

Commissioners' Proceedings

Official Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County, N. Dak.

Sherbrooke, N. Dak., Jan. 6th 08.
The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9 o'clock A. M. All members present. Frank Gray was chosen Chairman for the ensuing year. Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 4th and Nov. 16th 07, read and on motion approved as corrected.

An Auditor's statement of warrants drawn in payment of County Officials Salaries and Clerk hire for quarter ending Dec. 31st 07 was on motion approved as follows:

S. McPherson, Auditor, \$ 400 00
 J. M. Johnson, States Attorney, 300 00
 A. G. Miller, Sup't of Schools, 250 00
 Adam S. Moore, County Judge, 250 00
 Adam S. Moore, County Judges additional salary under the prohibition law, 25 87
 P. O. Bathre, Clerk of Court, 275 00
 G. O. Johnson, County Treasurer, 400 00
 H. A. Rindy, Register of Deeds, 400 00
 Z. A. Cochrane, Clerk for Registrar of Deeds, 180 00
 M. A. Hughes, Deputy Sup't. of Schools, 90 25
 Rilla E. McPherson, Clerk for Auditor, 125 00
 Ole N. Hilstad, Clerk for Treasurer, 116 13
 G. J. Mustad, Clerk for Treasurer, 25 80

Bills were on motion allowed as follows:

G. O. Johnson, cash advanced on District Court Order, \$ 47 40
 G. O. Johnson, cash advanced for one ton carbide, freight and stamped envelopes, 102 67
 P. O. Bathre, cash advanced for postage, 2 06

On motion adjournment was taken until 1:30 P. M. same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 P. M. All members present. The Sheriff's report of uncollected taxes was taken under consideration and on motion, duly seconded and carried, the personal property tax for the year 1906, of the following individuals, was ordered collected as collectors: Bornheim Bros., 98c's; Arnt Trulsen, \$1.25; E. M. H. Brager, \$2.01; Arne Hankans \$1.04, Emil H. Brager \$1.97, M. J. Farnand \$8.80, Chas. Snyder \$1.60, Wm. Rinde, 40c, Mens Checkley \$2.72, W. S. Moore, 85c, Oscar Simile \$1.49, John Graff, \$12.25, Andrew Harnd \$10.72, G. E. H. Kley \$5.40, E. Hicks \$7.34, Gilbert Lager \$7.25, Jacob Hovestad \$5.68, Alfred Lamont \$5.65, Frank Dean \$8, Arthur S. Moore \$8.92, Gust Nilson \$1.42, Osmund K Olson \$3.84, I. Erickson \$2.24, David Phillips \$7.05, Ben H. Broy \$16.45, Dan & Harper \$2.85, Iva Elvrum \$3.92, Geo. Parr \$12.03, Robert Beattie \$4.03, Ed Beattie \$6.09, Edward Larson \$1.85, James Cleland \$1.06, Wm. Frange \$6.68, Axel Amdt \$1.24, P. B. Chidister \$1.02, John Elvrum \$1.91, Thora Morehouse \$8.91, J. J. McIntyre \$1.66, G. W. McDonald \$1.61, Chas. Kohn \$6.04, Geo. Schlessler \$2.29, Wm. Wilcox, \$1.61, E. J. Solomon \$3.87, W. T. Fischer \$1.66, M. Chilcote \$2.89, W. H. Gibson \$2.94, Arnt Johnson .76c's, Larson & Larson \$1.84, G. W. Walcott \$2.81, U. E. Walcott .26c's, T. E. Wagholt .46c's, O. W. Lewis \$1.00, Thos. Lidley \$1.00, John M. Hille \$1.00, P. E. Paulson \$1.00, J. Sullivan \$1.00, Henry Shumway \$1.00, Chas. Trueland \$3.48, Lewis Williams \$2.24, W. H. White \$1.00.

