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Comm. Order.

The Board approved Commissioners Cancellation Order No. 2 to the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and Treasurer.

The Board noted receipt of a check from the Board of Douglas County Free Fair directed to Stadiums Unlimited Inc. in the agreed upon amount of \$2,000 which is the share that the fair board agreed to pay in support of repair of the bleachers at the fairgrounds.

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The Board noted a correspondence from American Mutual Insurance Companies dated March 31, 1978 which indicates their acceptance of a renewal of our workmen's compensation policy effective April 12, 1978 and that the renewal premium is in the amount of \$35,291. In company with this correspondence is an invoice from Hayes-Richardson-Santee Insurance Agency in the amount of \$35,291. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Neis that this invoice be approved for payment from the budget line item for workmen's compensation for the year 1978, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas and Mr. Raymond Deay by which agreement Mr. Deay agrees to cut the prairie hay on Blackjack Park for a period of two years from the date of this agreement with Mr. Deay taking the responsibility for the cleaning up of the meadow and the removing of rock and brush. The agreement includes an option for Mr. Deay to renew the agreement at the end of the two year term. In addition, the county agrees to pay the expenses of fire equipment needed when the prairie meadow is burned in the Spring. The date of the execution of this agreement is the 20th day of March 1978. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Neis that it be approved by the Board, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, and carried unanimously.

Bridge-Co. app

Dean Sanderson, Douglas County Engineer, appeared before the Board in company with Mr. Gary Shofner, a representative of Cook, Flatt & Strobel, engineers, to recommend to the Board an acceptance of agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County and the firm of Cook, Flatt & Strobel for the engineering required for the development of surveys and preparation of plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the following improvements: Reinforced concrete box culvert (rigid frame) and approach grading on off-system route approximately 1.0 mile west of the Douglas-Johnson County line and 0.5 mile south of old K-10 highway, between Sections 9 and 10, Township 13 South, Range 21 East. The fee specified in this agreement for engineering services as required is \$2,120 with an additional potential fee to be paid on a cost reimbursable fee not to exceed \$350 which might be necessary to obtain bridge soundings (geology). After complete discussion on the terms of this agreement which places an obligation on the engineer and upon the county and a number of mutual obligations, it was moved by Mrs. Bradley that this agreement be adopted, seconded by Mr. Neis, and carried unanimously.

It was then recommended by Mr. Sanderson that the Board consider favorably a request for construction project on the off-system roads program on the aforementioned bridge project. The estimated cost of the project on this request is in the amount of \$36,000 for the construction of the bridge and the approach grading. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Bradley that this request for construction project be submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation for approval as submitted by the engineer on this project Cook, Flatt & Strobel, seconded by Mr. Neis, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson then reported the irreparable damage to Douglas County Bridge No. 12.41N-11.50E, commonly known as the Brown's Grove Bridge, over the Wakarusa River which was caused by an unreported accident. The inspection of said bridge revealed that the accident caused severe damage to a supporting vertical hanger, a pin connection to one of the cross members and severed a Clared 12,41N-/1.50 diagonal brace rod. The failure of one weakened member or connection of such a truss bridge can result in the complete collapse of the structure. Mr. Sanderson recommends that due to the extreme expense that would be involved to repair this three ton weight limit bridge so that it could be reopened to traffic, that the bridge be left as permanently closed. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Bradley that the recommendation of Mr. Sanderson that the bridge remain closed be accepted, seconded by Mr. Neis, and carried unanimously.

No further business, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 30, 1978.

ATTEST:

D. E. Mathia

County Clerk

Peter A. Whitenight

Chairman

March 30, 1978

The Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County met in regular adjourned session with all members of the Board present.

Approved the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 1978.

Comm. Order:

The Board approved Commissioners Cancellation Order No. 3 thru 11 to the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and Treasurer.