

## COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Board, 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 Mass., appeared George Docking from the First National Bank. The Bank has entered into a contract with the Mosler Safe Company for the sale of the vault installed in said building. The building is not now being used as a bank. Mr. Docking felt that the improvement value of the building should be reduced because this vault represents a part of that value.

The Board felt that Mr. Docking is justified in his request, and since there is no record as to how much of the total improvement value the vault represents, the Commissioners felt that it would be fair to reduce same in the amount as the Bank is to receive for the sale of the vault to the Mosler Safe Company. Therefore, M. N. Penny moved that the improvement valuation of the Peoples State Bank Building be reduced in the amount of \$2,420.00, because of the removal of the vault. The improvements are on Lot 70, Mass. Street. The reduction allowed leaves a total improvement value on this lot in the amount of 10,000.00; same plus lot value leaves total of \$20,800 for lot 70. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On roll call by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

An informal budget conference was held this day for the benefit of interested parties who wished to discuss same with the Commissioners, in order to present their views and suggestions before same was completed. The items of the budget were read and explained by Mrs. Mildred LeSuer. Both the Fairs Fund and the Farm Bureau Fund received considerable comment.

It was the opinion of the Commissioners that no funds should be budgeted for fairs during the war emergency. Although, the fair is a splendid thing for the county, it is not truly an essential project. To some of the people vitally interested in fairs, they argued that fairs are quite essential and wondered if funds for same couldn't be budgeted for taking off some other other place in the budget, since the funds as set up now have already reached our levy limit as set up by law. It was the belief of some that fairs would be disqualified if they were not held every year, but the County Attorney says that he doesn't believe that there is anything in the law to this effect. If funds have been budgeted for fairs, they are eligible to use same even though no fair was held the previous year.

The Farm Bureau had asked for a budget of \$5,195.00 and the Commissioners set up \$3000.00 in the budget. Mr. Six, County Agent, commented that this figure would result in only one agent for the county rather than the two it now has, the regular county farm agent and the Home Demonstration Agent. It was his opinion, as well as that of others present, that the Home Demonstration Agent is doing splendid, essential work and should be retained in the county. It was pointed out that aid was given to the city people as well as those in the rural districts. Praise of the Farm Bureau was made by several present and one party spoke bitterly about the Welfare Fund and the Welfare administration. Said party advised a reduction in the amount levied for the welfare fund and apply same to the Farm Bureau.

After adjournment, the Commissioners and Mrs. LeSuer discussed the Fairs and Farm Bureau Fund budget. It was finally decided to increase the Farm Bureau from \$3000.00 to \$4500.00. Provision was made in the miscellaneous item of the General Fund for an appropriation of \$1200.00 to the Fairs Fund in the event the War emergency is over before the end of the year of 1944. This \$1200 plus an unencumbered cash balance of \$400.00 makes the total budget for the Fairs Fund in the amount of \$1600.00.

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.

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 in 1944*

*County budget to be placed in 1944*