

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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Douglas County, Kansas, Lawrence

November 28th, 1944

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular adjourned session, all members of the board being present.

The painting bids that had been submitted by W.E. Grover and David L. Higgins were discussed. Mr. Penny made the motion that the contract for painting the following rooms and offices be let to Mr. Higgins upon Mr. Higgins' agreement to stay on the job until completed. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and on vote called, the motion carried. Mr. Higgins agreed to stay on the job and to take no other contracts that would interfere with the work.

The rooms to be painted are:	
Room known as the County Commissioner's office	\$ 97.65
Register of Deeds office	112.00
Vault in Register of Deeds office	103.80
Probate Court 2 rooms	176.52
County Clerk's office, main room	245.10
Budget Room	81.17
Cloak Room	40.68
Men's Rest Room	36.00
Men's Rest Room & Janitor's closet 2nd floor	54.32
Vault in County Clerk's office	79.04
Drafting room, Basement	147.64
Farm Loan Room, Basement	87.00
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All offices and rooms are to be sandpapered, scraped and cleaned, one coat of sizing or treating, walls and all plastered parts. Two coats flat oil paint on walls and ceilings. Two coats varnish on mill work, doors, base boards, except window sills which will receive one coat of filler or stain and two coats of varnish.

J. B. Wilson, acting probate Judge submitted a price list on furniture for the County Court, stating the furniture needed was:

- 9 chairs for attorneys and witnesses.
- 12 chairs for spectators.
- 1 large table for attorneys
- 1 stenographer's desk
- 1 chair for the judge
- 1 stenographer's chair
- 1 stenographer's desk

the tentative total price on the above furniture as submitted by Mr. Wilson, was \$580.25. The board asked Mr. Wilson to have some other firm submit a price list for the needed office equipment as listed above.

The Board instructed Mr. Gerhart to issue an order to the County Treasurer to cancel the personal property tax assessed against Mrs. L. Broeker on furniture located at 846 1/2 Massachusetts which had been assessed twice, as follows:

Order No. 355. To cancel the personal property tax assessed against Mrs. L. Broeker, 1819 La Mesa Drive, Dodge City, Kansas, covered by Tax Statement #410, as follows:
Tangible Value \$205.00; Tangible Tax \$5.21
This cancellation is made as the property covered by the above assessment was assessed against Mrs. Broeker by the deputy assessor for furniture located at 834 1/2 Massachusetts Street, and was also assessed by another deputy assessor as belonging to D. P. Young at 834 1/2 Massachusetts.

Mr. Larson, the County Engineer and Mr. Riddle the representative of the St. Joseph Structural Steel Co. were present. Mr. Larson submitted two bids for the steel work on the Wakarusa Bridge, which steel work has to be ordered before December 3rd in order to comply with the priority rating of the W.P. The bid submitted by the K. C. Structural Steel Company, is \$5.05 per 100 lbs. for the structural steel, and fifteen cents per pound for the bearing devices. The bid submitted by Mr. Riddle of the St. Joseph Structural Steel Co., is \$4.75 per 100 lbs. for the structural steel and 12 cents per lb for bearing devices.

Contract for steel awarded to St. Joseph Structural Steel Co.

After some discussion, Mr. Penny made the motion that the contract for the steel be let to the St. Joseph Structural Steel Company at the present mill price of \$4.75 per 100 lbs for structural steel and 12 cents per lb for bearing devices, making the approximate total amount \$10,538.77, to be delivered when contractor is ready for the steel, cost payable 30 days after delivery, and the board authorize Mr. Larson to sign all necessary papers to carry out the transaction. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and on vote called, the motion carried. All steel purchased to be according to the State Highway specifications.

Mr. Arthur Bolles appeared before the board and stated that he was "run into by a county truck on Tuesday morning, October 31st", and "there is no liability on the part of the truck whatsoever or the driver, to cover any damage, including death which was certainly possible". Mr. Griffith asked Mr. Bolles to appear again on Friday, December 1st, at 2 o'clock P.M. when Mr. Riling, the County attorney, could be present.

The Board adjourned to go to Topeka to meet with the State Commission of Revenue and Taxation in regard to the property held in the name of the Kansas University Endowment Association which is to be and has been removed from the tax rolls of the County. Mrs. LeSuer, the budget director, and Mr. Gerhart, County Clerk, accompanied the board.

No further business, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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

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