

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

Because of the termination of the Food Stamp Plan, and in order to properly close the Food Stamp account, the Commissioners took formal action by the following motion to transfer such funds as remaining in said account to the County Welfare Fund:

It was moved by M. N. Penny that the \$7000.00 revolving fund known as the "Food Stamp Fund" be transferred back to the County Welfare Fund, from which it was originally paid and that Mr. Roy Roberts be released on his bond for the custody of the \$7,000.00 special fund. A second was made by Ed Johnson. On roll call by Chairman L. H. Griffith, all commissioners voted in the affirmative.

In accordance with the above, Commissioner Order No. 305 was issued to the County Treasurer as of this date.

The written resignation of Leonard Williams as Bridge Foreman was received by the Board this day. He asked the Board to accept his resignation as of July 1, 1943, as he has secured a better position with the University of Kansas. Mr. Williams was notified in writing by the Board that his resignation had been accepted as of the first day of July, 1943.

The bid for the plastering and carpenter work at the County Home was accepted by the Board, as submitted by J. C. Cutting in the amount of \$181.50. The bid was made in the amount of \$186.50 with the tinting of the finish coat, but since this was not desirous, the \$5.00 reduction was made. This work is to be done within the next thirty days.

At the hour of 2 P. M., several parties, interested in flood control met as per appointment. The importance of more dykes for flood control was greatly realized during this last flood scare. It was the Commissioners thought that future plans should be discussed now. Some of those present were: W. C. McNow, Emil Heck, Mayor C. B. Russell, Clifford Harper, Carl Gracber, R. O. BURGERT Al Brune, and George Hedrick.

The first thing for discussion was whose problem it is to construct dykes and where the money can be secured. Emil Heck stated that this problem was too big a one for the farmers alone. It was the general feeling that flood control was a problem for everybody concerned, and that they should work together, rather than lay the responsibility all on one small group. McNow remarked that the last time we asked for Federal help, we got a survey and that was all. About the biggest problem in North Lawrence is that of raising the Union Pacific tracks, which the Railway company is going to do. It was thought that the company would build a retaining wall but this would be only for the protection of their tracks. George Hedrick asked about spreading the cost of such a project over the entire City of Lawrence, but McNow said this couldn't be done. It is impossible to create a drainage district where people aren't benefited. It was suggested that the Douglas County Kaw Drainage Board draw up some plan as to what needs to be done in this matter, then present same to the City and the County.

There was some discussion as to the payment of the sacks used during the last flood emergency, and as to how many were used. Mr. Heck said that the Union Pacific used his sacks so he was going to collect from them. Frosty Harper read the list of bills the City has received as to the number of sacks charged against them. As soon as the actual number can be determined, both the City and the County agreed to pay a third each of the expense of these sacks. The Drainage Board said that it wished to wait before committing itself to see how many of these sacks were used, as there was just so much money left in the District's budget and all the men who helped work on the dykes would have to be paid.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

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

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

July 1, 1943.

The Board of County Commissioners, with all members and the County Clerk, present met in regular session this 1st day of July, 1943.

Alfred Heck appeared to see if the Board was interested in selling the sacks which were salvaged after the last flood emergency. He said that he would pay 5¢ a sack, but the Board felt that it would be better to keep these sacks on hand for future use rather than sell for such a small sum. Mr. Heck said that cotton sacks would not carry over and offered to take these off the county's hands.

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

Frances Martin from Washington, D. C., formerly a resident of this county, met with the Board to see if the County would clean out a county ditch in Clinton Township along a road just east of Rock Creek. Miss Martin says her mother's farm adjoins hers and that both of these farms suffer from water damage due to improper drainage. She says they had about ten acres under water last year. The Township Board had told her that the Township would clear out the ditch going south of their place, but that this wouldn't do any good unless the county ditch was cleaned out. Joe Clough is the tenant on Miss Martin's property.

The Board assured Miss Martin that at the first opportunity, the county road crew would clean out this ditch, but, of course, it will be impossible to do this work during bad weather.

Clifford Harper, City Engineer, presented to the Board, the bill of sacks used for levee work in time of flood of June 16, 17 and 18, 1943. According to the statement presented, the City of Lawrence paid for 14,629 sacks at a total amount of \$2,121.01; Douglas County paid for 450 sacks at a total amount of \$45.00 and the New Valley Drainage District paid for 3,600 sacks at a total amount of \$435.00. The grand total of sacks purchased was 18,679 at a total cost of \$2,601.01. One-third of said total amounts to \$867.00. The County's share of expense is \$867.00 minus \$45.00 which it has already paid, leaving a balance of \$822.00. The drainage district's share is \$867.00 minus \$435.00 which they have already paid, leaving a total of \$432.00. The number of sacks was okayed by C. E. Redmond, Acting County Engineer, after which, by proper voucher, the claim in the amount of \$822.00 was paid to the City of Lawrence.