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The following letter was received from L. C. Williams, Dean and Director Kansas State College, Division of Extension, regarding County Agricultural Extension Council Budget:

February 21, 1955

To: Chairmen County Agricultural Extension Councils
Chairmen Boards of County Commissioners.
County Agricultural Agents 105 Kansas Counties.

Dear Cooperators:

This letter is in regard to County Agricultural Extension Council Budget procedure and a portion of Section 2-610 of the Council Law enacted by the 1951 Kansas Legislature here quoted:

"(d) a budget prepared in cooperation with the board of county commissioners and the Director of Extension of Kansas State College for the ensuing calendar year. The budget shall clearly show all receipts from all sources. The Board of county commissioners shall then make an appropriation and certify to the county clerk the amount of tax necessary to be levied on all tangible taxable property of the county sufficient to provide a program of county extension work."

It is my understanding that the following statement which I have prepared summarizes the thinking of members of the legislature who had the responsibility of writing the section of the law above quoted.

1. That the County Commissioners, the Executive Board of the Council and the Director of Extension would work together in preparing the budget in order that there would be mutual understanding on the part of all concerned.
2. That the Director of Extension or his representative would serve in an advisory and educational capacity only and would not participate in voting procedure with respect to the approval of the budget. (members of my staff have been so advised)
3. That it would be possible in all instances for the Executive Board of the Council and the Board of County Commissioners, both of which are elected by the people of the county, to reach a satisfactory agreement as to budget items and amounts.
4. That the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Board of the Council should act as two boards with only one vote for each board rather than as separate individual members in budget procedure.
5. That in case a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached by the two boards concerned after every possible effort has been made to accomplish that purpose, the Executive Board of the Council will then leave the final decision to the commissioners. Except that this decision shall be made with the two boards meeting together so that both will be fully informed of the basis for the decision. (mutual agreement is the only real satisfactory procedure however and past experience in all counties indicates that such agreement can be attained in every instance without any exceptions.)

We are all working together in providing adequate educational programs in agriculture, home economics and 4-H Club work for all of the people in all of the counties, and in so doing we are friends and neighbors with the same objective. It is hoped that this letter will promote better understanding among all of us.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ L. C. Williams,
Dean & Director.

The Board voted to buy one new car for Sheriff, A Ford Customline Police Special for \$895.86 and the old car.

No further business, the Board adjourned to meet on Saturday, March 5, 1955.

ATTEST:

D. E. Mathia
D. E. Mathia, County Clerk.

Charles E. Banning
Charles E. Banning, Chairman, Board of
County Commissioners, Douglas County.

March 5, 1955

The Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County met in regular adjourned session with two members of the Board present, Mr. Ogden and Mr. Ousdahl.

The Board received rental check from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for collections from Telephone in the Lobby, in the amount of \$1.20

Quarterly reports of fees collected in Register of Deeds office, were received.

The Board allowed additional bills for equipment and supplies, as per the 1 allowance record.

Welfare matters were discussed with the Director, Mrs. Mildred Watson.

Road and bridge matters were discussed with the County Engineer, J. I. Rice.

No further business, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, March 7, 1955.

ATTEST:

D. E. Mathia
D. E. Mathia, County Clerk.

Charles E. Banning
Charles E. Banning, Chairman, Board of
County Commissioners, Douglas County.

*Letter from
L. C. Williams
Dean & Director
K.S. College
Re Agricultural
Extension Budget*

*new car for
sheriff -*

*Quarterly Report
from Reg. of
Deeds*