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Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Hon. C. A. Tweed, Judge of the Third Judicial District, in and for the County of Yavapai, Territory of Arizona.

NOVEMBER TERM, 1877.

The Grand Jury beg leave to submit the following report:

We have had six cases under examination, have found true bills in three cases and ignored three.

We have also had under consideration and examination the finances of the county.—We regret to be compelled to report the finances of the county in an unfavorable condition and submit as follows:

FINANCES.

Warrants on General Fund, Series of 1876	$14,583,26
" " " " 1877	23,877,50
" Contingent Fund Series of "	5,112,50
Interest on outstanding Warrants, approximated	2,400,00
Indebtedness last quarter year, approximate	6,000,00
Total	$48,973,72

The indebtedness of Bonds already issued and to be issued is as follows:

For purchase of Iron Spring Toll Road	$10,000,00
For improving Black Canyon Road	5,000,00
For building Bradshaw Road	32,000,00
" " Court House	60,000,00
Total	$107,000,00
Total Indebtedness	155,972,72

The resources of the County are as follows: The total amount of taxation for 1877 is $53,668.80; of this amount it is hardly possible that more than $45,000 can be collected. The prevailing drouth and the hitherto total lack of Government appropriation, making it impossible for many of our citizens to bear the burden of heavy taxation. Of this amount, or $45,000, 46½ per cent. applies to the County, or the sum of $18,765 to the General Fund, and $2,084 to the Contingent Fund, making a total revenue to the County, of $20,849 over and above amounts received from licences.

From the above it will be readily seen that the entire resources of the County will little more than cover the interest on our actual and immediately prospective indebtedness, and that such indebtedness imposed upon the tax-payers of our County is wantonly extravagant and entirely disproportioned to the limited resources of the County.

We further find on examination into the general County affairs and into the principal items which make up our great indebtedness, such as the care of the Indigent Sick, the Prescott and Bradshaw Road, and the Courthouse, and would respectfully report that with regard to the Indigent Sick, that, while we acknowledge the incumbency of our duties toward this unfortunate class in our midst, that our financial condition imperatively demands that the most rigid economy should be practiced in their maintenance, and that none should be admitted except such as are absolutely sick and in great destitution, and in a suffering condition. We regret to say that great extravagance is practiced with regard to this class; that in 27 days the sum of $654 was paid for board and lodging alone, or at the rate of $8,052 per year; that the enormous sum of about $10,000 per year is added to our indebtedness by this charity; that the bills for the board and lodging are unusually and unwarrantably large; that $24.50 per week, the amount now paid, is far in advance of the prices in our midst, even at the present prices our County Warrants sell at; that the Contractor has under his care, at a great expense to the County, persons that from the nature of their diseases had no claims whatever on the charity of the people of this County, already overburdened with heavy taxation, and that the Board of Supervisors are, in the opinion of this Grand Jury, guilty of a criminal neglect in the manner the settlements between the Contractor and the Board have been made, by paying the enormous bills to the Contractor, certified to by himself and without any check as to the correctness of the bills; and we, the Grand Jury, most respectfully recommend to this Court, that the Board of Supervisors be by it instructed to appoint one or more persons to constitute a Board of Examiners to examine all persons claiming the benefits of this County as Indigent Sick, and admit only such as are entitled to it, and to certify to all bills presented by the Contractor.

CONSTRUCTION OF BRADSHAW ROAD.

