

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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Board of Equalization

May 25, 1946

The Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County met in regular session, to act as the Board of Equalization as required by law, all members of the board being present. This being the day set for hearings on real estate in Eudora Township and Eudora City, F.G. Hughes, deputy assessor in that township, was present, Mr. Votaw, trustee, being unable to attend.

Roy Daugherty, Route 1, Eudora, appeared before the board, asking that the improvements assessed to him be cancelled as he has sold the dwelling to Roy Cordell of Eudora, and the barns have been torn down.

Plate E-239	1945 land	1800	1946 land	1440
	Imp	1000	Imp	700

After some discussion, the improvements assessed to Mr. Daugherty were cancelled and the \$400. assessment for the dwelling was ordered assessed to Mr. Cordell as personal property.

Harry Forney, appearing for Mattie Forney, Route 2, protested the increase of \$500. on their building at 500 Locust, North Lawrence.

Plate #6678	1945 land	155	1946 land	155
	Imp	1430	Imp	1980

and also the \$200. increase on the property at 342 Indiana.

Plate #5430	1945 land	450	1946 land	450
	Imp	1100	Imp	1300

After some discussion, the board ordered no change made on the property at 342 Indiana, but decided to view the property at 500 Locust.

Ernest Milburn, 928 Ohio, Lawrence, appeared before the board, asking for a reduction in the assessed valuation of his farm land in Eudora Township.

Plate #507	1945 land	8645	1946 land	8700
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After discussing the land with Mr. Hughes, and comparing valuations of adjoining farms, the board ordered the land reduced to \$53. per acre, making the total assessed value \$7950.

Edwin W. Ott, Route 1, Eudora, appeared before the board asking for a reduction in the assessed valuation of his farm.

Plate E-172	1945 land	3400	1946 land	3800
	Imp	1200	Imp	1450

The board pointed out that in 1942 the land was reduced from \$4200. to \$4000. and in 1944 after the floods, the board reduced the land to \$3400. Mr. Ott still insisted on a reduction and became personal in his accusations. The board would make no change and recommended that Mr. Ott appeal to the State Board.

Berthhold H. A. Durr of Eudora, appeared before the board asking for a reduction in the assessed valuation of his land in Eudora Township.

Plate E-241	1945 land	4675	1946 land	4950
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The board reminded Mr. Durr that in 1942 the Equalization board reduced his land from \$6050. to \$5750, and in 1944 again reduced the land to \$4675. Mr. Durr insisted the land was still too high, but the board would make no change in value as his land is on an equal basis with neighboring farms.

In comparing valuations of farmland in Eudora Township, it was called to the attention of the board that the land belonging to Mary Vitt, Eudora, was over assessed.

Plate E-269	1945 land	3230	1946 land	3890
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Plate E-270	1945 land	2690	1946 land	2645
	Imp	300	Imp	350

Upon recommendation of the assessor, the land valuation was reduced to \$100. per acre, making the first tract E-269 total \$3245, and the second tract, E-270, land total \$2330.

Mrs. W.G. McFarland, 700 Mississippi, appeared before the board, asking for a reduction of all her land in Eudora Township. Upon comparing values with the adjoining properties, the board found all the land in line with adjoining properties with the exception of the land described

Plate E-55	1945 land	8500	1946 land	8330
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Upon the recommendation of Mr. Hughes, the board reduced the value of the land to \$95.00 per acre, making the total value \$7540.

In checking the assessed value in Eudora Township, it was discovered the assessor made an error in figuring the land belonging to Wm. R. Essick,

Plate E-57	1945 land	4000	1946 land	3800
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The land was assessed as 40 acres at \$95. an acre, and should have been assessed as 95 acres at \$40. an acre, while no change is made in the total, the figures were ordered corrected.

Herbert M. Miner of Eudora City, appeared before the board, asking for a reduction of the valuation of the improvements on his property.

Plate EC-2274	1945 land	120	1946 land	120
	Imp	1120	Imp	1120

Upon the recommendation of the assessor, the valuation of the improvements was reduced to \$880.

Frank B. Dodds, 903 Alabama, appeared asking for a reduction in the valuation of his farm land in Eudora Township.

Plate E-341	1945 land	5000	1946 land	5040
	Imp	500	Imp	500

The board agreed to view the property.

Mary Cornwell, Baldwin, appeared before the board, asking for a reduction of her property, stating that all of her lots have been increased in value.

Plate B-2213	1945 land	155	1946 land	175
Plate B-2214	1945 land	155	1946 land	175
	Imp	200	Imp	200
Plate B-2215	1945 land	155	1946 land	175
	Imp	200	Imp	200
Plate B-2216	1945 land	90	1946 land	100
	Imp	45	Imp	50

Upon discussion, the board ordered the improvements reduced on Plate B-2214 to \$175. and on B-2215 to \$150.