

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

July 9, 1941.

At the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., all members of the Board of County Commissioners, namely, L. H. Griffith, J. M. Sanderson and Ed Johnson and the County Clerk T. R. Gerhart, met in adjourned regular session.

H. D. Hill claims that he paid previously delinquent taxes on personal property for the years 1935, 1936 and 1937, and that now no record can be found by the Sheriff's office that same has been paid. All the records of the county show that this tax for the three years mentioned has not been paid. Mr. Hill says he is unable to find his own receipts showing the payment of these taxes. Mr. Hill says, also, that the amount of these warrants on the judgment docket in the Clerk of Court's office and those at the Sheriff's office, differ somewhat. Mr. Hill has not, as yet paid the delinquent taxes for the years 1938 and 1939. Mr. Hill asked that some compromise be made and suggested that he pay 50% of the delinquent taxes instead of the total amount. The Board suggested that Mr. Hill make an attempt to find his receipts for the payment of the taxes. The Commissioners did not feel that they had any basis for a compromise as the records stand now.

A delegation consisting of Vera Morgan, Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Beattie Collins, Gertrude Hunt, Farm Security Office, Sarah Slaven, Rural Teacher and Harold Fisher, Superintendent of Schools met with the Board and Mrs. Mildred Watson for the purpose of discussing hot lunches for rural school children. They are not asking that the county be put to any expense for furnishing food for these lunches, but asked that the schools who are in need of these lunches be allowed what food they need from the commodities. There are some schools which would not participate. The Commissioners felt that if this plan could be worked out by using commodities, they would be in favor of it.

The voluntary commitment papers of Tod Brown for admission to the State Hospital at Topeka were accepted and signed by the Board.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Saturday, July 12, 1941.

ATTEST:

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

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

July 12, 1941.

The Board of County Commissioners, with all members and the County Clerk present met in regular adjourned session, this 12th day of July, 1941.

The County Engineer discussed the John Selzer's proposed bridge, and suggested the county commissioners meet with the Palmyra Township Board on this matter. A meeting was set for Tuesday, July 15, at which time the Board and the Engineer will meet the Township Board at the appointed place in Palmyra Township.

J. T. Constant, contractor and Stuart Hazard, consulting engineer, explained to the Commissioners the necessary repairs for the courthouse; and at this time Mr. Constant also presented his estimate of costs. Said estimate in detail follows:

Tear off the top six feet of the boiler chimney on the east side of the building, and relay, furnishing the necessary new stone and all scaffolding, \$200.00.

Point up the cracks on the north elevation and west elevation, resetting key and arch stone as required, including necessary scaffold from ground to roof line, \$200.00.

Furnish complete, in place, sixteen (16) 1 1/4" tie rods with all necessary turnbuckles and plates, \$1575.00. These rods will be put in place between the floor joist, drilling through the stone walls and interior masonry walls as required. The stone on the exterior walls will have to be pointed down to make a smooth bearing for exterior plates.

Cover all the ceilings of all rooms and corridors throughout the building with 3/4" acoustical board, applied on furring strips in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, \$3445.00. The ceilings of the basement, vaults, toilets, courtroom, vestibules, and the first and second rotundas will not be covered. At all angles of ceiling and sidewall place a suitable moulding as required.

Repair all sidewall plaster throughout the building, except basement, \$500.00.

Redecorate all rooms, except basement, \$2500.00.

For miscellaneous items of repair work, on repointing marble, floor tile, etc., on the interior of the building, add the sum of \$100.00.

If all plaster in the basement is repaired on both the ceilings and sidewalls, floor of basement toilet repaired, and entire basement is redecorated, add the sum of \$1200.00.

The above does not include any changes in, nor work in connection with any plumbing, heating or electric wiring.

(Total: \$9720.00)

Since no provision was made in the 1941 budget for such extensive repairs, the Board stated that if the work was done this year, permission would have to be asked from the Commission of Revenue and Taxation for the issuance of emergency warrants. However, nothing definite was decided at this time.

County Superintendent, Harold C. Fisher asked if the county would pay his transportation expenses for a three day meeting held by the state for school superintendents all over the state, in Topeka. This mileage expense would amount to about \$9.00 for the three days. The Board agreed to pay such expense as has been customary.