On examination into the affairs connected with the construction of the Bradshaw Road, the Grand Jury find that, while the plans and specifications, which are a part of the contract between the Board of Supervisors, and James Patterson, the Contractor for the construction of said road, are for a good and substantial road for the heaviest class of teams, and for a road-bed 16 feet wide, yet, by interlineation, such plans and specifications and provisions are rendered nearly negatory, said interliniotions being for a road-bed only 12 feet wide, said latter width being entirely inadequate, and worthless for the purpose for which said road was contemplated; that said contract, with reference to the payments therein provided for, was recklessly provided for in its provisions, in that it provides certainly for the payment of $5,000, and possibly for $15,-00, before any work shall be done on said road; that the Board of Supervisors have issued the sum of $5,000 over and above the amount, by themselves contracted for, before the final completion or acceptance of said road, in direct violation of their contract; and that the Beard of Supervisor, in contracting for the building of the above mentioned road, have, in our opinion, been guilty of a violation of law, and in entering into said contract with the said Patterson have exceeded their authority; that said contract is believed to be illegal and void, and that the bonds therefor issued by said Board of Supervisors upon said contract were issued without authority, and that the same is unauthorized. The contract is contrary to the published proposals for bids for the building of said road, and that said road, as built, is not built according to the plans and specifications.

CONSTRUCTION OF COURT HOUSE.

The Grand Jury, after examining the act of the Legislature governing the erection of the Court House, as well as the plans, specifications and contract, are, upon examination of the work as far as it has progressed, found several changes in the construction of the plans thereof, which may prove detrimental to the substantiability of the structure; that the Board of Supervisors, outside of the contract, made an additional allowance of $2,700 to the contractors, by virtue of a substitution of sandstone for blue granite quarried rock, as per contract plans and specifications, and without consulting the architect, as provided for in the contract, and that, in the opinion of the Grand Jury, the sandstone will not prove as durable for the purposes intended, and that instead of the change benefitting the people of this county, it will prove an injury, that the Board of Supervisors had no lawful right to allow said change to be made, and that if they had a right instead of the Board of Supervisors allowing the contractor an additional sum of $2,700, a reasonable deduction should have been made by the contractors to the county.

We further find no necessity for an overseer of the work, at an expense of $10 per day, especially when the progress of the work is as slow as it is, and in this regard would respectfully recommend that the Board of Supervisors dismiss the overseer and retain some competent person, or the architect, at a salary not to exceed $100 per month, believing that the examination of the work by the overseer once or twice weekly would suffice all purposes.

And in conclusion as to the matters to which we have herein called the attention of the Court, we most respectfully suggest and ask that such legal proceedings as may be necessary be taken upon behalf of the county, or in behalf of a taxpayer thereof, to test the validity of all proceedings upon the part of the Board of Supervisors.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.

We also find upon examination into the causes by which one Lewis and Lyons have effected their escape from the County Jail of this county that had the Sheriff, or his deputy, in connection with the night watchman, exercised anything like proper vigilance, the prisoners could not have effected their escape; that the prisoner Lewis was permitted by the Sheriff, and did receive visitors without due guard being placed upon them at such times, and that in the opinion of this Grand Jury some person or persons so permitted to visit said Lewis have secretly furnished the same with tools wherewith he, in company with said Lyons, effected their escape.

VILLAGE OF PRESCOTT.

The Grand Jury have examined into the financial affairs of the Village of Prescott and find the same in a healthy condition as the following statement will show:

Balance on hand January 9, 1877	$ 189,16
Received on Taxes	3,679,71
License Tax	2,517,00
Dog Tax	153,50
Fines	10,00
Total Receipts	$6,549,57
Of which there is a balance on hand of	1,443,24
Making the Expenditures	5,106,33

which has been expended during the year as follows:

Treasurer's Commission 3 ℘ cent	$ 196,00
Small Pox about	1,500,00
Cleaning Streets	1,500,00
Or an expenditure of	3,196,48

And leaving the balance of cash expended of about $1,909 65 in salaries, keeping bridges, streets, etc., in repair and in attorney's fees in suits against different parties.

The Grand Jury return thanks to Mr. Wilkerson, our County Recorder, and his deputies, Messrs. Lloyd and Foster, for their valuable assistance to us during and after office hours.

As there is no more business for the Grand Jury we respectfully ask to be discharged from further duty.

W. M. BUFFUM, Foreman.

M. T. HERZOG, Secretary.

Prescott, December 18, 1877.

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