

## COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

No. 775 issued 4-20-40..... .75  
 889 issued 5-6-40.....1.00  
 1196 issued 7-1-40..... .75  
 1246 issued 7-13-40..... .75  
 1347 issued 8-3-40 ..... .75  
 1708 issued 9-1-40..... .75  
 1841 issued 10-9-40.....1.00  
 1890 issued 11-9-40..... .75  
 Total General Fund Warrants Cancelled..... \$ 7.25

The County Treasurer, A. M. Gardner, appeared before the Board with a wage problem in his office. He stated that Mrs. M. E. Eudaly, Tax Distributor, has threatened to "quit" if she did not receive a raise in salary at least to \$125.00 per month. She is now being paid \$100.00 per month. Mr. Gardner said that Mrs. Eudaly has been offered another job and probably will accept same if she does not receive the raise from the county as requested. The Treasurer's budget for 1944 set Mrs. Eudaly's salary to \$115.00 per month; however, the Board informed Mr. Gardner that regardless of what was set up in the budget all salary increases are not effective until official action is taken by the Board.

No action at this time.

The County Treasurer also remarked that his office is badly in need of a typewriter and was positive that a used one could be purchased now. The Board told him to get further information on this and report back at the Board's next meeting.

At the hour of 1:30 p. m., several interested parties, among them, E. P. Addy and another representative of the Santa Fe Railroad, Chester Howard, Chester Spray, Dr. F. K. McFarland, Seymour Gentry, Emil Heck, Albert Brune, Mr. Johns, a Mr. Mitchell, David McCreath, Clarence Gorrill, the Acting County Engineer and several others, met with the Board as per appointment to discuss a drainage matter in Wakarusa Township in the Lake View neighborhood. In order to provide a convenient way out in time of floods, certain property owners in that neighborhood have asked that a new road be opened running from the south line of School grounds No. 1, along the lake boundary line, then north across the railroad tracts along the east bank of the old lake bed to the north line of the southeast quarter of Section 10-12-19.

Also, the road running from the center of 15-12-19 north and south across the Farley Bridge over Baldwin Creek, in the valley, would have to be raised. The only outlet for some of these people in the valley during high water times is back over through the hills on a very bad road. If this road is opened, one of the Santa Fe men said that the railroad would have to put in a crossing at the Lake View schoolhouse. Commissioner Penny stated that he thought the drainage district should cooperate and do some levee work on the road going west, inasmuch, as this is really a drainage problem. It was the opinion of some of the persons present that if this road is opened and the other road raised, this will cause the water to rush back onto the people down below; after all, they said if the water can't get through one place, it certainly will seek another way to go. There was some argument as to whether this water would rush down on the other neighbors, or whether their property would be any more damaged than it ever is during flood times. Mr. Brune stated that it was not his desire to have this new road opened, if it is going to cause any more damage to anybody else in this district.

In speaking of the flood gate for the Lake, Dr. McFarland said that the gate was very slow and it takes two men to work it, but that the gate could be opened and lowered. This was doubted by Mr. Penny, the Acting County Engineer and some of the others, as this gate appears to be in very bad condition. Mr. Brune said that during the last flood, this gate could not be moved.

Seymour Gentry, whose land is on the east and south of the road and dykes, says he gets no benefits but certainly plenty of damage. Mr. Bartz' property is east of Gentry's. Both of these men are not in favor of the new improvement, inasmuch, as they believe this water will back down on them and cause even more damage than now at flood time, to their land. Mr. Gentry said that his complaint was based on the fact that the county and township are proposing to build a road for a selected few and in doing so are inflicting more damage on other people in this district. Mr. Mitchell said that he didn't believe this road would hurt him in any way. He said that he would like to have a road out when it gets bad.

The members of the Wakarusa Township Board present objected to the newly proposed road; Mr. Spray said that the road lying between Sections 14 and 15, T. 12, R. 19, and running across the Bartz Bridge going north from Dave McCreath's place, is the one that should be raised. The Township Board wants to give some protection to the other people in this district, too. Chester Howard said that the bridge is too small to take the water as it comes down during flood time.

Mr. Penny said that if the township doesn't want to make these road improvements, then he doesn't believe that anything the county could do will help anything. Also, if the Drainage Board won't make any more improvements, then the county wouldn't be in favor of entering into any road work.

Again, Mr. Brune stated that they have some good neighbors and if these new improvements would cause any water to be pushed on them, inflicting damage, then he doesn't want the new road.

The question as to whose responsibility it is to fill the ditch from the north bank of Baldwin Creek in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 15-12-19, to the south end of Lake View channel, was discussed. Dr. McFarland stated that it appears to him that the filling of this would be to the protection of the county road, and because of this, he thought the work should be done by the county. The Drainage Board said that it would do nothing about this. It also doesn't appear to the representative of the Lake View Club, that this is the responsibility of the Club, although McFarland agreed to give 600 yards of dirt to help fill the ditch at the point on the north bank of Baldwin Creek.

Meeting adjourned.

Commissioners' Order No. 325 was passed:

"Cancel personal property tax in the amount of \$62.32 based on the following valuations:

Tangible Value	Intangible Value	Bu. Grain	Tang. Tax	Intang. Tax	Grain Tax	Dog Tax
\$ 3860	\$ 1500	1650	\$ 52.99	\$ 7.50	\$ .83	\$ 1.00