

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

Sherbrooke, N. D., Feb. 25, 1902.
Board of County Commissioners convened at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Present: Commissioners Johnson, Rindy, Elliott and Horner. Chairman Gray being absent, on motion W. T. Hunt was chosen chairman pro tem.

Minutes of meeting of Feb. 17th were read and approved.

The Board took up the consideration of bridge petitions.

At 12 o'clock m. the Board took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m. of same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board re-convened at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Present: Commissioners Johnson, Rindy, Elliott and Horner.

The Board continued the consideration of bridge and grade petitions.

At 5 o'clock p. m. the board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., February 26th 1902.

T. S. HUNT.

County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., Feb. 26th, 1902.
Board of County Commissioners convened at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

The Board took up the consideration of bridge and grade petitions.

The Board of County Commissioners acting as a committee for the inspection of sites of all bridges and grades petitioned for, made report that such committee had inspected said sites and that they recommended:

1—That bridge petitions be laid on the table for further action as follows:

Petition of William Olson and others for bridge on line between sections 5 and 6 Newburgh township.

Petition of H. O. Studrud and others for bridge on line between section 34 Eger township and section 3 Primrose township.

Petition of E. R. Scott and others for bridge on line between sections 32 and 33 Sherbrooke township.

Petition of L. A. Roney and others for bridge on line between sections 19 and 30 Edendale township.

2—That assistance be given to townships in constructing grades where petitioned for, as follows:

That the petition of James D. Brown and others for an appropriation of \$150 to assist Hope township in grading down hill on line between sections 10 and 15 and filling in slough on line between sections 9 and 16, be granted at \$100.

That the petition of John J. Wamberg and others for an appropriation of \$200 to assist Hope township in grading down hill and raising bridge on line between sections 15 and 16, be granted at \$150.

That the petitions of L. A. Jacobson and others and Charles Chalmers and others for an appropriation of \$300 to assist Sherbrooke township in grading down hills on line between section 31 Sherbrooke township and section 26 Easton township, be granted at \$200; and that the bridge on same line be raised 6 feet at the expense of the county.

That the petition of Andrew N. Snortland and others for an appropriation of \$350 to assist Norman township in constructing grade across slough on line between sections 4 and 5 and 8 and 9, be granted at \$250.

3—That the petitions for bridges, as follows, be granted:

Petition of Lewis Thompson and others for new bridge on line between sections 9 and 16 Newburgh township.

Petition of M. Brumwell and others for new bridge on line between sections 23 and 24 Norway township.

Petition of Samuel L. Linn and others for new bridge on line between sections 13 and 21 Sherbrooke township.

Petition of William Domier and others for new bridge on line between sections 9 and 10 Edendale township.

That the petition for a new bridge across coulee on line between sections 13 and 21 Newburgh township be denied, but that the county purchase 40 feet of tiling 3 feet in diameter for use at said coulee, it being understood that Newburgh township shall construct grade across same.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the report of the committee was accepted, and said report adopted as the action of the Board of County Commissioners.

On motion the Board took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m. of same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board re-convened at 1:30 o'clock p. m. All members present.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, the county auditor was ordered to advertise at once for bids for construction of steel combination bridges, and for materials as follows:

1—A steel pile bridge 95 feet long on line between sections 9 and 16 Newburgh township.

2—A steel pile bridge 25 feet long on line between sections 23 and 24 Norway township.

3—A steel pile bridge 50 feet long on quarter line running north and south through section 42 Eger township.

4—A steel pile bridge 30 feet long on line between sections 13 and 21 Primrose township.

5—A steel pile bridge 44 feet long on line between sections 13 and 24 Sherbrooke township.

6—A steel pile bridge 16 feet long on line between sections 9 and 10 Edendale township.

7—For adding 6 feet to height of bridge on line between section 31 Sherbrooke township and section 26 Easton township.

8—For cost of tiling 3 feet in diameter. Tiling to be delivered at Hutton, N. D.

