

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

Baldwin City, leaving the assessment of said house in the amount of \$400.00.

The Board reduced the valuation of the improvements of the Eudora Bulk Plant for the Standard Oil Company, located in Sec. 5-13-21, Eudora Township. The larger building was reduced to \$500.00 and the smaller to \$50.00, plus land value of \$50.00, making a total of \$600.00 for the property.

Land value in the amount of \$7000.00, on property listed on the tax roll in the name of Christine Kaiser et. al., and represented by W. K. Eisele was reduced to \$6500.00 plus improvement value of \$150.00. Said property is described as the E 100th of S ¹/₄ and N 30th of W 60th of SW ¹/₄, 29-13-21, Eudora Twp.

In regard to the property owned by Fred McDonald and located at 2136 Ohio, the Board canceled the increase of \$1000.00 placed on the property this year by the deputy assessor and left the improvements in the amount of \$890.00 plus lot value of \$110.00.

I. S. Brown, Mgr. of the local Montgomery Ward Store, reported to the Board that he has received word from the Tax Department in Chicago in regard to the offer of the county board to reduce the assessed valuation of \$50,000.00 on merchandise stock to \$45,000.00. The Tax Department refused to accept the offer as made by the county board, and said that Montgomery Ward would drop its appeal if the assessment were dropped to \$35,000 or \$36,000, but would not do so on a higher figure, unless they could be convinced that other merchants would be raised in proportion (percentage basis).

The Board refused to consider the offer of the Montgomery Ward and Company and assured Mr. Brown that it would make its fight with his company before the State Board on the figure of \$50,000.00 for merchant's stock. Since the company is planning on taking such appeal to the State, unless its request is complied with, the Board withdrew its offer of reduction in the amount of \$5000.00. Therefore, the assessment as returned by the Deputy Assessor, remains on our records as is.

The Board adjourned to sit as a Board of County Commissioners.

Roy Hegeman, General Foreman in the Engineering Department, discussed the matter of a wage increase for Walt Dimery. Dimery is now receiving \$85.00 per month and Hegeman says he is worth more money to the county than this. He plans to use him in the rock quarry.

M. N. Penny moved that Walter Dimery receive the increase of wages to \$100.00 per month, effective the first of June, 1943. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

John Callahan, Clerk of the District Court, asked that the salary of his clerk be increased to \$75.00 per month. She is now receiving \$50.00 per month, but up until school terminated, she had been working only half days in the office. The Board said that it would take this under advisement.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 25, 1943.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart
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County Clerk.

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

May 25, 1943.

With a majority of the members present, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session. M. N. Penny was not present this day.

The Board went on record with the agreement to increase the salary of Alice Wells, Clerk in the Clerk of District Court's office, from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month, now that she is working eight hours a day in the office, same to become effective the first of June, 1943.

It is understood that Bernice Davis, employee in the Treasurer's office, would be allowed \$90.00 per month, because of her reclassification as bookkeeper.

Otis Lindell, Superintendent of the Lone Star Lake, reported to the Board that he will be in need of help by the first of July, especially, since the rush of fishing license is on at that time. No action at this time.

Charles Banning asked if the county would dig a ditch near his farm in Clinton Township, about which he had asked E. E. Larson when he was County Engineer. He says he wants a wide, flat ditch, and doesn't think that it is necessary to have the shovel dig the ditch. Probably, it could be done with the grader. He says water from other land is flooding his land and causing some damage. The Board did not believe that such work could be done, if at all, before this fall. Banning thought that it might be possible to secure the Clinton Township maintainer for this job and have the county put in the tubes.

The Board assured him that it would give due consideration to his request.

The Board adjourned to meet as a Board of Equalization.

Appealing for adjustment on his property, described as Lot #2, Evergreen Addition (2006 Learnard) appeared Orville Flory. This is a new dwelling, and Mr. Flory says that he has about \$2000.00 in the house including some salvaged lumber. He says it is all rough boards except the outside. Chester Howard, Deputy Assessor, said that he assessed this house on the same basis as that of Everett Sperry in Wakarusa Township. The Board took this under advisement and assured Mr. Flory that it would notify him of its decision.

Representing the National Refining Company, appeared J. W. Taylor of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Taylor's complaint was on the assessed valuation of the real estate at the corner of 6th Vermont, legally described as Part of Lots 4 and 5, Levee. Part of Lot 4 is assessed at \$1350.00 and part of Lot 5 at \$2250.00 plus \$1550.00 for improvements.