

# COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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Douglas County, Kansas, Lawrence

May 9, 1944.

The Board of County Commissioners, with all members present, met in special session this day, called for the purpose of discussing the serious threat of rabies to citizens and domestic animals of this county.

Representatives from the City of Lawrence and other communities were present, those being Clarence Gorrill, City Attorney, Harry Lucas, Baldwin City, John Miller, Eudora City, George Matthews, Lecompton. Also, Rody Skinner, Sheriff, R. W. Sanders, Deputy Sheriff, John Riling, County Attorney and as per request, Will J. Miller, State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and E. A. Sims, local representative of the state livestock sanitary commission.

Rabies has become a serious problem to some of the counties in this state, and because of strong evidence that same was prevalent, said counties were placed under strict quarantine. The symptoms of this disease has been found to exist in Douglas County.

A small number of dogs have already been killed by laymen, these dogs having attacked children or showing signs of being afflicted with the disease, either by their actions or by the foaming at the mouth.

Since rabies is a disease of extreme seriousness, resulting in death to both animals and humans, and since the number of stray dogs has increased considerably, it was the concensus of opinion of all those present that some action be taken as a precautionary measure against the spread of rabies.

Thereupon, the following resolution, by proper motion, second and vote, was adopted by the Board.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, symptoms of a disease known as RABIES now exists among certain domestic animals within the limits of Douglas County, Kansas, and

WHEREAS, the health and lives of citizens and domestic animals of said area are in danger, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined necessary to prevent the spread of rabies among domestic animals of said area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, that all dogs in Douglas County, be quarantined in accordance with the orders and directions of the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner of the State of Kansas; and that the State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner is hereby requested to put said quarantine into effect in Douglas County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing bodies of all towns and communities in Douglas County, be and are hereby requested to cooperate in the enforcement of any quarantine orders issued by the State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 1944.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart  
County Clerk.

L. H. Griffith  
Chairman

Ed Johnson  
Member

M. N. Penny  
Member  
Board of County Commissioners,  
Douglas County, Kansas.

Will J. Miller  
Will J. Miller,  
State Livestock Sanitary Com-  
missioner, State of Kansas.

Representatives of Baldwin, Eudora and Lecompton Cities stated that the governing bodies of their towns were willing to cooperate to the fullest extent with any action taken by the County Board.

As per the request of the County Board, Mr. Miller, State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner, issued the order for a strict quarantine for a period of forty days, to extend over the entire area of Douglas County including the Cities of Lawrence, Baldwin, Eudora and Lecompton.

Red quarantine signs were delivered to the Sheriff's office and the City Police Department, these signs to be posted at various points in the county.

A few vouchers were presented, minutely inspected, then allowed by the Board in amounts as recorded on the Allowance Record.

The Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart  
County Clerk.

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

May 10, 1944.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session this 10th day of May, 1944.

The following Cancellation Order was passed:

No. 342: "CANCEL personal property tax in the amount of \$1.00, charged for one dog, against Lucile Pennell, City of Lawrence. City of Lawrence 1943 Tax Roll, Page 418, Line 19.

Erroneous assessment."

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