

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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For the first regular 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.

Claims for salaries and wages of county employees and officials were presented to the Board, minutely inspected, then by proper motion, second and vote, ordered paid as per amounts recorded in the Allowance Record.

In the matter of securing a new boiler for the new convalescent hospital on West 4th Street, appeared Eugene Brune of the Brune Plumbing and Heating Co. and Mr. Huxtable, representative of a boiler company. Inasmuch, as it is not feasible or wise to attempt to use the two boilers at the old county home, which were damaged by fire, for a heating plant at the hospital, it was deemed best by the Commissioners to purchase an entirely new boiler. The Board, also, plans to have the present hot water heating system converted into a one pipe steam job. For hot water heat, the present set-up lacks about 1800 sq. ft. of radiation, while for the steam heat, it lacks only 618 sq. ft.

The following quotation was presented by Mr. Brune:

1 C-16 Capitol Steam Boiler, capacity 3180 sq. ft. complete with grates for coal hand firing, 800 lb. asbestos cement with canvas and paste for covering boiler, 32 - #1-A Hoffman Radiator Air Valves and 2 - #75-A Hoffman Vent Valves, 618 sq. ft. additional radiation, pipe and fittings for re-piping basement piping for one pipe steam job including necessary new riser piping.

All for the net sum of \$1631.00.

F. O. B. Job Site, Lawrence, Kansas.

This quotation does not include any labor for installation or any radiator valves for the radiators.

It was decided by the Board that no radiator valves be used on the radiators.

It was moved by M. N. Penny that the county purchase the above described steam boiler, with all necessary fittings, at the quoted price of \$1631.00 from the Eugene Brune Plumbing and Heating Company. A second was made by Ed Johnson. On vote, called by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Ed Johnson whereby it was agreed that Eugene Brune would furnish all necessary labor for the installation of the boiler, except all the help that the county can furnish; and that the county would pay said Brune the sum of \$1.50 per hour for skilled labor and from 60 to 85¢ per hour for common labor for all labor that is furnished by Brune. It is also agreed that this boiler and pipe installation job is to be completed by the first of the heating season in the fall of 1944, if not sooner. A second was made by M. N. Penny. On vote, motion carried by unanimous vote.

A Mr. Spencer of the firm of Spencer and Brink Architect Engineers appeared to discuss future building plans for this county. Nothing definite.

At the hour of 2:30 p. m., a meeting was held with Henry Giertz, representative of the Eudora Township Board, Mrs. Alice Wallace, and Frank Page, interested property owners, all of Eudora, and the County and Assistant Engineers.

Several meetings have been held in the past with Frank Page regarding certain improvements to take care of a drainage matter in that township, Mr. Page claiming that excessive water is flowing from the county road running north and south, known as the Eudora, Black Jack Road, down Township Road No. 326 and onto his property. A tile had been placed across the county road to help take care of this water but is not sufficient to handle all the water. The County Board assured the Eudora Township Board that it would be willing to build a bridge only and if only the proper channel change across the NE¹/₄ of Section 20-13-21 is made, and providing that the township road be widened and placed over on the proper line. In order to do this, the township would be compelled to acquire additional ground from property owners, whose land adjoins the road. Such damage claims would have to be paid by the township board.

The County Engineer agreed to contact Mr. Carl Pflieger, who is represented today by Mrs. Wallace, daughter, regarding the channel change; and also to accompany members of the township board to discuss the acquisition of land, with Mr. I. D. Harris.

The abstract and deed to property described as: Beginning 70 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (¼) of Section One (1), Township Fourteen (14), Range Eighteen (18), thence running West Sixteen (16) rods; thence in a Southeasterly direction along the East line of Road Numbered 175, Ninety-two (92) rods, more or less to the Southeast corner of said Quarter Section; thence North along the East line of said Quarter Section to the place of beginning, containing Six (6) acres more or less. Reserving thereout and therefrom a right of way Sixteen (16) feet wide across the North side of said property same to be perpetual, all in Douglas County, Kansas,

and purchased by the county from Donald Anderson for the sum of \$550.00 was presented to the Board, and forthwith, with proper voucher on hand, the Board allowed the payment for same. The deed and abstract are on file in the office of the County Clerk.

H. B. "Pete" Broeker, reported to the Commissioners that he has repaired part of the damaged places on the roof of the new county convalescent hospital, but has not completed the entire job. He mentioned several other spots on the roof that need fixing and also recommended that these gutters be painted. The Board gave him authority to fix all places on the roof that needed repairing and also to paint the gutters.

The Commissioners interviewed J. W. "Bill" Stevens in regard to the position as manager of the County Farm. His qualifications for this were discussed at length, and the operation of the farm was discussed in general.

It was moved by M. N. Penny that the county employ J. W. "Bill" Stevens as sole manager of the County Farm at the compensation of \$100.00 per month, and employ his wife, Lottie E. Stevens, at the

*Boiler for new Co. home
to be purchased from
Brune Plumbing & Heating*