

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

September 17, 1943

The Board of County Commissioners, with all members and the County Clerk present, met in regular adjourned session.

A Mr. Dyer appeared before the Board regarding the payment of delinquent personal property taxes charged against him. Mr. Dyer said that the deputy assessor failed to give either him or his married son the constitutional exemption as allowed by law. However, the time limit set for adjustments to be made by the County Clerk, the County Board and even the State Commission, is passed and the County Clerk had informed said Mr. Dyer that nothing could be done at this time. Since the Commissioners had no authority to make the correction, Mr. Dyer said that he would pay the delinquent taxes, but that he intends to check further into the matter to see if the taxes cannot be cancelled and he be given a refund in the amount that he is to pay to satisfy the tax warrant now in the hands of the Sheriff.

Bruce Cameron, Chairman of the Local Selective Service Board, asked permission from the Board to rent two typewriters for the use of his office for a short period of time. The Board gave its permission and told Mr. Cameron that the County Clerk would attend to this matter.

In the interest of a number of people in Eudora Township and City, appeared O. J. Lane, presenting a petition, asking the Board of County Commissioners for a new hearing on the closing of the old Moody Road (No. 593) which was officially closed by the Board on September 7, 1943. The majority of the members of the Board stated that a formal hearing was held as advertised according to law, and the decision after same, was to close the road which was done so by a majority vote of the Board. The Board declined the request for a rehearing, although the Commissioners said that they would not refuse to discuss the matter with any individual or individuals who appeared before them.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, September 22, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

September 22, 1943.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners, namely: L. H. Griffith, Chairman, Ed Johnson and M. N. Penny, Commissioners, and the County Clerk, T. R. Gerhart, met in regular adjourned session this 22nd day of September, 1943.

There was very little business of record this day. The Board approved a salary increase from \$100.00 to \$110.00 per month for Sarah A. Cleland, employee in the office of the County Clerk, same to be effective on October 1, 1943.

John J. Riling, Attorney, reported to the Board that he was having a difficult time in securing a stenographer for his office, his former stenographer having resigned to resume her school work at the University.

The Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

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October 1, 1943.

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 said Board.

Regular claims against the county for salaries and wages were presented to the Board by the County Clerk, and after close inspection by the Commissioners, were ordered paid by proper motion, second and vote in amounts as recorded on the Allowance Record in the office of the County Clerk.

In regard to the paving of the intersection at 15th Barker and on over to Connecticut Street appeared J. C. Harper, City Engineer, C. E. Redmond, Acting County Engineer and the three members of the Wakarusa Township Board, namely: Chester Howard, Chester Spray and Will McClintock.

Since the east side of Barker Avenue is in Wakarusa Township, no paving can be done on that street without action of the Wakarusa Township Board. The City Engineer had prepared an estimate of the cost for such project, same being in the approximate amount of \$2400.00. Of this, the Township would be responsible for about \$500.00 or \$600.00 and the City the balance. There has been no petition for the street improvement, but it is merely a bad street which the City felt should be repaired. However, the members of the Township Board were not in favor of the township entering into any kind of project such as this and stated that they were satisfied with the street as it now is, saying that they had followed the wishes of the property owners when they oiled the street some time ago. They also said that the township's cost of this improvement would be sufficient to pay for several years' maintenance of the oiled street. The County, of course, has no authority to enter into this matter at all as far as finances are concerned.

Since the Wakarusa Township Board refused to enter into any further improvement on the road as mentioned, the meeting adjourned.