

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

February 2, 1942.

For the first meeting of the month, all members of the Board of County Commissioners, namely, L. H. Griffith, Chairman, J. M. Sanderson and Ed Johnson, Commissioners and T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

It was agreed that Mildred Nelson, stenographer in the County Engineer's office, should receive an increase in wages from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per month, beginning February 1, 1942.

Regular claims against the county for salaries and wages were by unanimous vote, passed as per amounts recorded on the Allowance Record in the office of the County Clerk.

The Commissioners instructed the County Attorney to draw up a resolution for officially turning the Kaw River Bridge over to the City.

The Board took up the matter of appointing certain officials as is the custom each year. Ed Johnson moved that Mrs. Mildred D. Watson be reappointed as County Welfare Director for the current year, 1942 at the salary of \$155.00 per month. J. M. Sanderson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman L. H. Griffith, all commissioners voted in the affirmative.

Ed Johnson moved that E. E. Larson be reappointed as County Engineer from February 1, 1942 to February 1, 1943 at the salary of \$200.00 per month. J. M. Sanderson seconded the motion. On roll call, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

County Treasurer Roy Flory made a request to the Commissioners for increase in wages of certain members of his office, namely, Mrs. M. E. Eudaly, Mrs. Mary Ellen Simmons and Mrs. Bernice Davis. After considerable discussion, J. M. Sanderson moved that Mrs. Eudaly be increased from 35¢ per hour to \$85.00 per month, effective January 1, 1942. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried.

Ed Johnson moved that Mrs. Mary Ellen Simmons be raised to \$70.00 per month and that Mrs. Bernice Davis be increased to \$65.00 per month. On roll call by Chairman Griffith, all commissioners voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. W. O. Nelson, Director of Civilian Defense in the county, spent some time with the Board discussing the defense set up as it is in Douglas County.

J. M. Sanderson moved that Dr. H. L. Chambers be reappointed as County Health Physician and that he receive the compensation of \$50.00 per month, which amount includes all expenses and mileage involved in his work for the county. Seconded by Ed Johnson. On roll call, all commissioners voted in the affirmative.

The Commissioners passed the following resolution by unanimous vote, said resolution having been drawn up by the County Attorney and presented to the Board for its approval.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the County of Douglas has for many years assumed the obligation of repairing and maintaining the Kansas River bridge, located within the city limits of Lawrence, Kansas;

AND WHEREAS, the County of Douglas is not obligated to maintain such bridge, but may, and has done so voluntarily, and the County has each year and for the current year, levied a special tax for such maintenance, and has on hand at the present time the sum of \$1166.00 in such fund and budgeted for such expenditures for the current year;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence is obligated to pay the expense of maintaining such bridge, but has not levied any tax or provided any item in its budget for such expenditure for the current year;

AND WHEREAS, the County of Douglas receives certain rentals for the use of said bridge by the Kansas City, Kaw Valley and Western Railway Company, by virtue of an order made on the 10th day of July, 1940, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Kansas, First Division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, that the County of Douglas no longer assume any obligation or liability for the repair and maintenance of the above described bridge, effective this date.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Douglas will pay to the City of Lawrence the amount of money that it has on hand in the special bridge fund, which was budgeted for maintenance of said bridge for the year of 1942, upon presentation of proper vouchers for the purpose of paying said maintenance costs.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, release and assign to the City of Lawrence any interest and right to collect rentals for the use of said bridge from the Kansas City, Kaw Valley and Western Railway Company, under said order as above set out.

This Resolution considered and adopted this 2nd day of February, 1942.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

By L. H. Griffith
Chairman
Ed Johnson
Member
J. M. Sanderson
Member

Attest: T. R. Gerhart
County Clerk.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 3, 1942.

ATTEST:
T. R. Gerhart
T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk.

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