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October 4, 1943.

The Board of County Commissioners, with all members and the County Clerk present met in regular adjourned session this 4th day of October, 1943.

Further bills against the county for supplies and materials were by proper motion, second and vote, allowed in amounts as recorded on the Allowance Record on file in the office of the County Clerk.

L. M. Heckman, representative of the Layne-Western Company, met with the Board and Mrs. Mildred Watson, Welfare Director, for the purpose of discussing the drilling of a well at the County Farm. The last well dug at the farm has proved to be very unsatisfactory, although for a period of several months, it had given good service.

Mr. Heckman said that his company would enter into an agreement with the County with either one of two propositions. One, is for the company to dig a prospect hole probably about 100 feet, the cost of same being \$1.00 per foot. The second is that the company will dig its own prospect well and if they feel that they find sufficient formation etc. to warrant a good supply of water, will go ahead and put the well in; after which, they will run an eight hour test, pumping 1000 gallons per hour and producing sand-free water during such test. After this test, the well will be turned over to the county. If, within a year, anything should go wrong with the well, the company will send its men back and fix it or if this cannot be done, will refund the money to the county. For this offer, the company will charge \$1500.00 for the drilling of the well with the provision that if the well does not give a sufficient supply of water, the county will pay the company for the prospecting which amounts to approximately \$100.00. The company will have to report just how much water can be produced from the well with certain type of equipment, if they dug a prospect well.

It was the opinion of the Board that it would be better for the county to have a prospect well dug and pay the cost of \$1.00 per foot, rather than enter into an agreement whereby this company would drill and complete a well. If such a prospect well should turn out favorably, then arrangements could be made for the drilling of the well. Therefore, M. N. Penny moved that the Layne-Western Company of Kansas City, Mo. is hereby authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, to make a test well at the County Farm for the purpose of securing an adequate and good water supply for said farm and home, at the rate of \$1.00 per foot; and after same is made and completed, the company is to make a report of its findings to said Board. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman Griffith, motion carried.

Several property owners from Wakarusa Township, namely: Messrs. Middlekauff, Kennedy, Charles Schaake and Ray Walters, met with the Board and the Acting County Engineer, with a request that if possible, the county would help finance the construction of flood gates on two bridges located on a certain road in Wakarusa Township. They said that flood waters have caused considerable damage to land belonging to these men present. They asked that if the county would not put in these flood gates, if it would assume partial cost of same, inasmuch, as the road is effected; too. They claim that they wouldn't have any flood here if it weren't for the two bridges. Mr. Penny thought it would be impossible to get the steel for the construction of the gates during the war time. The Board said that it was not in a position at the present time to state what the county could do financially for the protection of its road. County funds could not be expended for the protection of private property or for a benefit district.

The Sheriff R. Skinner, asked the Board's permission to buy two or three new tires for the county's automobile used by the Sheriff's force. The purchase of same was approved by the Commissioners.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, October 13, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

October 13, 1943.

In regular adjourned session, there met all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk.

A petition, signed by G. B. Welmer and thirteen others, praying for the location of a road in Marion Township described as follows, was presented to the Board:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 12, Township 14 S, Range 17 E;
thence East one mile on the line between Section 1 and 12, and terminating at
the Northeast corner of Section 12, Township 14 S, Range 17 E.

The Board accepted the road petition as presented, and set the date for viewing at 2 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 10. The County Clerk was also directed to publish a road notice in the official county paper according to law.

The following resolution pertaining to the opening of a ration bank account or accounts with the First National Bank of Lawrence, Kansas, or one of its branches, was approved and signed by the members of the Board:

CERTIFIED COPY OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION OPENING AND MAINTAINING A RATION BANK ACCOUNT

Douglas County, Kansas

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, hereby certify to the First National Bank at Lawrence, Kansas, and to the Office of Price Administration that we are the duly elected, qualified and acting county commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas; that the following is a true copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of said Corporation at a meeting held on the 13th day of October, 1943, at which all three commissioners were present; and that such resolutions have not been rescinded or modified.