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the place of beginning of the following described property, for the purpose of viewing a road for the location of same as prayed for by formal petition of G. B. Weimer and thirteen others:

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 section 12, Township 14 S, Range 17 E.

After said viewing, the Board returned to its regular meeting room at the courthouse. No action was taken on the road viewing this day.

For the installation of a Layne gravel well at the County Farm, a contract was received from the Layne-Western Company, Kansas City, Mo., and after inspection by the County Attorney, by proper motion made by M. N. Penny, seconded by Ed Johnson and by unanimous vote, the contract was accepted as written. Same was signed by L. H. Griffith, Chairman of the Board, by authority of said Board. The cost of said well will be in the amount of \$982.00, and is to be paid for in cash upon completion of same. Said contract is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

The County Treasurer, A. M. Gardner, asked the Board to inspect his office for the purpose of viewing to see the necessity of new shelves for his vault. After such inspection, the Commissioners returned to their regular meeting rooms and it was moved, seconded and voted, that W. A. Eudaly be awarded the contract for building shelves in the County Treasurer's office as per Mr. Gardner's specifications, at the total price of \$130.00.

The Board adjourned to meet November 24, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

November 24, 1943.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk convened in regular adjourned session this 24th day of November, 1943.

As per appointment a delegation met with the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of discussing ways and means of a flood control in North Lawrence and Grant Township, namely, the building of new and better levees. Those present were: Clarence Gorrill, City Attorney, J. C. Harper, City Engineer, Dr. H. E. Eustace and I. F. Eberhart of the City Council, Harold Fisher, City Clerk, Carl Graeber, Earl Potter, Journal-World reporter, John Riling, County Attorney and C. E. Redmond, Acting County Engineer. A few others were present, also.

Although, the County Board is willing to bear its share of the expense of the construction of these levees, the County Attorney informed the Commissioners that there is no provision in the law whereby the county may contribute to a thing of this kind.

Mr. Eberhart asked of there was anything in the law that stated the Commissioners could not do this; to which, the County Attorney replied that the Commissioners cannot dip into the pocket of the county and spend money for donations wherever and whenever they wished.

It was even suggested that the county could proceed with the building of these dykes, after which, it could assess the benefits; however, the Board did not feel that the county should step in and take charge of this matter, when there is already a drainage district established. It was the opinion of the Commissioners, that the dykes should be built under the supervision of the Drainage District Board, and that the City and County should bear part of the expense. However, since the County Attorney has ruled that the County Board would have no authority to spend money in this manner, the Commissioners did not feel that this should mean the City couldn't contribute some toward this project. It was also discussed that if the benefit district was extended to include some county roads, then the county could be assessed for its proportionate share of the expense, inasmuch, as county property would be effected.

The City did not feel that what it can do in this matter is sufficient, however, it was suggested that the City do what it can, then let the Drainage District do the rest. The County Attorney remarked that the county could participate under the present system; however, the City has a very good reason for doing so, because of the City Streets being effected by high water. It was also thought that perhaps the State would enter into some of this because of the State highway being effected.

The meeting adjourned with the idea that the Drainage Board would be contacted to see if there was the possibility of extending this drainage district. If such a thing is done, and the county road is included in this district, then the county would be obligated to pay its share of the benefits.

J. B. Wilson, Attorney for the Douglas County Kaw Drainage Board spent a few minutes in conference with the Board, and said that he would get the Drainage Board together to discuss the matter of enlarging the district.

The following Commissioners Order, cancelling taxes erroneously extended against Douglas County and cancelling taxes charged to the Kansas Electric Power Company, the property of which was also assessed by the State on the Corporation Tax Roll, was passed and duly issued to the County Treasurer.

Order No. 308: "CANCEL 1943 Real Estate tax in the amount of \$1.57, based on a valuation of \$100.00, charged to the following described property entered in the name of DOUGLAS COUNTY on the 1943 tax roll of Palmyra Township, S. D. #49-1.

Plate #P-75 Sec. 10-14-20: Beg. SW cor Sec. 10-14-20, th E 111' for point of beg, N 139.5', W 111', N 1245', E 401.9', S 231', long Descrip.

The above property was exempt from taxation and taxes were extended in error.

Discussion of drainage problem