

**Commissioners  
Proceedings**

RED CLOUD, FEB. 20, 1912.  
Board of County Commissioners, met pursuant to adjournment. Members present Paul Storey, L. F. Schmidt, T. J. Chaplin, G. W. Hummel, and G. Ohmstede Chairman of said board.

In the matter of the sealed bids for Bridge Construction, Cement work and other necessary supplies, which was duly advertised for and date set for opening said bids in the Commercial Advertiser a newspaper published in Red Cloud, Nebr., and said bids filed by the following named firms and individuals to-wit: Saunders Bros., Red Cloud, J. B. Simpson & S. N. Guide, Rock, Wells & McTaggart, Cowles, Nebr., R. S. Prentiss Lbr. Co., Guide Rock, Neb., Henry W. Mool Co., Omaha, Nebr., Hastings Foundry & Iron Works, Hastings, Nebr., Standard Bridge Company of Omaha, Nebr., Western Bridge & Construction Co., Omaha, Nebr., Omaha Structural Steel Works, Omaha, Nebr., Monarch Engineering Co., Falls City, Nebr., in accordance with said advertisement for bids. Now coming on for investigation and awarding contracts or rejection of same. It was moved and seconded that the Board proceed to the opening of said bids. Motion carried.

And thereupon said bids were opened, and after a careful and thorough investigation of all bids, it was moved and seconded that the bids of Omaha Structural Steel works, for building Steel bridges for the ensuing year, be and is hereby accepted, and the contract for building said bridges be and is hereby awarded to said Omaha Structural Steel works, of Omaha, Nebr., for the ensuing year in accordance with their contract now on file in the County Clerk's office, of Webster County, Nebr. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded the cement bridge and culvert work through the county be and is hereby let to the local men in district where cement bridges and culverts are to be, or may be built during the ensuing year. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that all bids on re-inforcing rods, in ear load lots, be and is hereby rejected. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that all bids on lumber be and is hereby rejected. Motion carried.

In the matter of the price to be paid Robt. D. Post for a strip of land 20 feet by 203 feet being a strip of land 20 feet in width beginning at the west side of road boundary n. e. corner sec. 11-2-10 running south 203 feet to the point where the public road turns west. It was moved and seconded that the said Robert D. Post, be paid \$50 for said strip of land and that said Robert D. Post, execute and deliver a deed to said land to the County before payment of the \$50. Motion carried. County Surveyor to survey and plat said strip and road.

It was moved and carried that the grade on the public road near the east line of the n. e. corner, sec. 11-2-10 shall not be raised higher than the land lying west of the bridge, at the point 30 feet west of said bridge.

In the matter of the saloon petition of B. J. Kohmetscher of Rosemont, Nebr. It was moved and seconded that said petition be laid over until Feb. 21, 1912. Motion carried. On motion board adjourned to Feb. 21.

Feb. 21. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present.

In the matter of the petition of Herman Lemke and others of Stillwater Precinct, petitioning the Board of Commissioners to form two road districts instead of one, one east and one west, now coming on to be heard. It was moved and seconded that the petition be granted and that said precinct be and is hereby divided into two road districts dividing line to extend north and south through the center of said precinct. The east half of said precinct to retain old number, which is 3 and the west half of said precinct to be known and designated as road district No. 3 1/2. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Henry Danfelle be and is hereby appointed overseer of dist. No. 3 1/2 of Stillwater precinct. Motion carried.

On motion the official bonds of the following named persons were approved: Fred W. Wessel, Road Overseer District No. 14; J. A. Denton as Constable Glenwood precinct.

Moved and seconded that C. L. Columbia, be and is hereby appointed Constable of Guide Rock precinct. Motion carried.

On motion the official bond of C. L. Columbia, as constable of Guide Rock precinct be and is hereby approved. Motion carried.

On motion the annual settlement of the following named road overseers were approved: J. K. Kuigege, Dist. No. 3, A. B. Martin, Dist. No. 4, Fred Hupper, Dist. No. 7, W. H. Fassler, Dist. No. 8, F. Boom, Dist. No. 12, John Himmelburg, Dist. No. 4 1/2.

H. C. Scott County Assessor, I hand you my resignation as deputy county assessor of Cowles precinct, W. H. Caulk. On motion the above and foregoing resignation of W. H. Caulk was accepted.

