

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Dowdes County Republican, Lawrence

July 26, 1943.

All the members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session for the specific purpose of working on the County budget for 1944.

The details of the budget were worked out at length with Accountant Mildred LeSuer and the Board. Also, conferences were held with officials of the different departments.

Other than a few small matters of routine business, the Board worked constantly on the budget.

Adjournment was taken to meet again, Wednesday, July 28, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

July 28, 1943.

In regular adjourned session, there convened all members of the Board of County Commissioners and County Clerk, T. R. Gerhart.

In the interest of seeking an improvement reduction of the Peoples State Bank Building at 9th and Commercial Streets from the First National Bank. The Bank has entered into a contract

It was moved by M. N. Penny that the appropriation for the Fairs Fund be set at \$1600.00 for the year 1944, but that no tax levy be provided, and that the General Fund shall appropriate \$1200.00 for fairs in the year 1944, to be expended only if the war emergency shall be past (\$1000.00 from the Building Repairs Fund and \$200.00 from Miscellaneous.) A second was made by Ed Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was the opinion of the Board that the fairs should be discontinued during the war period, but that it had no desire to eliminate the fair as an institution during normal times.

It was moved by Ed Johnson and seconded by M. N. Penny that the Fair Bureau Fund be set at \$4500.00, and that the necessary adjustments in the levy limits be made by deducting from the Road and Bridge Materials and Equipment Reserve. Motion carried.

It was the opinion of the Board that the County budget should be printed in all the newspapers of the county, rather than in just the Baldwin Ledger, which is the official county paper for such publication. Therefore, M. N. Penny moved that the budget as set up for the year 1944 be published in the Outlook and in the Journal World, as well as the Baldwin Ledger, at the same rate of publication as the latter, if they so agree. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On roll call by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

The County Clerk asked the Board to decide on the method of deducting the Withholding tax from the salaries and wages of the county employees. of which there are two methods, the bracket system, which has been recommended, or the straight percentage basis.

After some discussion, Commissioner Penny moved that in figuring the Withholding tax, the county use the straight percentage application for salaries and wages of county employees, rather than the bracket system. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the assistant to the Bindweed Supervisor receive the compensation of \$4.00 per day for each and every day actually worked, said assistant hired specifically to help with the applications of sodium chlorate to bindweed patches.

The Board approved the cancellation of special sewer taxes charged for the years 1941 and 1942, together with interest and penalties against certain real estate as set out in Commissioners Order No. 306. Cancellation was made as per the request of H. C. Fisher, City Clerk. (See files for order.)

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Commissioners.

August 2, 1943.

The Board of County Commissioners with all members present met for the first meeting of the month in the regular meeting rooms of said Board. County Clerk T. R. Gerhart was present, also.

The official bond of Margaret Hurley, Superintendent of Schools, was approved by the Board. Mrs. Hurley is bonded in the amount of \$1000.00.

Sheriff Roslan Skinner presented quotations from the Friend Lumber Company for storm windows for the lower and second floor of the sheriff's dwelling. Skinner said that he had secured three different bids but that of the Friend Lbr. Company was the best. Installing storm windows for the lower floor there was quoted an estimate of \$85.36 and for the second floor an estimate of \$65.08. For hanging labor and hardware for the lower floor, there was quoted \$28.00; for the second floor \$18.15. This does not include painting.

Fairs to be discontinued and after war times

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