

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**Extra Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners**

Grand Marais, Minn., June 5th, 1915.

The County Board of Cook County met this 5th day of June 1915, pursuant to call.

Present Commissioners Allen, Bally, Jacobson and Chairman Engelsen. Absent Commissioner Elquist.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and upon motion duly made and carried approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Bally and seconded by Commissioner Allen that District Engineer George B. Hughes be engaged by Cook County as Superintendent of Roads from date hereof until the 1st day of December this year, and that he be paid for such services the sum of \$100.00 per month out of the Road and Bridge fund of the county, and that the County Auditor be instructed to issue his warrant in accordance therewith, and upon vote said motion carried—Ayes all.

Upon motion duly made and carried C. A. Anderson was allowed additional temporary relief to the amount of \$15.00 and the County Auditor was authorized to issue his warrant on the Poor Fund of the county for said amount.

It was moved and carried that all men employed by Cook County on road work be insured under the "Workmen's Compensation Act" with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, and that said insurance be issued at an estimated pay roll of \$20,000, and that the County Auditor be authorized to sign the necessary application for such insurance and draw his warrant in payment for same.

The petition of Nelson Maymelskwoush, et. al., asking that the county appropriate the sum of \$200.00 out of the Road and Bridge fund of the county for the purpose of repairing a certain road in the Unorganized Territory was upon motion denied.

In the matter of the change in boundaries of the towns of Colvill and Hoyland the following resolution was presented:

Whereas, a petition signed by more than twenty legal voters residing in the territory to be effected was on the 8th day of May, 1915, presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, Minnesota, praying that the towns of Hoyland and Colvill be altered as follows:

By detaching from the said town of Colvill and attaching the same to the town of Hoyland the South-East Quarter of Section 33, Township 63, Range 3 East, and the North one-half of the North-East Quarter of Section 4, Township 62 North, Range 3 East;

And Whereas, it was thereupon resolved that said petition be heard and determined at a meeting to be held by this Board at the court house, in the village of Grand Marais, said county, on the Saturday 5th day of June, 1915, at 3 o'clock p. m., and due notice of said hearing on said petition having been posted and served according to law, proof of which posting and service is filed with the County Auditor, and having given due consideration to the matter:

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the prayer of said petitioners be, and the same hereby is, granted, and that the towns of Colvill and Hoyland be altered in accordance with the request of said petitioners.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jacobson the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

In the matter of the change of boundaries of Independent School District Number 2 and Common School District Number 5 the following resolution was presented:

Whereas, a petition signed by a majority of the freeholders who are legal voters residing in each of the school districts to be effected thereby, was on the 8th day of May, 1915, duly presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, Minnesota, praying that the boundaries of Independent School District Number 2 and Common School District Number 5 be altered as follows:

By detaching from said School District Number 5 and attaching to Independent School District Number 2 the South-East Quarter of Section 33, Township 63, Range 3 East, and the East Half of Section 4, Township 62, Range 3 East;

And Whereas, it was thereupon resolved that said petition be heard and determined at a meeting to be held by this Board at the court house, in the village of Grand Marais, said county, on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1915, at 3 o'clock p. m., and due notice of said hearing on said petition having been posted and served according to law, proof of which posting and service is filed with the County Auditor, and having given due consideration to the matter:

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the prayer of said petitioners be, and the same hereby is, granted, and that the School Districts aforementioned be altered in accordance with the request of said petitioners.

Report of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Cook, State of Minnesota, on Uncollected Personal Property Taxes for the Year 1914.

Grand Marais, Minnesota, June 5, 1915.

Be it Known, That the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, Minnesota, did meet in session on the 5th day of June, 1915, that at said session the County Treasurer of said County delivered to said Board the list of uncollected personal property taxes for the year 1914, together with his certificate thereon as required by law; and that at said session the said Board did duly consider said list of uncollected taxes, and did cancel such taxes as they are satisfied cannot be collected. That the following is a correct list of said uncollected personal property taxes in said County for said year of 1914, as so revised by said Board, to-wit:

Name of Person Assessed	Township or District	Tax	Penalty, Fees and Costs	Total Tax
James Foley	Grand Marais	2.58	1.51	4.09
Lockport Mer. Co.	Lutsen	1.28	1.38	2.66
Lockport Mer. Co.	Lutsen	5.18	1.77	6.95
Niagara Timber Co.	Lutsen	52.28	6.56	58.84
Geo. H. Mayhew	Vill. Grand Marais	7.34	1.98	9.32
Geo. H. Mayhew	Rosebush	10.98	2.26	13.24
Stubbard & Co.	Vill. Grand Marais	18.46	3.10	21.56
Jno Temple	Do.	8.34	2.42	10.76
Ogins Mer. Co.	Do.	62.03	7.45	69.48
O. H. Carhart	Do.	2.55	1.61	4.16
Martin Jacobson	Do.	6.22	1.87	8.09
Jno. Lynch	Unorganized	2.55	1.50	4.05
Winfield Allard	Lutsen	.59	1.31	1.90
John Newton	Rosebush	1.71	1.42	3.13
Adolph Thorsen	Hoyland	2.94	1.61	4.55

That the following is a correct list of the personal property taxes in said County for said year which said Board is satisfied cannot be collected, and so cancelled by said Board, to-wit:

Name of Person Assessed	Township or District	Tax	Penalty, Fees and Costs	Total Tax
James Foley	Grand Marais	2.58	1.51	4.09
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The Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, Minnesota.