Bills were on motion allowed as follows:

I. W. Standley, Sheriff's Fees and mileage conveying James Lockhart to Fargo Jail, \$ 20 00
 I. W. Standley, Sheriff's Fees and mileage investigating robbery of Post Office at Albion, 15 20
 Dr. H. Bacharach, registering Births and Deaths, 4 50
 Dr. H. Bacharach, quarterly salary, county physician, 100 00
 O. J. Osmson, board of prisoners Walker Bros. & Hardy, books and stationery, 93 87
 The Herald's books and stationery, 70 70
 J. O. Collins, drayage, work around court house and care of gas plant three months, 20 75
 W. E. Hunt, board of prisoners Arnt Metal Construction Co., docked files, 18 00
 A. G. Miller, mileage visiting schools & etc., 61 70
 A. G. Miller, cash advanced for postage and school diplomas, 26 75
 W. G. Crocker, pupils monthly review questions, 5 00
 G. A. Moweth, stationery, 9 75
 Finley's Beacon, publishing Commissioners proceedings and notice of teachers and pupils examinations, 17 60
 Steele County Tribune, publishing commissioners proceedings, notice of teachers

and pupils examinations, delinquent tax list, treasurers notice of rate of levy and notice to bridge builders, 120 80

North Dakota Publ. Co., stationery, publishing commissioners proceedings and notice of teachers and pupils examinations, 21 25

S. McPherson, cash advanced for express and cartage, 9 99

H. Bacharach, serving subpoena for sheriff, 3 40

The Griggs County Sentinel, Official adjourment paper, 5 00

On motion adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock A. M. Jan. 7th 1908.

S. McPHERSON, County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. Dak., Jan. 7th 08.
The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9 o'clock A. M. All members present. Minutes of the meeting of Jan. 6th 1908, read and on motion approved.

J. B. Oxtou presented treasurers receipt for \$15.50 for the sale of old bridge lumber.

The report of the Board of Health was on motion approved and bills ordered paid as follows:

Dr C B Harwood, quarantining and disinfecting, \$ 10 00
 N A Couron, supplies for pest house, 2 85
 A McLaughlin, fuel for pest house, 1 90
 Beldier & Robinson Lbr. Co. material for repairs of pest house, 4 15
 Dr H. Bacharach, services as Supt of Board of Health, 50 00
 North Dak. Indep't Tele Co rent of phone for pest house, 8 00
 J H McCollum, hardware for repairs of pest house, 6 90
 J M Johnson, attendance Board of Health meeting, 3 00
 Frank Gray, attendance Board of Health meeting, 3 00
 Dr R. Meidell, quarantining \$14.20 allowed at, 12 10
 J W Needham, disinfectants \$23.75 allowed at, 20 06

Bills were on motion allowed as follows:

A S Moore, carpenter work around court house, \$ 19 75
 Mrs Ole H Sportland, board and care of M. Sanve, 6 20
 Ole Gilde, supplies for Mrs Laetz \$1.05 allowed at, 7 00
 St. Anthony's Dal. Ice Co. fuel and flour for E. Hagan, 27 25
 C G Warner, supplies for Nelson Station, 11 30
 O S Moores, flour for Nelson Station, 10 50
 A M McLaughlin, fuel for Nelson Station, 27 30
 Nelson Station, supplies for Nelson Station, 7 40
 Mrs Catlin, nurse for Mrs Nelson Station, 21 00
 F E Carpenter, two months rent of house for Nelson Station, 10 00

Jefferson & Maloney, supplies for Nelson Station, 14 15

The report of the Board of Insanity, in the matter of the alleged insanity of Hannah Wedin, was on motion approved and fees ordered paid as follows:

Adam S Moore, chairman, 4 50
 W A Holmark, examining physician, 8 60
 Geo Murray, member, 2 00
 I W Standley, sheriff, 10 00

The following County Warrants remaining on hand unclaimed for six years or more, was on motion cancelled and destroyed:

No.	Date issued	To whom	A'm't
288	July 8 1898	Charles W Eagle	81 00
290	"	O E Kent	1 20
301	"	Tom Walstead	1 80
425	Oct 3 1898	Edgar Newman	1 20
482	Jan 4 1899	Adolph Peterson	1 10
902	July 3 1899	Hans Elzgen	1 30
903	"	Olf Bulten	1 60
912	"	A A Solderholm	3 30
908	Oct 2 1899	Fred Scheidt	1 10
999	"	Samuel Wilson	1 10
1003	"	A Blowns	1 10
1101	Jan 2 1900	Wm Nagle	2 10
1560	No 9 3 1900	J Lang	2 00
2059	Jan 6 1902	E H Young	1 00

Total \$20 90

On motion the Board adjourned until 1:30 P. M. same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 P. M. All members present. At two o'clock P. M. repairs were opened for building and rebuilding various county bridges as follows:

Bids were submitted for both wood and steel construction as follows:

Winamac Bridge Co.
 No. 1, on line between Sec. 13 Carpenter and 18 Colgate, Steel, \$419. Wood \$329.