Moved and seconded that C. C. Bennett be and is hereby appointed deputy assessor of Cowles precinct and village of Cowles, for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

In the matter of the erroneous taxes on Gov. lots 5-6 town 1 range 11, Webster county, Neb., of \$25.74 which amount was paid by Hasselbacher under protest. It was moved and seconded that the county treasurer be and is hereby authorized and instructed to refund the said amount of \$25.74 to John Hasselbacher. Motion carried.

On motion Louis Bangert was appointed Deputy Assessor of Stillwater precinct for the year 1912. On motion Chas. Rogate was appointed deputy assessor of Glenwood precinct and Bladen village for the year 1912.

On motion Gust Novak was appointed overseer road district No. 4, Oak Creek precinct for 1912.

Now comes Wm. F. Renkel and makes a proposition to lease, a certain piece or strip of land for 99 years for road purposes providing board will vacate road on a part of section line between sections 26 and 27-2-12. Moved and seconded that Bridges Committee of said district investigate proposal and report at next meeting. Motion carried.

To the honorable board of commissioners, Webster county, Neb.

I herewith submit statement of all fines assessed by me from Jan. 1, 1911, to Jan. 1, 1912:

- State of Nebraska, vs Frank Swanda, Jan. 23, fine \$1, paid receipt No. 423.
- State of Nebraska vs Frank Swanda, Jan. 23, fine \$1, remitted on motion defendant's attorney.
- State of Nebraska vs John Curtis, Feb. 2, \$1 fine and costs remitted having no property.
- State of Nebraska vs Chas Oleson, March 29, fine \$5 paid receipt No. 443.
- State of Nebraska, vs John Boyd, June 23, fine \$1, paid receipt No. 481.
- State of Nebraska, Webster county, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement from my docket of all fines assessed during said time dated this 31st day of Jan. 1912.—F. C. Buschow, Justice of the Peace. The motion was approved.

In the matter of the saloon petition of B. F. Kohmetscher, it was laid over until Feb. 23, 1912, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Board adjourned until 22d at 9 a. m. Feb. 22, 1912.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members present.

In the matter of the traveling expenses of the county superintendent for visiting schools as required by the statutes, it was moved and seconded that such expenses be allowed the superintendent in a reasonable amount during his present term of office. Motion carried.

In the matter of the personal taxes of H. Ludlow paid by said Ludlow, under protest, on claim of an erroneous assessment, he now comes before the board, and asks said board to instruct the county treasurer to refund him in the sum that may seem just and right to said board, and after investigation by the board of said assessment, and not finding any just cause for said complaint being made, it was moved and seconded that the above request of said H. Ludlow be rejected. Carried.

On motion the annual settlement of the following named road overseers was approved. A. L. Stoner, District 13; Jas. McIntosh, District 10.

On motion board adjourned until Feb. 23, 1912. Feb. 23rd, 1912.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present.

On motion the following claims were allowed and the clerk authorized and instructed to draw warrants on their respective funds in payment of same:

Elmer Wilson	\$ 10 00
S. E. Bailey & Son	2 30
Bridge Fund	
Alva Stickley	7 50
Tom Cruise	4 00
Chas Britton	3 00
Ed Sawyer	3 00
Roy Stickley	3 00
General Fund	
H. L. S. andard	\$ 21 75
Dr. J. W. Moranville	78 50
T. J. Chaplin	45 90
Paul Storey	49 40
G. Ohmstede	21 21
L. F. Schmidt	64 00
Paul Storey	19 70
G. W. Hummel	27 50
J. A. Tomlinson	17 85
Rufus Miksch	49 15
F. X. Foster	1 75

On the 21st day of February 1912, the matter of the proposed incorporation of Village of Cowles, came on for hearing, upon the petition of James McBride, F. A. Good, and 46 others, alleging that said petitioners constituted a majority of the taxable inhabitants of the town and territory described, that said territory contains more than 200 actual residents and inhabitants and praying that they may be incorporated as a village under the name of the Village of Cowles, designating the meets and bounds of said territory and for the appointment of five persons, as village trustees and for such other orders as the circumstances of the case may require.

Two remonstrances were also filed one by A. H. Spracher and 4 others and the other by A. J. Grant and 28 others. Said petitioners were represented by L. H. Blackledge atty; and the remonstrators by Bernard McNeny, atty.

Witnesses were sworn and examined on behalf of both the petitioners and remonstrators, and the said evidence and argument of counsel and motion, the board took the matter under consideration to be decided at the present session of the Board. On the 23rd day of Feb. 1912. The board still being in session from the meeting held Feb. 21, 1912, said the matter of the proposed incorporation of the Village of Cowles coming on for the first consideration and decision of the board, the following resolution as introduced by Commissioner Stone, who moved its adoption.

