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As per adjournment, the Board of County Commissioners with all members, namely: L. H. Griffith, Chairman, Ed Johnson and M. N. Penny, and the County Clerk, present, met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

Further bills against the county for materials and supplies were scrutinized and ordered paid by proper motion.

Roy Hegeman, Foreman of the Road and Bridge Crews, and C. E. Redmond, Acting County Engineer, discussed several matters with the Board, among them the hiring of a new blacksmith at the County Shops, namely William Tucker. Mr. Tucker has agreed to accept this position at the wage of \$75.00 per month during the summer months. The Board okayed the employment. The employment of a Mr. Olmstead to be stationed at Vinland, was authorized, Mr. Olmstead to receive the compensation of \$110.00 per month, plus the use of the county house at Vinland, with the understanding that he is to pay for the use of his own electricity.

Ed Sanders appeared before the Board to discuss the matter of obtaining the concession rights at the Lone Star Park. He said that A. S. Eliot, now holder of the contract for these rights, has agreed to sell out to him; now Sanders is applying for the sole rights to the concessions at the Lake and wondering that if he does purchase equipment etc. from Eliot, the Commissioners will enter into a contract with him similar to the one now in force.

After a detailed discussion with Mr. Sanders, the Board expressed its willingness to enter into a contract with him providing a written release from the contract's clause of the option for renewal at the end of this year, is received from A. S. Eliot.

The following Commissioners' Orders were passed, cancelling taxes as noted:

No. 313: CANCEL personal property tax in the amount of \$1.08, based on a Tangible valuation of \$35.00, charged to Mrs. C. D. Cowgill, 936 Ky. Street, Lawrence, Kansas. City of Lawrence 1943 Tax Roll, Page 362, Line 10.

Mrs. Cowgill is now deceased. No property.

No. 314: Lawrence Tax Record Page 386, Line 9. Cancel intangible valuation of \$500.00. Tax \$2.50, charged to Mrs. Cora Grace Kirby, Gdn. of Kenneth Glenn Kirby, 835 Maine St., Lawrence.

Erroneous assessment by Mr. W. S. Robb; money in question is invested in U. S. Government tax exempt bond.

No. 315: Lawrence City Tax Records, page 365, line 6. Cancel tangible valuation of \$505.00, tax \$15.82, charged to Copeland DeFrantz, 227 Ill. Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

1938 Ford Coupe, erroneously assessed. Chas. Starkweather, assessor.

At this time, a motion was made by L. H. Griffith, that M. N. Penny, Commissioner, be requested to represent the County Board at the Chamber of Commerce Community Chest Meetings. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried by majority vote.

Mr. Penny agreed to represent the Board as requested.

At the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., as advertised, the Board of County Commissioners and the Acting County Engineer, met at the place of beginning of the following described road in Eudora Township, for the purpose of a formal road view:

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

A petition praying for the location of the above was submitted to the Board and accepted for viewing on the 10th day of November.

There were several interest parties present, and the meeting was immediately opened by the Chairman of the County Board, who presided during the entire session. The Chairman asked for comments and expressions from the people present, each one voicing his views at a time. Mr. Griffith stated that the road had been closed before because the majority of the Board felt that it was not a necessity, inasmuch, as there are three bridges within a mile, and all provide outlets for the property owners in that neighborhood. However, the Commissioners were here with open minds and would listen to all arguments.

Mr. Geo. H. Lotholz, who was the Petitioner for the location of this road, spoke very briefly and stated that they would like careful consideration on the petition for a new road as called for, and would like a favorable vote on same.

John Moody remarked that during bad weather, the old Eudora Highway is impassable. With this road in question closed, the Moodys have to use the highway, to which they have a private road, and that the entrance to the highway is a very dangerous place. He said that it appears that these people in this neighborhood should have some consideration.

Another party present said that it seems as if something could be worked out between the taxpayers and the Board of County Commissioners. He said that it would seem justifiable to close this road if further repairs were made on some of the other roads and reroad the road that goes to the County Farm.

Another party remarked that the Highway was a difficult way to travel because of wagons and other farm equipment. In fact, some equipment wasn't even allowed on the highway.

Another stated that he did a great deal of travelling in this neighborhood with a truck and that the farther around he had to go, the more gasoline he uses. This short distance also saves

*Discussion of road
opened on 10th Nov.*