No. 2, Sec. 18 Colgate, Steel, \$1198.

No. 3, on line between Sec. 8 and 9 Edendale, Steel \$502. Wood \$419.

No. 4, repair bridge on line between Sec. 2 and 10 Edendale, Steel \$300. Wood \$300.

No. 5, on line between Sec. 22 and 23 Primrose, Steel \$889. Wood no bid.

No. 6, on line between Sec. 25 and 27 Sherbrooke, Steel \$829. Wood \$612.

No. 7, on line between Sec. 10 and 15 Sherbrooke, Steel \$348. Wood \$293.

No. 8, on line between Sec. 11 and 14 Sherbrooke, Steel \$393. Wood \$293.

No. 9, on line between Sec. 7 and 8 Sherbrooke, Steel \$357. Wood \$290.

No. 10, repair bridge on line between Sec 21 and 25 Enger, on bid.

No. 11, on line between Sec. 20 and 27 Enger, Steel \$51. Wood \$370.

Fargo Bridge Iron Co.
 No. 1, steel \$193. wood \$278.
 No. 2, steel \$1093. wood no bid.
 No. 3, steel \$429. wood \$358.
 No. 4, steel \$213.
 No. 5, steel \$223. wood \$455.
 No. 6, steel \$761. wood \$675.
 No. 7, steel \$353. wood \$249.
 No. 8, steel \$273. wood \$292.
 No. 9, steel \$318. wood \$282.
 No. 10, repair \$238.
 No. 11, steel \$420. wood \$322.
 and will put in 5 ft. galvanized culverts in place of wood bridges Nos. 7-8 and 9 at \$100. less, and \$300. less on bids for steel bridges.

Jardine and Anderson.
 No. 1, steel \$192. wood \$284.
 No. 2, steel \$1179. wood no bid.
 No. 3, steel \$450. wood \$372.
 No. 4, repair \$210.
 No. 5, steel \$847. wood \$475.
 No. 6, steel \$761. wood \$675.
 No. 7, steel \$312. wood \$260.
 No. 8, steel \$262. wood \$238.
 No. 9, steel \$273. wood \$292.
 No. 10, repair \$256.
 No. 11, steel \$429. wood \$342.

On motion the contract for the bridge work for season 1908, was awarded to the Fargo Bridge & Iron Co. as per bid. It was decided to use 5 ft. metal culverts instead of bridges, for Nos. 7-8 and 9; to build wood bridges for Nos. 1-3 and 11, and steel bridges for Nos. 2-5 and 6; and repairs to be made on bridges Nos. 4 and 12.

A petition was presented asking for an appropriation of \$800. to assist in grading road on line between sections 1 and 2 and 11, Franklin. On motion the Chairman appointed O. N. Grefshelm, C. M. Johnson and J. H. Oxtou to inspect site for grading as per petition.

A petition was presented for a bridge to be built on line between Sec's. 2 and 11 Carpenter twp. and on motion it was decided to build a 20 ft. wood pile bridge on said line, and the same to be completed before July 1st 1908, and contract given to the Fargo Bridge & Iron Co. at same rate per lineal foot as for the other bridges bid upon.

The bill of Henry Nyhus \$149. for care and burial expenses for Gunhild Stimsonson, poor person, was on motion approved as follows:

The Coroners report in matter of an inquisition upon the dead body of a Chas. Rath, was on motion approved: all fees having been paid.

The Justice report of S. A. Monthie for quarter ending Sept. 30th 07, was on motion approved: all costs having been paid from the collected.

