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The Board authorized the installation of storm windows for both the lower and second floor of the Sheriff's dwelling as per the prices quoted by the Friend Lumber Company.

The bid of C. E. Cropp for plastering in certain rooms in the courthouse was submitted in the total amount of \$525.50. However, since the Board is desirous of having bids on each room separate, said Board with Mr. Cropp made a tour of the courthouse, and a list of the requirements for rooms which need plastering was made, so that a bid could be made on each room rather than the job as a whole. Mr. Cropp was asked to submit a new bid and submit at a later date.

The Board called in Harold Beck, Register of Deeds, to explain the procedure for hiring extra help for his office. This was brought to the attention of the Commissioners when the voucher of Lois Snyder for clerical work done in the office of the Register of Deeds, was submitted for payment. Requests for extra employment in the county offices must be made to the Board, who will authorize same if it feels that any office needs such help to help expedite the business of said office. The wages paid to such help is set up by the Board. It is not the intention of the Board of County Commissioners to cripple any office if it should need more help than the regular force, but it is asking that the officers of the county offices contact the Board before the hiring of same. An exception is made for the Sheriff's office when emergencies arises.

After this discussion, M. N. Penny moved that the Board allow the claim of Lois Snyder for clerical work in the office of the Register of Deeds in the amount as submitted. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried.

Ebon Anderson, Bindweed Supervisor, reported to the Board that Asa Colman did not wish to accept the job as Anderson's assistant for a certain period at the wage of \$4.00 per day; therefore the Weed Supervisor is making an effort to secure the services of another party.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 11, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

August 11, 1943.

A majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners, namely: L. H. Griffith, Chairman and Ed Johnson, Commissioners, and T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk, met in regular adjourned session. M. N. Penny was absent due to the illness of his mother.

Frank R. Gray presented the ^{voluntary} commitment papers of Almira I. Christman to the State Hospital in Topeka. As customary, it is necessary that the Commissioners sign an agreement to pay the cost of a hearing in the event it is found that such a hearing is necessary. Ed Johnson moved that the Commissioners sign the agreement to pay the cost of a hearing for Almira I. Christman, if, at some future date, it is necessary that such a hearing should be held. This agreement is made between the County Board and the State Department of Social Welfare. By proper second and vote, motion carried.

(M. N. Penny, signed the above agreement on August 16.)

Judge Gray, also, talked to the Board about the purchase of a desk for the Probation Officer. He said he had planned for this in this year's budget. Although, he wasn't sure about the price for same, he thought it would be in the neighborhood of \$50.00 or \$60.00. He asked if the Board wanted bids on this or should he try to purchase the best he can and requisition for same. The Commissioners told the Judge to purchase a desk according to his best judgment and requisition for same according to the proper procedure.

A road petition, signed by John H. Schopper and fourteen others, praying for the vacation of a road described as follows was presented to the Board for acceptance:

Beginning at the West 1/8 corner of the Southwest 1/4 Section 5, Township 13 S, Range 21 E, a point in old No. 593. Thence East along and across old bridge on road No. 593 to the west limit of the City of Eudora. (Approximately 1/4 mile.)

By proper motion, second and vote, the road petition was accepted by the Board and the time of viewing was set for 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, September 7, 1943, same to be held at the place of beginning.

Dr. H. L. Chambers, County Health Officer, presented to the Board, the budget for the County Health Unit as set up by the State. On checking said budget, the Board discovered that the State had set up \$500.00 more than the Commissioners had allowed for the Unit in the regular County budget. The State budget calls for \$3,180.00 while the county has set up only \$2,680.00. Therefore, Ed Johnson moved that the proposed budget for the Douglas County Health Unit be amended by reducing the County's contribution for "Other Expense" from a total of \$780.00 to \$280.00 and that the grand total County Contribution be approved at \$2,680.00 for the budget year 1944. By proper second and vote, the motion carried.

From Marion Township, there appeared Guy Weimer, asking the Board if it were possible to open a road adjacent to his property, on the section line between Section 1 and 12, both in Township 14, Range 17. Mr. Weimer said that he had no way of reaching a public road from his property other than crossing another man's field and this is not working out satisfactory. It was the thought of the Board that probably this could be opened as a county road, and that it would not be necessary to work this road the full length of the section line. The County Attorney was asked to check into this matter.

After a careful check, the County Attorney reported that there was no provision in the Kansas Statutes whereby the Board of County Commissioners shall open a road on a section line; nor no provision whereby the Board may open a road where it sees fit. Further more, according to the Acting County Engineer, the county has already its mileage limit of county roads in this county. The County Attorney further advised that the location of the road in question must be made by the usual procedure of a road petition submitted to the county board and bearing the signatures of at least twelve householders--not boarders or lodgers--in that vicinity in which the road is to be opened.

In accordance with the above, Mr. Weimer was notified by letter.