

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD P

Received a copy of Resolution of March 10, 1967, of Jefferson County Commissioners, concerning their closing of the Lecompton bridge.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Kansas, has received a report from the County Engineer, together with the report of the State Highway Commission, concerning the Kansas River Bridge at Lecompton, Kansas, and:

WHEREAS, the reports of the County Engineer and Engineers of the State Highway Commission indicate there are defects in said bridge, which require the conclusion that the bridge is unsafe for traffic, and;

WHEREAS, the County having received notice of the unsafe condition, might incur liability for injuries sustained by operators or passengers because of such condition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas River Bridge at Lecompton, Kansas, be closed to all traffic and that the County Engineer proceed at once to close said bridge as set forth under K.S.A. 1963, 68-1126.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kenneth Zachariah
County Clerk.

/s/ Don Rice, Chairman
/s/ August Noll, Member
/s/ Floyd Petrie, Member

No further business, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, March 13th.

ATTEST:

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

Harvey M. Booth
Harvey M. Booth, Chairman.

March 10, 1967

There was a joint meeting held of the Boards of County Commissioners of Douglas County and Jefferson County, Kansas, to discuss the closing and rebuilding of the Lecompton bridge.

Present from Jefferson County were: Don Rice, Chairman
Floyd Petrie, Member
August Noll, Member
Lawrence Moffitt, Road Supt.

Present from Douglas County were: Harvey M. Booth, Chairman
Walter Kampschroeder, Member
Travis E. Glass, Member
L. D. Rice, County Engineer

Several interested persons also attended the meeting:

Dick Thien - - Journal World.
Melanie Morgan - - Outlook
Arden Booth - - KLWN
Richard Traxler
Floyd Swafford, Perry
Bert Seyler, Perry
Shipman Winter, Lawrence
Bob LeGer, Perry

Earl Moore, Perry
Bill Leslie, Lecompton
Neal Mathews, Lecompton
Paul A. Wood, Perry
Mason Brunton, Perry
Frank Oberland, Perry
Lloyd W. Barker, Sec.-Treasurer of Perry Reservoir
Area Assoc., Frank A. Williams, - Vindicator,
Valley Falls, Kansas.

All members of both Boards expressed their opinion that a bridge was needed near Lecompton.

Lloyd W. Barker, Secretary-Treasurer of Perry Reservoir, from Valley Falls, stated that a bridge at Lecompton would solve a pressing need for the people of Lecompton and Perry, and would also be useful for people of several counties.

Supt. of Schools, Mason Brunton, of Perry, Kansas, stated a bridge was needed badly for teachers in order to teach in Perry and Lecompton, from opposite sides of the bridge.

Bill Leslie - stated the problem of farming on both sides of the river. They had to haul equipment approximately 54 miles to go around, if there was no bridge to cross at Lecompton.

Frank Oberland, Mayor of Perry, asked for the Commissioners to give serious thought to immediate construction of a bridge at Lecompton.

Frank Williams - urged a new bridge be build immediately, at near the same spot.

The question was asked if walking across the bridge could be legal. County Attorney, Dan Young, explained the law on this subject, stating it was questionable that this could be legally done.

Paul Wood, of Perry, asked for the Commissioners to consider immediate steps for a bridge at Lecompton.

Bert Seyler, Perry, urged the Commissioners to build a bridge at Lecompton as soon as possible.

Neal Mathews, Lecompton, stated that the people in Lecompton feel they got a raw deal from Lawrence residents, and that is why there was not more representation here from Lecompton.

Commissioner Kampschroeder, stated that Douglas County needs 4 bridges - one in Eudora, one in Lawrence, one near the west city limits of Lawrence, and one at Lecompton.

Resolution:
Jefferson Co. Com.
Close Sec. Bridge

Joint meeting
Jefferson Co. &
Douglas Co.
Lecompton bridge