

# COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

May 12, 1943.

With a majority of the members present, namely: L. H. Griffith, Chairman and Ed Johnson, Commissioner, the Board of County Commissioners convened in regular adjourned session. T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk, was, also, present.

By proper motion, more claims against the county were allowed. Same are recorded in the Allowance Record in the office of the County Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Torneden from Clinton Township, appeared for a very short discussion on a drainage matter affecting their farm.

The Trustee's annual report for Grant Township was approved this day.

By proper motion, the Board allowed extra compensation of  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per hour to J. S. Tobler for the time he is doing grader work for the county.

The Board authorized Otis Lindell, Superintendent of the Lone Star Park, to purchase 100' of hose for the use of fire protection at the Camp Site. Also, the Board agreed to reimburse Mr. Lindell for the cost of wallpaper for the house he occupies at the Lake, the cost of said paper being \$3.00 plus.

With D. Moore, Lindell discussed the purchase of a motor for his boat at the lake. He said he needs a motor boat to patrol the lake, and if necessary he would have more speed than he could get with a row boat. Mr. Moore has a secondhand motor in very good condition for which he is asking \$135.00. He agreed to let Mr. Lindell try this motor on his boat; and in the event that it proves satisfactory, the Board authorized the purchase of same.

Cancellation Order No. 304 was passed:

"1943 Lawrence City Tax Roll:

Page 318, Line 2, Ruth Hill McMillan, cancel intangible valuation of \$400.00, Tax \$2.00.

Double assessment"

The Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 17, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

May 17, 1943.

The Commissioners met this day as required by law to resolve themselves into the Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing complaints on personal property and new real estate assessments. T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk, was present.

W. K. Eisele presented a complaint on the assessed valuation of a farm in Eudora Township, listed on the rolls in the name of Christine Kaiser, et al. The legal description of same is: E 100<sup>a</sup> of SW<sup>1</sup> and N 30<sup>a</sup> of W 60<sup>a</sup> of SW<sup>1</sup>, Section 29-13-21. (130<sup>a</sup>). The land is now valued at \$7000.00 plus improvement value of \$150.00, making a total of \$7150.00. Mr. Eisele believes that it is assessed twice that it is actually worth. He had tried to sell the farm for \$4000.00 at one time, but was unable to complete the transaction. Claims there was enough raised on the place last year to pay the taxes, but that is all. Some of the land has been washed away and some of it is nothing but red soil. The Commissioners set this down for viewing and assured Mr. Eisele that they would give an answer on this after said viewing.

A request for a reduction in the valuation placed on property known as Lot 165, N. Y., was made by Harry A. Puckett, 1109 Delaware. The valuation on the lot stands at \$450.00 and the improvements at \$1500.00, making a total of \$1950.00. This is a building formerly used as a filling station, but has been closed for some time. Mr. Puckett says he purchased this from the Continental Oil Company, and that he has \$400.00 invested in the property. The Building is rented for \$20.00 per month.

After this case was considered at length by the Board, it agreed to reduce the improvements on said property to \$550.00, leaving the lot at \$450.00, which makes a new total assessment of \$1000.00.

The County Clerk presented to the Board a letter from Mr. Everett Sperry, Route #1, Lawrence, who is objecting to the valuation placed this year on new improvements on his property. Mr. Sperry has built a house, which he says the total cost for building same was \$1743.00. The deputy assessor placed a valuation of \$2500.00 on the new improvements. Also, Mr. Sperry, says that the land described as the N 16 2/3 acres of E 26 2/3 acres of N 2 of NW 1, Section 25-12-19, is quite poor. He made the statement that he had about six acres which is of little value except for wood and buckbrush. The Board gave some time to the discussion of this property and finally by unanimous approval of the Board, reduced the valuation of the land from \$1875.00 to \$1650.00 and that of the new improvements from \$2500.00 to \$2000.00. This with the old improvements makes a total of \$4150.00 for the property.

Representing property in the name of Friends Church, appeared Ray Hill, 1546 N. H. Mr. Hill asked that some consideration be given to reducing the assessed valuation of lots which had been owned by the Church and described as: Beg. 350' E and 40' N of int. of cent. line Pa. and Quincy Streets., E 250', N 600', W 250', S 600'. All of these lots, of which there are 24, constitutes a block and as a whole is assessed for \$2000.00. The selling price of same amounts to \$1000.00. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took action by reducing the assessment: 1. ¢., for the 12 lots facing Delaware \$90.00 each or \$1080.00 for the 12; and for each of the 12 remaining lots \$65.00 or a total of \$780.00, making a total for the whole block \$1860.00.