The Justice report of G. A. Monthie for quarter ending Dec. 31st 07, was on motion approved and fees ordered paid as follows:

S. A. Monthie, Justice, \$ 7 80
 J. E. Cochrane, deputy sheriff 4 75
 I. W. Standley, sheriff 4 00
 E. J. McRae, witness, 2 10
 Dr. H. Bacharach, witness, 2 10
 Dr. J. A. Helmark, witness, 2 10
 I. W. Standley, witness, 2 10
 W. A. Cochrane, witness, 2 10
 P. E. Sandille, witness, 2 10
 W. H. Frange, witness, 2 10
 Nora Bissonette, witness, 2 10
 Mrs Rose Plstch, witness, 2 10

The Justice report of C. G. Boise for quarter ending Sept. 30th 07, was on motion approved and justice fee of \$2. ordered paid.

The Justice report W. F. Strong for quarter ending Dec. 31st 07, was on motion approved: all fees and costs having been paid out of fine collected and balance of \$8.75 paid over to County Treasurer.

The Justice report of H. J. Harness was on motion approved except as follows:

H. J. Harness, Justice, \$ 12 25
 W. A. Cochrane, constable, 7 35
 W. H. Frange, witness, 3 00
 W. H. Frange, witness, 2 70
 W. H. Frange, witness, 2 70
 Geo Gesler, witness, 2 10
 Jno Ocker, witness, 2 10
 F. A. Thiltson, appraiser, 3 00
 J. F. Waters, appraiser, 3 00
 Wm Saunders, appraiser, 3 00

The fees in one case having been paid out of fine collected and the balance of \$13.50 turned over to the County Treasurer.

As provided for by Chapter 76 of the Session Laws of 1907, on motion made, seconded and carried, \$100.00 was appropriated as contingent fund for the use of the State Attorney; said appropriation to be taken out of the county general fund.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the salaries of the various county officials, based upon the assessed val-

uation of the county, was fixed at the following amounts for the year 1908 and auditor instructed to draw salary warrant at the end of each month for one-half of said amount.

Auditor \$1500. States Attorney \$1200. Treasurer \$1500. Register of Deeds \$1600. Judge of Probate \$1000. Judge of Probats additional salary under the prohibition law \$103.39. Clerk of the District Court \$4100. Supt. of Schools, based upon the number of schools over which he has supervision for the past school year \$1150. Motion made, seconded and carried that the Register of Deeds be allowed one Clerk at a salary of \$720. per year, for the year 1908.

On motion of the Hope Pioneer, Finley and Steele County Teachers were designated as official papers for Steele County for the ensuing year; all official notices to be published in the Hope Pioneer only, unless otherwise provided by law.

On motion adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock A. M. Jan. 8th 1908.

S. McPHERSON, County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. Dak., Jan. 8th 1908.
The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9 o'clock A. M. pursuant to adjournment. All members present. Minutes of the meeting of Jan. 7th 1908, read and on motion approved.

On motion it was ordered that a refund of \$8.28, together with interest on said amount at rate of 10 per cent from Dec. 1st 1907, be made to C. S. Edwards purchaser at tax sale of the w & s 2 sec. 1-145-57, covered by certificate No 117, account said land having been sold by mistake; refund being made in accordance with the provisions of Section 1585 of the Revised Codes of 1905.

The monthly statements of fees collected by the Register of Deeds for quarter ending Dec. 31st 1907, aggregating \$641.25, was on motion approved.

The monthly statements of fees collected by the Clerk of Court for quarter ending Dec. 31st 1907, aggregating \$97.50, was on motion approved.

