

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

February 17, 1943.

There convened in regular adjourned session this day, all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk.

Roslan Skinner, Sheriff, reported to the Board that he is in dire need of another deputy for his office. The work has become so heavy that it is almost impossible for the regular force to attend to all of it. Mr. Skinner stated that this deputy is to work from the office here and not from any other point in the county. Also, the Sheriff requested that salary increases be given to the present deputy, undersheriff and jailer, the new deputy to be hired at the same salary.

The matter was discussed at some length before the following action was taken: M. N. Penny moved that the Sheriff be authorized to employ a new deputy for his department, said employment to begin the first of March, 1943, and that said deputy be paid the salary of \$130.00 per month. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

It was further moved by M. N. Penny that the salaries of Undersheriff, Elmer Schiller and Deputy R. W. Sanders be increased from \$125.00 to \$130.00 per month, and that the salary of Cecil Georgie, Night Jailer, be increased from \$70.00 to \$75.00 per month, same to become effective March 1, 1943. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman L. H. Griffith, all Commissioners voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to a letter received from the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County in regard to the repairing of a bridge located three miles east of the slab on the county line between Douglas and Franklin County, the Commissioners directed the County Engineer to investigate the condition of this bridge and report back to the Board. Afterwards, as per the request of the Franklin County Board, the Commissioners could meet with them for the purpose of discussing necessary repairs for the bridge in question.

The Commissioners were of the unanimous opinion that the Acting County Engineer, C. E. Redmond, should be placed under bond, due to the responsibility of his position; therefore Ed Johnson moved that C. E. Redmond, Acting County Engineer, furnish bond in the amount of \$2500.00. M. N. Penny seconded the motion. On vote, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

By formal action, the Engineer was authorized to purchase a pressure valve for the County Farm not to exceed the cost of \$10.00.

The Commissioners talked to Ernest Price, now employed at the Lone Star Park, in regard to his accepting a new position at the County Shops. Mr. Price accepted the position as per the following motion: It was moved by M. N. Penny that Ernest Price be employed at the County Shops as Clerk and Yardman at the salary of \$100.00 per month, beginning February 23, 1943. A second was made by Ed Johnson. On roll call, motion carried by unanimous vote.

All annual reports of the township trustees and treasurers were approved by the Board with the exception of the Trustee Report for Lecompton Township, Treasurer's Report of Marion Township and the Treasurer's Report of Wakarusa Township, due to the failure of certain officials of those townships to properly sign same. These were set aside for correction.

Cancellation Orders Nos. 295 and 296 were passed by the Board, and duly submitted to the County Treasurer:

No. 295: "Cancel valuation of \$195.00 and tax of \$6.97 charged to Mrs. Jessie E. Cutter, 1604 Tenn. St., City of Lawrence Tax Record, Page 273, Line 3.

Mrs. Cutter did not get her exemption. C. S. Hagerman, assessor."

No. 296: "Cancel valuation of \$25.00 on suitcases and \$60.00 on shot guns and rifles making a total of \$85.00 and amounting to \$3.04 tax, charged to C. A. Bliesner, City of Lawrence, tax record, Page 261, Line 25. Erroneous valuation. Liston, assessor."

In regard to a certain tax matter, appeared C. A. Bliesner and Roy Flory, County Treasurer. It appears that during the period when tax was due in the office of the County Treasurer, said Mr. Bliesner transmitted by mail, his check covering the amount of personal property tax against him and the amount due for the first half of his real estate tax. However, said check was never received by the County Treasurer, and since payment was not credited against the county, as required by law, delinquent tax notice was sent to Mr. Bliesner. Also, during the assessment period, the personal property was erroneously assessed in the City of Lawrence rather than in Wakarusa Township where such property was on the first of March, 1942. Mr. Bliesner is agreeable to paying the tax, but he does not feel that he should be required to pay penalties against same, as, according to his records he had made payment in due time, and apparently his check had been lost in the mails.

Under the circumstances, the Commissioners believed it fair to cancel any penalty against the tax in question, and, also, that the assessment should be stricken from the City of Lawrence Tax Rolls and placed in Wakarusa Township where it rightfully belongs. Therefore, in accordance with same, the Board passed the following order, directing the County Treasurer to make such changes on the tax rolls.

No. 297: "CANCEL personal property tax in the amount of \$14.28, based on a tangible valuation of \$400.00, also, \$1.00 tax for Dog (Total tax \$15.28), charged to C. A. Bliesner, 837 Arkansas Street, Lawrence, Kansas. City of Lawrence Tax Roll for 1942, Page 261, Line 25.

CANCEL personal property tax in the amount of \$3.39, based on a tangible valuation of \$95.00; and CANCEL tax in the amount of 40% based on an intangible valuation of \$80.00, charged to Lillian Bliesner, 837 Ark. St., Lawrence, Kansas.

ENTER on the subsequent tax roll for 1942, Wakarusa Township, School District #60, personal property tax in the amount of \$9.92, based on a tangible valuation of \$400.00, plus \$1.00 Dog Tax, making a total tax of \$10.92, charged to C. A. Bliesner, 837 Ark. St., Lawrence, Kansas.

ENTER on the subsequent tax roll for 1942, Wakarusa Township, School District 60, tax in the amount of \$2.36, based on a tangible valuation of \$95.00, and tax in the amount of 40%, based on an