

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

Property involved in the above assessment was, also, assessed and taxes were paid thereon in Shawnee County. The Certificate of Assessment signed by O. B. Eddy, Shawnee County Assessor is attached hereto."

The matter of certain wage and salary increases for some of the employees in the courthouse was brought up. After carefully checking the 1944 budget, the Board increased salaries as per the following motion. Ed Johnson moved that the salaries of the following employees be raised as set out below:

Mrs. Gladys Johns to \$90.00 per month	(County Clerk's Office)
Sarah A. Cleland to \$115.00 per month	(County Clerk's Office)
Lorene Hollingsworth to \$115.00 per month	(Probate Judge's Office)
Mrs. M. E. Eudaly to \$115.00 per month	(Treasurer's Office)
Ada Trout to \$90.00 per month	(Treasurer's Office)
Mary Ellen Simmons to \$90.00 per month	(Treasurer's Office)
Bernice Davis to \$100.00 per month	(Treasurer's Office)

L. H. Griffith seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried by majority vote.

The County Treasurer again appeared before the Board with information regarding the purchase of a typewriter for his office. Whereupon, as per his findings and because of the need for same, M. N. Penny moved that A. M. Gardner, County Treasurer, be authorized to purchase one used typewriter from the Lawrence Typewriter Exchange at the price of \$40.00. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Because of the great need for repairs and plastering in the courthouse, the Board agreed to set aside \$3500.00 for this work to be done in the near future.

The Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

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

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

January 3, 1944

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, minutely inspected, then ordered paid by proper motion, second and vote.

The Board discussed the filling of the ditch extending from the north bank of Baldwin Creek to the Lake View channel, and it was stated at this time that the Lake View Club will pay the county \$60.00 as its share of the expense; also that David McCreath, on whose land the county will have to enter in order to do this work, has agreed to allow the county to do so, and has also agreed that the county may extend this work further east to the bridge in order to keep the water off the county road.

Another estimate on the plastering of certain rooms in the courthouse was made by Robert Forbes, in the approximate amount of \$2200.00. He will work at the wage of \$1.50 per hour and his helper will receive 62½¢ per hour. He said that he will be able to start on this work about the first of February or sooner, if possible.

After more consideration on all the bids received, it was moved by M. N. Penny that the contract for the plastering, repairing and painting of certain rooms in the courthouse, be let to Robert Forbes at the wage of \$1.50 per hour for Forbes and 62½¢ per hour for the helper, Mr. Forbes to start this work about or as near as possible to February 1, 1944, and to proceed until the work is completed. The material for this work will be furnished by the county, the purchasing of same to be under the supervision of said Mr. Forbes. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. On roll call by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

Cecil Hough and a Mr. Lee from the Kansas Electric Power Company, met with the Board and the County Clerk to discuss the purchase of the water coolers for the courthouse. Mr. Hough said that the Nash Kelvinator Company is the only agency whereby they would be able to secure these coolers. They would have to be the open type units, as it was impossible to get the others. These would be laid down for \$199.50. Installation would be in addition to this. Application, also, would have to be made to the War Production Board before purchase is made. Also, considerable discussion was given to the electric motors for the rock crusher at the rock quarry operated by the county. Because the cost of a hook-up will be considerable, the K. E. P. representatives said they must compute the cost of same and secure more information as to what will be needed to see if this hook-up can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoskinson, Superintendent and Matron of the County Home and Farm and Mrs. Mildred Watson, County Welfare Director, met with the Board to discuss the positions of said Hoskinsons and their request for an increase in salary to \$200.00 per month. The Board has given a great deal of thought to this matter and none of the Commissioners approve the increase to this amount. After a lengthy discussion, the Hoskinsons talked this matter over in private, then reported that they would stay on at this job at the combined salary of \$185.00 per month; with the understanding, as pointed out by the Commissioners, that they would hold this position for at least a year.

Therefore, V. N. Penny moved that the salary of George Hoskinson, Superintendent of the County Farm, be increased to \$92.50 per month and that the salary of Florence Hoskinson, Matron of the County Home, be increased to \$92.50 per month, effective the first of January, 1944, with the understanding that the said Hoskinsons will not resign from these positions for at least a year from this date, death and serious illness excepted. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Probate Judge Frank R. Gray, appeared to discuss personal property tax judgments against Hults and Gray, law partners. Judge Gray said that he was unaware of these liens until settling up his personal business pending his leave to enter the armed services of the United States; and that he had thought that these taxes had been paid by his partner at the time Gray was elected to the office of Probate Judge. After considering the evidence, it was agreed among the Board members