

## COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

Douglas County Republican, Lawrence

Robert Forbes reported that on the 11th of this month, he would be ready to start the work of plastering the various rooms in the courthouse as designated by the county board.

The Board approved the Probate Judge's employing Barbara Clark for extra work in his office at the wage of 40¢ per hour.

The Board adjourned to attend the sale of the 60 HP Caterpillar tractor, which had been advertised to be held this day. Said tractor sold for the sum of \$1000.00 to the Martin Tractor Company, high bidder. After which, the Board reconvened in the rooms at the courthouse.

An estimate in the amount of \$1265.00 was submitted by the Montgomery Elevator and Service Company for the installation of an elevator in the County's Convalescent Hospital located on West 4th Street. After some discussion, the Board declined the offer due to the uncertainty of this elevator being installed in the tower as wished by the Board and due to the excessive price of same. It was agreed that the County Engineer would supervise the installation of this elevator and use employees of the Bridge Crew on this work.

Again, the Board discussed the purchase of an elevator from Dr. W. C. McConnell who owns one which was formerly used in his hospital. It was moved by Ed Johnson that the county purchase one elevator from Dr. W. C. McConnell at the price of \$500.00, with the understanding that Dr. McConnell will remove the floors so that the elevator may be removed at the least possible expense to the county. It was further moved that the County Engineer be instructed to remove same from the present location and install same in the County Convalescent Hospital, the engineer is also authorized to employ extra help for this job if so needed. M. N. Penny seconded the motion. On vote, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

The Board agreed to allow Bill Stevens, Manager of the County Farm, the sum of \$20.00 per month, 75¢ per day or 25¢ per meal for boarding any extra help that he uses on the farm, such as men for filling silo, etc. It was also agreed to allow him fuel for the coal stove at the farm if he uses same, but will not pay for the electricity used in their electric cooking stove. If the Stevens wish to use this stove, they must install their own meter and pay for the electricity used.

Some discussion was given to the salary to be paid to George and Florence Hoskinson, Managers of the new county convalescent hospital. The Board agrees to continue to pay them their old salary of \$92.50 each, or \$185.00 total, as per the same agreement of employment when they were located at the County Home which burned.

The Board adjourned to meet May 15, 1944.

ATTEST:

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

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

May 15, 1944.

The Commissioners met this day as required by law to resolve themselves into the Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing complaints on personal property and new real estate assessments. T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk, was also present.

At the request of Ralph W. Hughes, Agent for the heirs of Wm. Hughes, his letter asking for an adjustment on real estate in Eudora Township, was presented to the Board by the County Clerk. The land in question is described as the E 114a of SW 1/4, Sec. 26-12-20 (Page 1, Line 1, 2, Eudora Twp. Rolls). The total valuation of this tract is shown on the Assessment Rolls at \$11,400, or \$100.00 per acre. According to the letter of Mr. Hughes, a part of this land is located next to the Kaw River and is overflow land, and is now grown up with timber which makes it impossible to cultivate. Mr. Hughes stated that probably 34 or 35 acres of this tract has no value at all for tillable land. He is requesting the Board to reduce the value of this farm to take care of the damaged land.

Inasmuch, as it was the wish of the Board to view this land before taking any action, the decision on this matter was set aside for a future date.

There appeared J. L. "Tommy" Constant, asking that the valuation of his property located as follows be reduced as he considers it too high in comparison to its real value:

In Wakarusa Township, Metes and Bounds description: Beg. at pt. 120' N of cent. of Sec. 36, W 188.5', N 342' to S line of 10th St., th E along S line of 10th St., W 842.7' to intersection 10th and Mo. Sts., S along Mo. St. etc.

Land Value	\$ 4,500.00
Improvement Value	21,000.00
	<u>\$ 25,500.00</u>

and

in the City of Lawrence: Beg. at intersection of W line of Mo. St. with S line of Berkley St., th W 60' to Duncan.

Land Value	\$ 1,400.00
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(Total of whole property \$26,900.00)

Mr. Constant said that he purchased this property for \$20,000, less taxes etc. He asked if the Board couldn't reduce this total value to that amount. Inasmuch, as he has authoritative knowledge of the cost of this house and that of Dr. Sudler, he considered both houses of similar value, although the one he purchased from Jakowsky is valued on the assessment rolls considerably higher than that of Dr. Sudler. After some deliberation, it was the opinion of the Board that some reduction should be made on the value of improvements, therefore, the improvements were reduced from \$21,000 to \$15,000 (a reduction of \$5500.00), but the land value in Wakarusa remains at \$4500.00 and the lot value in the City remains at \$1400.00. The total of the whole property is now \$21,400.00.

A request was made by Mrs. Fred Brown for a reduction in the assessment value of her home at 615 Louisiana, described as Lot 75 and Lot 77, Louisiana Street. The lots and improvements are