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J.B. Wilson, Probate Judge, and County Attorney, John J. Riling, appeared in connection with the County Court, as to whether or not a clerk can be hired for the County Court. Mr. Wilson stated he had changed his mind about insisting on clerk hire for the county court, and that he would hire one person to work in both the probate court and the county court, and her pay will come from the probate court clerk hire budget, @ \$100.00 a month.

The Board adjourned until Monday, January 8th.

ATTEST:

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

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

January 8, 1945

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

Additional claims for labor and materials were allowed as per the allowance record.

The several gas connections scattered over the court house are no longer in use, and Mr. Penny moved that the present gas connections in the Court house, that are dangerous, be completely sealed off, and sufficient radiators installed to take care of the heating in the Court House. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and on vote called, the motion carried.

This being the first meeting day of the new term of office, the board decided it was the proper time to reorganize. Mr. Penny moved that L.H. Griffith remain as chairman of the board, during the year 1945. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and on vote called, the motion carried. Mr. Gerhart moved that Ed Johnson remain as Vice Chairman for the year 1945, Mr. Penny seconded the motion, and on vote called the motion carried.

The matter of the official publications for the year came up for discussion. Mr. Gerhart reported that Dolph Simons of the Journal World asked that the "World Company be designated as "the official publication for Douglas County". After some discussion, Mr. Penny made the motion that for the year 1945, The World Company publish the monthly bills allowed at the same rate as in 1944, 7½ cents per line, The Outlook publish the delinquent tax list at the same rate as in 1944, 20 cents per description and 9 cents per town lot, and The Baldwin Ledger publish the legal notices, other than bills allowed, and the tax foreclosure sale at the same rate as in 1944, 79 cents per sq., 20 cents per description and 9 cents per town lot, and that all three papers be decreed "the legal publication for Douglas County" for the purposes above mentioned. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and on vote called, the motion carried.

The Board adjourned until Wednesday, January 17th.

ATTEST:

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

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

January 13, 1945

The Board of County Commissioners met in special meeting, all members of the board being present.

Mr. Penny reported a planning committee has been organized by the City of Lawrence, for the purpose of planning and building new civic buildings during the post war era. Mr. Griffith dictated a letter to F.C. Allen, chairman of the planning committee, offering the facilities of the county that might be needed or used by the committee.

Fred W. Kahn, County Treasurer, presented a letter from the International Harvester Company, which letter was accompanied by a check in the amount of the 1944 taxes, plus \$10.97 the amount of the personal tax judgment on record in the office of the Clerk of the District Court. The letter was in protest against the assessment for the 1943 and 1944 taxes, stating the truck which is covered by the assessment was taxed in Wyandotte County. The truck has been in Douglas County each year at assessment time, and an extensive correspondence has been carried on between the International Harvester Company and the County Clerk regarding the assessment. At no time has the representative of the Harvester Company presented an itemized list of the tax assessment in Wyandotte County. After some discussion the board agreed to waive the interest on the 1944 taxes and a resolution was adopted waiving the interest and penalties accumulated on the judgment for the 1943 taxes in the District Court.

Chas. H. Jones of Marion Township complained about the brush growing along the County Road in front of Ben Hoffman's house. Mr. Griffith said he would see Mr. Larson in regard to having McMillan cut the brush.

Mr. Gerhart asked that certain salaries of the employees in his office be increased, effective with the January salary. After some discussion, the following increases were granted:  
Mildred LeSuer, from \$1.00 per hour; to \$200.00 a month.  
Sarah A. Cleland, from \$125.00 per month to \$135.00 a month.  
Dorothy Goodrick, from \$80.00 per month to \$90.00 a month.  
Evalyn H. Beery from \$120.00 to \$135.00.

The board convened with Representatives Edwin F. Abels and Ray T. Wright, which meeting was the purpose of the special session of the board this day. Discussion of proposed welfare and other legislature was had.

The board adjourned until January 17th.

ATTEST:

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Kansas