

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

May 27, 1943.

The Board of Equalization and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board for the last meeting of the ten-day session, as required by law.

C. J. Cotton with John Brand as agent, presented an appeal for a reduction in the assessed valuation of property at 645 Miss., legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 3, Lane's First Addition and Lot 165 Miss. Street.

Lot 1 is assessed for \$360.00 plus improvement value of \$2055.00; Lot 2 is assessed for \$810.00 plus improvement value of \$2170.00. Lot 165, Miss. is assessed for \$165.00 and is a vacant lot. Mr. Cotton just recently purchased this house which was formerly owned by J. Frank Jones. In comparison with adjoining property, the appellants believed that this property is a little out of line. After comparing the value of this property with other similar ones, the Board adjourned to view same, then returned to the regular meeting rooms. In the opinion of the commissioners, the improvements were slightly high; therefore they reduced same to a total of \$4000.00, \$2000.00 on Lot 1 and \$2000.00 on Lot 2. The total assessment for the property now stands on the tax roll in the amount of \$5170.00 plus value of vacant lot No. 165, Miss. in the amount of \$165.00.

The Board made no change in the personal property assessment of the Palace Clothing Company. The assessment for merchandise stock in the amount of \$10,000.00 remains as placed thereon by the Deputy Assessor.

As per order of the State Tax Commission, the Board directed the County Clerk to make adjustment on property in Baldwin, owned by W. M. Hobbs. Said property is described as E 10" of Lot 94, High Street. The valuation of this E 10" was reduced from \$225.00 to \$20.00.

Because of the removal of a building on property in the name of Mrs. Willis and Opie Keller, Baldwin, correction was made on the tax roll. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 116, Monroe Street, Baldwin was on the tax roll in the amount of \$90.00 plus improvement value of \$400.00--improvement value stricken out--leaving a total of \$90.00. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 118, Monroe was on the tax roll in the amount of \$75.00 plus improvement value of \$25.00--improvement value stricken out, leaving a total of \$75.00. Total for property as a whole remains on the tax roll in the amount of \$165.00.

A letter from the Texas Oil Company asking for reductions on certain personal property was considered by the Board but finally left as is. In the opinion of the Board, the assessment was in line with other like equipment in the county.

The Board of Equalization adjourned sine die.

Convening as a Board of County Commissioners, the Commissioners discussed matters in general, then adjourned.

ATTEST:

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

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

June 1, 1943.

In regular session for the first meeting of the month, all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk, met in the regular meeting rooms of the Board.

By proper motion, second and vote, the regular claims against the county for salaries and wages were allowed in amounts as recorded on the Allowance Record in the office of the County Clerk.

For the purpose of discussing the lighting condition of the Rationing offices, appeared a delegation from the City, composed of W. R. Larkin, Clifford Harper, R. O. Burger, Dr. H. E. Eustace and Harold Fisher, and Chief Clerk of the Rationing Board, George Wetzel.

The bulbs used for lighting purposes in these offices formerly did not give sufficient light for the girls working in said offices; therefore, these bulbs were replaced without the knowledge of the city, resulting in too heavy a load of power on the wiring in the basement of the community building. Upon discovery of this heavy load, the City Engineer ordered that the bulbs be removed and replaced with those formerly used. The problem now is to provide sufficient light for the workers without overloading the wiring. A suggestion for using fluorescent lights was made, however, it was doubtful that enough of these--or any at all-- could be purchased at this time. The K. E. P. Company is unable to supply these. Different ways of experimenting with the light bulbs were discussed, and finally it was agreed to let Harper and Larkin proceed with some solution to the problem then report back to the Board. The County Board expressed itself as willing to pay any necessary expense in regard to this lighting situation on the 60-40 basis as formerly set up by Agreement.

E. E. Larson, former County Engineer, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his leave of absence from the county. He asked the Board to continue this leave of absence for one more year. Because the Board had formerly been notified that Larson did not intend to return to the county and, therefore, was not desirous of any further leave of absence, the Board had taken action cancelling same. However, this day, upon the request of Larson, the Commissioners went on record rescinding their former action and allowing said Mr. Larson such leave of absence until June 17, 1944.

As per the following motion, the wage scale as shown below for county employees who are paid out of the General Fund, was set up effective this first day of June, 1943.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Penny that the following positions and wage schedule be approved for the county offices payable from the County General Fund, in accordance with Section 12, Senate Bill 275, 1943 Session:

County Attorney:	Stenographer	\$ 75.00 per month
County Clerk:	Deputy	125.00 " "
	Bookkeeper and	
	Payroll Clerk	100.00 " "
	Secretary to County Clerk	
	Commissioners	115.00 " "

Discussion of lighting conditions at the Rationing office

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