

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

General Election	National and State ballots	29,000
	District, County & Township ballots	29,000
	Sample Ballots (50 of each precinct)	1,300
		<u>59,300</u>

## Bidders:

The World Company:	Legal rate less 35%
The Baldwin Ledger:	No bid

It was moved by M. N. Penny that the World Company be awarded the contract for the furnishing of ballots for both the Primary and the General elections next August and November, to the county at per their bid of legal rate less 35%. A second was made by Ed Johnson. On roll call by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

The Commissioners were in receipt of a letter from E. O. Brown, Justice of the Peace, Kuncie, Kansas, applying for the position of Superintendent of the Lone Star Park, in the event that such position should become vacant. The Board replied to same by informing Mr. Brown that no vacancy was contemplated at this time, but that his letter would be filed for future reference.

The Board reported that the meeting scheduled with representatives of the Girl Scouts organization, to have been held at the Lone Star Park last Thursday, February 10, had been postponed.

Probate Judge J. B. Wilson, spoke to the Board in regard to a juvenile case held in his court, and whereby the minor involved was sent to the detention home in Topeka pending her admittance to the institution at Beloit. No minor may be incarcerated in the county jail. He reported that the home in Topeka charged 60¢ per day for the care of one inmate. He, also, stressed the point that in the future there may be other cases similar in which the juvenile would have to be kept in the detention home pending an admission to an institution. In accordance with the policy of the Board, he is asking its permission to handle the cases this way and also to allow the small bill in the amount of \$6.00, which will be submitted in the near future by the Detention Home in Topeka.

The Board assured Mr. Wilson that any expenses incurred such as this in the performance of his duty as Probate Judge would be paid by the county, inasmuch, as the Judge had correctly followed the procedure as set up by reporting the circumstances to the County Board. He, also, said he would check up on the time of work for Mrs. Bliesner, Probation Officer, as the former Judge had told the Board that she would not be needed for full month's work the year around, but would probably average 20 days per month, and in accordance therewith a budget of only \$1200.00 was set up for the salary of the Probation Officer and a mileage budget of \$300.00. Both of these will be exhausted before the end of the budget year if the Probation Officer continues to work the full month and use as much mileage as she has in the past.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, February 23, 1944.

## ATTEST:

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

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

February 23, 1944.

In regular adjourned session, all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

In the matter of discussing the policy of the use of motor boats on the Lone Star Lake, appeared a delegation consisting of Gilbert Francis, Bus Johnson, Joe Traylor, Jack Vincent, Eugene Brune, Phil Ernst, Jr., Paul Harnar and a few others, said delegation was merely a public one and represents no organization. Also present were C. E. Redmond, Acting County Engineer, Otis Lindell, Care Taker of the Lake and Ed Sanders, Concession Man at the Park.

Since the opening of the Lone Star Lake and Park, the Board of County Commissioners has set up the same rules and regulations as prescribed by the State Fish and Game Commission for the State Lakes, with the exception that during the past year when the State set up a new rule whereby motor boats, with certain restrictions, could be used on State Lakes; the county did not adopt such a rule, and up to the present, no motor boats have been allowed on the county lake.

However, recently, it has come to the attention of the Commissioners that a number of sportsman were strongly in support of using motor boats on the county lake; therefore, this meeting was called so that they would have the opportunity of expressing their opinions, and, perhaps, make some suggestions.

It was suggested by those present that the county board set up rules allowing the use of motor boats on the Lone Star Lake, similar to those as set up by the State. Certain restrictions would be necessary, such as the size of the engine--the State allows none over 5 HP on the State Lakes--the securing of boat permits, and the displaying of the permit number on the engine, etc. For the first time last year, the State has allowed motor boats on their lakes, and the Commission reports that it has been very successful. The Board of County Commissioners suggested that the Acting County Engineer select two or three people present and meet to set up suggestive rules to be presented to the County Board at its next meeting. At that time, the Board plans to take some action regarding this matter.

With the County Attorney, City Attorney, Sheriff and Chief of Police, the Commissioners entered into a serious discussion on the use of marble and amusement machines at the various places in the City and the County. Considerable complaints have reached the ears of the churches in this city in regard to the minors playing these machines, as well as these machines being a general nuisance. These machines, although some are said to be amusement machines, are strictly gambling machines; and are considered an aid to the delinquency of the children in this community. Apparently, there are two types of machines, one that pays off from the machine itself and one which the operator of

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