Resolved by the board of county commissioners of Webster county, that having considered the petition of James McBride, F. A. Good, et al, praying for the incorporation of the village of Cowles and the objections thereto and the evidence of the parties we find said petition signed by the majority of the taxable inhabitants of Cowles.

Boundary limits of incorporation of Cowles:

That said territory is as follows: Commencing at the center of Section 4, in Township 2, North, Range 10, in Webster county, Nebraska, and running thence south in the line between the Southeast and Southwest Quarters of said Section, a distance of 1320 feet (80 rods), thence east at right angles to said line, a distance of 3990 feet (240 rods), to the center of the south quarter of Section 3, in said Township and Range, thence north, parallel with the line between said Sections 3 and 4, a distance of 2950 feet (180 rods) to the North line of said Section 3, thence west from the North line of said Sections 3 and 4, a distance of 5280 feet (320 rods) to the center point of the North line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 4, thence South at right angles a distance of 2610 feet (160 rods) to the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4, thence in the North line of said Southwest Quarter Section 4, a distance of 1320 feet (80 rods) to the place of beginning said territory included is the Northeast Quarter and the North half of the Southeast Quarter and the East half of the Northwest Quarter Section 4, and the West half of the Northwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, all in Township 2, Range 10, according to Government Survey and Subdivisions.

That inhabitants to the number of more than 200 are actual residents of the said described Territory, that said Territory includes the original townsite and plat of Cowles and contiguous Territory a large part of which has been subdivided into smaller tracts, and all of which is adjacent to the original townsite, is adapted to municipal purposes and should be included in the corporate limits of the village.

That said petition for incorporation should be granted as prayed for, and said village of Cowles be and it is hereby ordered and declared incorporated with the meets and bounds thereof, as hereinbefore set forth and to have the right powers, and immunities of a village and that the following named duly qualified persons, to-wit: E. T. Foe, Richard Greenhalgh, H. B. Brubaker, W. J. Castello and C. C. Bennett, be and they are appointed as trustees for said Village, to hold their offices and perform the duties thereof until the Election, and their qualification of their successors as provided by law.

The motion to adopt said resolution being seconded upon the adoption thereof, the vote was as follows: Aye, L. F. Schmidt, G. W. Hummel, G. Ohmstede Paul Storey, No. Whereupon the chairman declared said resolution carried and adopted, and ordered that said proceedings be entered upon the Commissioners' record. Approved.

G. OHMSTEDE, Chairman.

In the matter of the B. J. Kohmetscher petition praying for a license to sell spiritous and vinous liquors, to be carried on at Rosemont, Nebr. Now coming on to be heard.

It was moved and seconded that the petition be and is hereby granted, as prayed for in said petition.

Upon the question of granting the petition the vote was as follows: Aye, T. J. Chaplin, L. F. Schmidt, G. Ohmstede, Paul Storey, No. G. W. Hummel. Motion carried.

And the bond of B. J. Kohmetscher for selling liquors in said Rosemont, being filed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

It was moved and seconded that the County Clerk, be and is hereby authorized and instructed to issue a license to said B. J. Kohmetscher, for the sale of liquor in Rosemont, upon the receipt of \$500.00, for one year from the 21st day of February, 1912, to February 24th, 1913. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and instructed to refund \$9.45 to Saunders Bros., being erroneous taxes assessed and paid by said Saunders Bros., under protest on lots 10, 20, north 1/2 of 21 in Block 3, of Raden's addition to Red Cloud, Nebr. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the County Clerk be and is hereby instructed to notify all banks of Webster county wishing the County Treasurer to make deposits of County Funds in their respective banks to so notify the Board, with certificate of capital stock of said bank attached to said request. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Chrissa M. Maynard be and is hereby allowed \$12.50 in settlement of the appeal from the allowance of the County Board in the road case between sections 15 and 22, Town 1, R. 11. Motion carried.

In the matter of the erroneous assessed value on Lot 6, Block 9, Rosemont, Nebr., in the name of Chas. Rose, it was moved and seconded that the County Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to refund to said Chas. Rose the difference in the tax on an assessed value of \$85.00 and \$15.00, \$15.00 being the correct assessed value of said land. Motion carried.

Board adjourned to meet March 27, 1912. E. W. ROSS, County Clerk.



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