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Fraternity, an offer was made by Harry Bennett of Kansas City, Mo., representing said fraternity, whereby they could pay the sum of \$96.00 to cover all the taxes in delinquency. The Commissioners discussed this matter thoroughly and then agreed to accept the tender of \$96.00 for full settlement of all the personal property delinquent taxes against said fraternity; and that upon receipt of the draft for same, will pass a resolution cancelling the balance of the tax due.

(Mr. Bennett was notified of the above by letter.)

The Board adjourned to meet Friday, March 17, 1944.

ATTEST:

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

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

March 17, 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.

It was reported by the Clerk that a party had asked permission to purchase an old couch now in the office of the Judge of the District Court. The Board gave authority to the Clerk to sell same if it were agreeable with the Judge.

Minutes for the regular meeting held on March 17, were read and approved as read.

The annual reports for the township treasurers were presented to the Board and approved as of this day.

*discussion with
Co. Atty., Sheriff,
Co. Treas., Accy, &
Commissioners on
who should figure
interest on delinquent
taxes sent to
Sheriff & Clerk
of the District
Court.*

With the County Attorney, Sheriff, County Treasurer, and Accountant, the Commissioners discussed the matter of certifying tax warrants to the Sheriff and to the Clerk of the District Court. These warrants were turned over to the Sheriff on March 16 with no interest or cost included. It was the contention of the County Attorney that the interest should be figured by the County Treasurer up to the time the warrants are turned over to the Sheriff and the Clerk of the Court. Also, at this time, the cost, which is the Sheriff's fee of 50%, should be included. The law sets out that the original of such warrants shall be delivered to the sheriff and the duplicate thereof shall be delivered to the clerk of the district court together with an abstract of the amount of taxes, interest and costs and said clerk shall enter the amount on his judgment docket which said unpaid tax shall become a judgment under the code of civil procedure etc. The County Treasurer claims that it is not the responsibility of the Treasurer to figure the interest or include the costs on the warrant, as he says the Attorney General had also instructed him that the interest on the tax is to be figured by the person actually collecting the tax. The County Attorney says that the Clerk of the Court has only authority to compute interest from the time it is entered as a judgment and has no authority to figure the interest prior to that time. The Treasurer also said that the Attorney General told him to follow the procedure indicated by the tax warrants, but since the warrants used are obsolete and not printed in complete accordance with the new law, such procedure, in the opinion of the county attorney, is in error. He advised the Treasurer to follow the law, and disregard the printing on the old tax warrants.

County Engineer E. E. Larson, requested that he be allowed to hire an assistant to assist him in preparing plans for future bridges and engineering projects in this county. After some discussion, the Board granted him authority to hire an assistant at the salary of \$150.00 per month.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, March 22, 1944.

ATTEST:

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

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

March 22, 1944.

In regular adjourned session this day, there met all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk.

Minutes for the meeting held on Friday, March 17, were read and approved as read.

There appeared Frank Willey, who is contemplating purchasing property in Section 33-13-20, a short ways southwest of Sibleyville, who asked the county to clean out a drainage ditch running north of the Sibleyville-Olathe Road so that the water on the south side of the culvert on this road and just north of the land he plans to purchase, could drain out through this ditch. In dry weather, Assistant County Engineer said that it would take a day or two to do this work, but at the present time due to the wet weather, it would be impossible to clean out this ditch. The Assistant County Engineer was also instructed to check to see if the county has a right-of-way to enter on this land for the purpose of doing this work.

W. C. Boardman, County Director of the Douglas County Council of Civilian Defense reported to the county that he is ready to turn in all files and supplies of the civilian defense office to the county if they so requested. Part of the work, he stated, was being turned over to the Red Cross as disasterous relief. He said that the instructions from Washington are putting too much work on his office when it is impossible to get any help to carry on this work. He suggested that some capable woman be selected to carry on the canning project as they had last year, as he considers this, if properly supervised, a good project. The Board suggested that the Civilian Defense Committee appear before the Commissioners and recommend a competent woman for this position.

It was agreed by the Board that the county would assume the doctor bill of Jas. Childs, employee of the road and bridge department, who suffered injuries in the nature of a broken leg while on duty for the county at the rock quarry.

Commissioners Orders Nos. 336 and 337 were passed by the Board;

No. 336: "Cancel interest and penalties in the amount of 62¢, charged to Bertal T. Foster,