabama, asked the Commissioners to reduce the assessed valuation of her home, legally described as Lot 22 and S 1/2 of Lot 23, Block 24, Sinclair's Addition. There are six rooms and a bath in the home. The lots are valued at \$1810.00 and the improvements at \$1755.00, making a total of \$3565.00. Mrs. Gilley purchased this property from the Building and Loan about three years ago, paying \$4000.00 for same. On checking the records, the Commissioners did not feel that this property was out of line but consented to view the property before taking their final decision.

The complaint of F. A. Cobb, 1104 N. J., in regard to the assessment of his property at 1313 Connecticut, was heard. The S 20' of Lot 169 is valued at \$180.00 plus \$715.00 for improvements; the N 1/2 of Lot 171 is valued at \$225.00 plus \$675.00 for improvements, making a total of \$1795.00 for the property. Mr. Cobb paid \$3600.00 for this property about 18 years ago. He now receives \$18.00 per month rent. This was placed on the viewing list.