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## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

### Official Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County

Sherbrooke, N. D., February 4th, 1901.

Board of County Commissioners convened at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Present, Chairman Horner and Commissioners Gray, Johnson and Elliott.

The minutes of the meetings of January 7, 8th and 9th, 1901 were read and approved.

The Board took up the consideration of bridge business.

Commissioner H. J. Rindy appeared.

On motion Board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m. of same day.

Board reconvened at 1:30 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

Reports of committees appointed to inspect site, bridges petitioned for were submitted to the Board as follows:

That the petition for bridge and assistance in grading approaches to same between sections 26 Easton and 31 Sherbe granted and that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated toward grading approaches to same.

That the petitions for bridges between sections 22 and 27, and 11 and 12 Eger township be granted; and that further action on other bridge petitions from Eger township be postponed.

On motion the above reports were laid on the table.

On motion the petitions for bridges between sections 34 Eger and 3 Primrose and on quarter line running north and south through section 10 Eger were laid on the table.

A petition signed by Peter O Oakland and others asking for the construction of two bridges over the creek on line between sections 12 and 13 Highland township was presented to the Board.

A petition signed by H N Barrett and others asking for an appropriation of \$150.00 for assistance in grading road between sections 22 and 27 Hope township was presented to the Board.

On motion a committee was appointed consisting of H N Horner, G O Johnson and W E Elliott to inspect sites of bridges petitioned for in Highland township.

On motion Frank Gray, H J Rindy and W E Elliott were appointed a committee to inspect proposed grade site between sections 22 and 27 Hope township.

The application of John A VanDusen for a county quit claim deed to lots 15 and 16 block 9, Hope, N. D. and agreeing to pay for same \$6.52 was, on motion granted and county quit claim deed ordered executed to John A VanDusen.

The application of Andrew Morgan asking for an abatement of \$15.12 taxes for 1900 on E 1/2 of Ne 1/4 and E 1/2 of Se 1/4 section 29, twp 145, range 57 was presented to the Board.

It appearing from the affidavit of said Andrew Morgan and from the records of the Auditor's office that by reason of error in the assessment said tract was assessed in double the value of other similar tracts in said assessment district, on motion said application was granted and tax on said description ordered abated in the sum of \$15.12.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county general fund.

Mrs J O Klath, board of Koren Berg poor person, sick with typhoid fever and for material used and destroyed, bill \$36.00 allowed at.....	8 20 00
St Anthony & Dakota Elevator Co, wood furnished Hannah Anderson, poor person.....	7 00
O H Stay, lumber and coal furnished Mrs Struxness, poor person.....	20 00
O W Williams, cash advanced to Mrs Cyris, for February 1901 \$23.00; Mrs Stankard \$8.00, total.....	31 00
Walker Bros, blanks and day-book for sheriff.....	2 00
Herald Publishing Co, record books and blanks for county judge and clerk of court, bill \$32.50, allowed at.....	30 50
O W Williams, cash advanced for carbid for gas plant.....	23 75
Finley Beacon, envelopes for sheriff \$1.75, publishing commissioners proceedings and local notice \$15.05, total.....	17 80
Steele County Tribune, publication of commissioner proceedings and other notices.....	18 05
Hope Pioneer, publication of commissioner proceedings and other notices.....	16 20
Oscar Barrett, clerk for Register of deeds 11 days--from special salary fund.....	23 00

T S Hunt, cash advanced for postage, express and cartage. 2 30

Steele County Tribune, stationery furnished for register of deeds, sheriff, supt of schools, treasurer and county judge.. 29 25

O Barrett, chair and gas fixtures furnished in register of deeds office..... 6 50

On motion the bonds of the Finley State Bank in the sum of \$40,000 and the sureties thereon were approved.

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On motion the Finley State Bank and the Steele County Bank were designated County depositories, each for one third of the county deposits for the ensuing period of two years and until their successor shall be duly designated.

The committees appointed January 9th 1901 to examine and check up the fee books of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court, and the probate fees of the County Judge made verbat report that they had completed said examination and found the same to be correct and that said officials had properly accounted for all fees collected by them.

Bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county general fund as follows:

Frank Gray, commissioner per diem and mileage.....	\$ 4 90
G O Johnson, commissioner per diem and mileage, and two days inspecting bridges.....	13 50
H J Rindy, commissioner per diem and mileage, and two days inspecting bridges.....	13 00
W E Elliott, commissioner per diem and mileage, and two days inspecting bridges.....	14 90
H N Horner, commissioner per diem and mileage.....	3 40
Mrs C G Boisè, witness fees in case of the sanity or insanity of Mary A Stankard.....	1 00

On motion the Board adjourned until Monday, Feb. 18th, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m.

T. S. HUNT,  
County Auditor.

The Hamilton murder case is now on in Minneapolis and it rather looks as tho Hamilton must be convicted. He will not suffer the extreme penalty of the law, however.

The Anti Cigarette law is completely squelched so far as this session goes. Too bad, for the majority of our people favored it.

The Ship Subsidy bill before Congress is beginning to totter rather unsteady. It will not pass this congress.

Mrs. Maybrick has finally been released from her English prison. King Edward VII recently pardoned her.

An exchange contains the following in regard to the poor unlucky editor of a country newspaper: The editor of a country newspaper has no business ever to get anything into his paper that people do not like. He ought to know just what would suit each individual, or he should take each item before it is published and let each person whom it concerns censor it. The editor has plenty of time to do all this, all he has to do is hunt up news and clean rollers, set type, clean the floor, pen short items, hustle advertising, fold papers and write wrappers, make paste and mail the papers, talk to visitors and distribute type, carry and read proofs and correct mistakes, hunt the shears to clip articles with, dodge the bills and dun the delinquents and take the cussing and tell the subscribers he needs money. An editor has no business to make mistakes when tending to little trifles like these, and living on oatmeal flavored with imagination, wearing old shoes and no collar, a patch on the equator of his trousers--at the same time turn a smiling countenance on the man that tells him the paper is not worth the subscription price and anyone could print a better one with his eyes shut.

It is with a great pleasure that we feel able in this week's issue to print from the life of Chief Jacobson himself, the following, relative to the reservoir cisterns. "You may tell the people; he says," that I examined the cisterns this week, and found all but one well filled and none of them frozen over. In fact it would be impossible for these cisterns ever to freeze, if covered as well as they are at present. The engine room is now heated, and the engine is in first class shape, and ready for business.

Now let the boys turn out to the fire meetings, and learn to manipulate the engine, and how to form into a Salvage corps that can save something."

We would now beg leave to further suggest that a key to the engine house be deposited in a small wooden box with a small glass front, and the box nailed up at the door of the engine house. Thus the first ones to give the alarm can also get the engine out and save time. A few minutes delay at such a time is very dangerous. Also, that the town be plotted into four fire districts, and a special signal be chosen to locate a fire, in each. Thus, one tap of the bell would signify that the alarm came from the northwest corner of the town, two taps, the northeast, and so on. The streets can be used as the dividing lines.

One Minute Cough Cure, cured. That is what it was made for.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, The famous little pills.