Appropriation for each item shall be granted as follows:

James Loney, Lots 15, 16 and 17 Block 25 \$ 14 41
Wilmot L. Aldrich, Lots 18 and 19, Block 25 16 32
Alice E. Woodworth, Lots 18 to 24 inclusive, Block 2 15 85
Commissioner H. J. Rindy presented treasurer's receipt for \$36.10, and made report on collections for sale of old bridge material in Eger and Primrose townships.

The proposition of Martin Ueland offering to pay the original tax, costs and interest at 7 per cent per annum, on condition that Steele county assign to Andreas Ueland certain tax liens, which if held against the W. 1/2 of N. E. 1/4, N. W. 1/4 and W. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 31, Twp. 145 R. 57, for taxes of 1894, 1895 and 1896 was presented to the Board.

On motion said proposition was accepted and the county treasurer and county auditor were authorized to assign to Andreas Ueland the tax liens held by Steele county against the said description for the years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Bills were, on motion, allowed and ordered paid as follows:

A R Baker, coroner fees and expenses case of Frank Dano.	\$ 11 40
C Christensen, supplies for county building.	80
Beckerjeck & Langer, supplies for Charles Marlette, poor person.	2 88
T A Hasselquist, cash advanced for postage and express.	6 35
W H M Philip, cash advanced case of Charles Marlette, poor person.	30 10
E A Gilmore, bounty on 3 prairie wolves.	6 00
Frank Gray, commissioner per diem and mileage 4 days.	23 05
G O Johnson, commissioner per diem and mileage 5 days.	26 40
H J Rindy, commissioner per diem and mileage 5 days.	27 05
W E Elliott, commissioner per diem and mileage 5 days.	25 10
H N Horner, commissioner per diem and mileage 6 days \$30.85 cash for telephone fee, total.	31 10

On motion the Board adjourned sine die.

T. S. HUNT,
County Auditor.

Patronizing Newspapers.

If the business man stops to consider he will see the value to himself of patronizing the newspapers. They are laboring to build up the farm and surrounding country. Every improvement fought for and carried out by them means more work for the laborer and mechanic, who in turn has money to spend with storekeepers. Every new inhabitant added to the town through publishing its resources means a new customer for one in all the different lines. Every agitation for better conditions aids in the prosperity and welfare of the people.

Thousands of dollars are saved in every community by the information gained through the newspapers, not to speak of the pleasure and the instructions and advantage to be derived from all the varied information compiled.

Yet some merchants believe that they owe no more to a newspaper in their city than they do to a tree for a telegraph pole or a sign board on which they may place an advertisement. They do not stop to consider that they are daily reaping a reward of a newspaper's efforts and influence. They are willing to receive the benefit, but are they willing to give anything in return?

Even if advertising in itself did not pay—if an advertisement in a newspaper going into some home every week did not pay—per se, the cost of such advertisement would not commence to compensate for the results accruing to the merchant even in an indirect way from the mere fact of the publication of the journal.

But advertising does pay and it pays well and every successful man is a living testimonial to the efficacy of publicity.—From Editor and publisher.

Enough Said.

A Billville exchange gives us this interesting and suggestive news item: "Wilkins' daughter, Sue-Ellen, says: 'Bill writ me a letter an' said he wuz gwine ter kill me kaze I would n't have him, but I met him in the road an' hit him over the head with a fence rail, an' the last I heard tell of him he wuz slowly comin' back to his senses.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

Natural Education.

Mayme—I've a mind to break my engagement with Jack. I don't believe he loves me any more.

Edyth—What makes you think he doesn't?

"Because the last time he was here it took him only ten minutes to say 'good night.'"—Chicago Daily News.

Algerian Natives.

The French census returns for Algeria reveal the fact that in less than 50 years the native population of the colony, Arab and Kabyle, has almost doubled itself, having risen from 2,307,000 in 1859 to 4,071,000 at the present time.—Chicago Inter Ocean.