On motion the Chairman appointed all the members of the board as a committee to check up accounts and records in the Treasurers office which work was taken up until completed and the committee reported finding the accounts and balances as follows:

Balance June 30th 1907	\$25904 66
Collections July 1st 07, to Dec. 31st 07	47962 71
Jan. 1st 07, to Dec. 31st 08.	3373 75
Payments July 07, to Dec. 31st 07.	\$ 50104 10
Jan. 1st 08, to Jan. 8th 08.	123 62
Balance Jan. 8th 08.	25595 40
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Balance Jan. 8th 08	\$25595 40	\$ 2028 01
Deposit lat Nat'l Bank, Hope		3075 27
" Hope Nat'l Bank,		2827 65
" lat Nat'l Bank, Finley		2198 30
" State Bank of Finley		2567 81
" Sharon State Bank		2590 50
" Blabon State Bank		2241 34
" Colgate State Bank		6743 82
Drafts and checks		283 18
Currency and silver		9 55
P. O. Money orders		11 50
Cash over	10 53	
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Signed, Frank Gray,
 K. S. Sulland,
 J. B. Oxtou,
 K. A. Johnson,
 Ole N. Grefshelm.

The report of the committee was on motion accepted and approved and committee discharged.

On motion the board adjourned until 1:30 p. m. same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 p. m. All members present.

On motion duly seconded and carried, Ole Nelson was appointed as a member of the Drainage Board to fill vacancy; the amount of bond being fixed at \$1000.

On motion the Chairman appointed O. N. Grefshelm, K. A. Johnson and J. B. Oxtou as a committee to check records and accounts in the Register of Deeds office, and K. S. Sulland and himself to check records and accounts in the office of the Judge of Probate, Clerk of the District Court and Supt. of Schools; the committees proceeded with their duties and after completing the same filed their reports as follows:

The committee appointed to check the accounts and records in the Register of Deeds office, report that we find everything satisfactory.

Signed K. A. Johnson,
 Ole N. Grefshelm,
 J. B. Oxtou.

We the committee appointed to check the records and accounts of the office of the County Judge, Clerk of the District Court and Supt. of Schools, report that we find everything satisfactory and records kept in accordance with law.

Signed K. S. Sulland,
 Frank Gray.

The reports of the committees was on motion accepted and approved and committee discharged.

The following report was submitted:

The report of the committee appointed to investigate and report to the Board of County Commissioners whether or not it would be in the interest of the county to incur the expense of giving notice of the expiration of the time for redemption of various lots in the City of Hope bid in for the county at tax sales, find that all lots so bid in are worth the expenses, and hereby recommended that notice be given as provided for by law, and deed taken in all cases where lots have been so bid in, before the time in which to obtain deed expires.

Signed, Frank Gray,
 K. S. Sulland.
 J. B. Oxtou.

The report of the committee was on motion approved, adopted as the action of the board, and committee discharged.

The Supreme Court having rendered a decision that, that part of Chapter 109 of the Session Laws of 1905 requiring the payment of a filing fee and a fee for office as being unconstitutional; the auditor was on motion authorized and instructed to issue warrants for return of the filing fee to the various candidates upon presentation of a duly verified bill for the proper amount as shown by the audit records to have been paid to him; bills having been presented by a number of the candidates for return of the filing fee, warrants were issued as follows:

S. J. Tande \$10. C. S. Moores \$30. A. Mickels \$22.05. W. E. Elliott \$28. S. McPherson \$28. Chas. Chalmers \$22.05. A. G. Miller \$23.90. Adam S. Moore \$22.05. G. O. Johnson \$32. P. O. Bathre \$18. H. A. Rindy \$32. John B. Olson \$32. Ole N. Grefshelm \$24. K. S. Sulland \$3. J. M. Johnson \$3. J. B. Oxtou \$3. Ole Paulson \$3.

Bills were on motion allowed as follows:

Oleiver Thorson, hauling fuel for E. Egen, poor person \$ 6 00
 J. J. Wambler, stationery, 3 45
 J. M. Johnson, expenses in obtaining a list of holders of internal revenue license, \$2 telephoning 93 cts. total, 2 35
 Frank Gray, per diem and mileage on poor board, 5 60
 Frank Gray, Comm. per diem and mileage, 22 70
 Ole N. Grefshelm, comm. per diem and mileage, 13 70
 K. S. Sulland, Comm. per diem and mileage, 23 00

K. A. Johnson, per diem and mileage on poor board, 2 60
 K. A. Johnson, Comm. per diem and mileage, 13 80
 J. B. Oxtou, Comm. per diem and mileage, bridge business and mileage, 25 60
 On motion the board adjourned, S. McPHERSON, County Auditor.



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