

Douglas County Republican Lawrence

valued as follows:

Lot 75	\$990.00
Improvements	1890.00
	<u>\$ 2880.00</u>
Lot 77	990.00
Improvements	1790.00
	<u>\$ 2780.00</u>

Total \$5660.00

This house is located on two lots and is on the rolls in the total value of \$3680.00 plus lot value of \$1980.00, making a total assessment of \$5660.00.

Mrs. Brown said that she purchased this property for \$3500.00. The Board set this aside for viewing.

There appeared Melvin Zeller, who owns property in Wakarusa Township, legally described as:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8-13-20	\$2600.00	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8-13-20	2600.00	Imp. \$2400.00. Total \$5000.00
NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8-13-20	5200.00	
Land Total	\$10400.00	plus improvements, makes a total of \$12,800.00.

Mr. Zellers believes that his property is out of line, inasmuch, as he says the East 80 acres of his farm is not as good land as the west 80, and there should be, in his judgment, at least \$10.00 per acre difference in the valuation. He purchased the property for \$10,000.00. After considerable discussion, it was agreed by the Board to reduce the land from 65 to 60 dollars per acre, as follows:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ from \$2600.00 to \$2400.00	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ from \$2600.00 to \$2400.00	Imps. reduced from \$2400.00 to \$1500.00
NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ from \$5200.00 to \$4800.00	
Land Total	\$9600.00 plus \$1500.00 imp. leaves a total of \$11,100.00 (Reduction: \$1700.00)

On personal property complaint, appeared Mrs. Bruce Whittenberger, who said that they gave in for assessment to the deputy assessor, personal property that she and her husband didn't even have on the first of March, and that the car in question, although owned by her, was assessed with her parent's property in Wichita, inasmuch, as this was her home before her marriage in March, and that she was under age at that time. Her husband is a medical student in the Navy Department, and the Commissioners told her that if she would file the proper affidavit, the assessment would be cancelled.

The Board adjourned to sit as a Board of County Commissioners to take up a few matters of county business.

The Board approved the hiring of an extra helper (mud mixer) for Robert Forbes, Plasterer, at the hourly wage of 75¢ per hour.

Since there is need for additional plumbing at the County Convalescent Hospital other than that of the heating system, the Board agreed that Eugene Brune should do this work.

A temporary insurance policy is now in force on the new home, \$7500.00 for the building and \$500.00 for the contents.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 16, 1944.

ATTEST:

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

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

May 16, 1944.

All members of the Board of Equalization and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

An objection to his personal property assessment was made by W. O. McClanahan who contended that the deputy assessor made an erroneous return on his (McClanahan) property located in Lecompton Twp. After listening to the appeal of Mr. McClanahan, the Board corrected the personal property sheet to a fair assessment, changes noted on said sheet.

After viewing the property of Mrs. Fred Brown at 615 Louisiana, relative to her appeal for a reduction made on May 15, the Commissioners were in agreement that the assessment on the improvements should be reduced; therefore, the improvement value on Lot 75 in the amount of \$1890.00 was reduced to \$1700.00 and the improvement value on Lot 77 was reduced from \$1790.00 to \$1600.00. Such reduction makes the improvements stand on the tax roll at the total value of \$3300.00 plus the lot values of \$1980.00, making a total assessment of \$5280.00.

The Board adjourned to meet as a Board of Equalization on Wednesday, May 17.

No regular county business. Board adjourned to meet May 17.

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May 17, 1944.

The Board of Equalization, with all members present met in the regular meeting rooms of said