H. O. ENGELSEN,  
OLE J. ALLEN  
SAM BALLY  
MARTIN JACOBSON

Attest:  
T. I. CARTER,  
County Auditor.

It was moved and carried that the County Auditor be authorized to purchase from Fairbanks-Morse Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota, one H. P. Jack Junior gasoline engine and one 5 by 5 Typhoon pump, complete, at a cost of \$108.20 net, f. o. b. Beloit, Wisconsin.

The following bills were upon separate motion audited, allowed and ordered paid:

Cook County State Bank, assignee of L. H. Lien, sheriff, expenses incurred in going after John B. LeSage-Lewis, Maine	\$ 104.62
Lake Shore Telephone Co., telephone service from April 1st to July 1st, 1915	45.00
Matt Johnson, printing, publishing and stationery	34.50
Kimball Storer Company, supplies	33.14
C. A. Nelson, barrel saw	1.50
Ed Toftoy & Co., supplies for road work	30.34
L. H. Lien, sheriff, pair of handcuffs and stationery	3.00
Parton Paper Co., supplies for court house	10.92

Upon motion of Commissioner Jacobson the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from Grand Marais, Minnesota, June 5, 1915.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Cook County, Minn. Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions, we have gone over the route petitioned for by the residents of the town of Hoyland, also the proposed route through the Sunquist farm, all in Section 33, Township 63, Range 3 East, and as your committee we make the following recommendations:

That State Road No. 1, as now located between a point 769 feet easterly of the South-west corner of Section 33, to the North-west corner of the South-west quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 23 be abandoned as a part of State Road No. 1, and that the following route be designated as part of State Road No. 1.

Beginning at a point 769 feet (more or less) easterly of the South-west corner of Section 23, Township 63, Range 3 East, thence running North-easterly as nearly as practicable on the now traveled road through the Sunquist farm to an intersection with the East and West forty line bisecting the South half of Section 23, thence East on said forty line to the North-west corner of the South-west quarter of the East quarter of Section 23, Township 63, Range 3 East.

Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGE B. HUGHES,  
MARTIN JACOBSON,  
Committee.

It was moved and carried that the foregoing recommendation of said committee be approved, and that said road be changed in accordance with said committee's report, and that the County Auditor be requested to communicate with Mrs. Verner Subquet and secure, if possible, release for right of way through said land.

The report of District Engineer Hughes on completion of contract work of Anton Fischer for clearing and burning in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, in Townships 63, Range 5 East on State Road No. 2, was received, accepted and approved, and the County Auditor instructed to issue his warrant to said Anton Fischer for \$196.00 in full payment of said contract.

The communication of Superintendent Amos B. Frank of Grand Portage, relative to burning the brush along the right of way on the County Road in the Indian Reservation was re-considered and it was moved and carried that the County Auditor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Frank and ascertain from him the best time to have such brush burned, so that the Board may co-operate with him in order to get the matter satisfactory arranged to all parties concerned.

The petition of C. F. Roberts, et. al., relative to the establishment and laying out a legal Highway to read as follows: Beginning at the center of Section 26, Township 64, Range 5 East, thence running South one-half mile, to the South-east corner of the South-west quarter of Sec. 26, thence East 80 rods, thence South 80 rods, there to join the so-called Automobile Road, was read, and upon motion duly made and carried said petition was granted.

The following resolution was presented:

Be it Resolved, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Cook, in the State of Minnesota, that Whereas, the National Surety Company, surety on the bond of former County Treasurer Fred Jackson, has placed in the hands of H. H. Phelps, attorney employed by this Board, to assist the County Attorney in collecting the amount due the County on said bond, a draft for Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$13,667.42) on the National City Bank of the City of New York, payable to this County, in settlement of the claim of the County, against said Fred Jackson and the surety on his bond.

Therefore, the County Treasurer and County Attorney of this County are hereby authorized and directed to accept in full settlement and payment of the amount due the County from the said National Surety Company, as surety on the bond of the said Fred Jackson, on account of the shortage of the said County Treasurer in the funds of the County in his hands during his term of office, and the County Attorney is hereby authorized to dismiss the action commenced in the District Court of Cook County, Minnesota, in behalf of the County against said Fred Jackson and the said National Surety Company without costs to either party.

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the National Surety Company the bond of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), bearing date November 30, 1912, given by the said Fred Jackson, as principal and the said National Surety Company, as surety, to the said County of Cook.

Commissioner Bally moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution and the same was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Allen, Bally, Jacobson and Chairman Engelsen. Nays—none.

The certificate of the County Treasurer of uncollected personal property taxes for the year 1914 was received and the following report thereon made and ordered filed:

Cook County State Bank, assignee of Olaf Alfred Berglund, lumber for Devil's Track Bridge	69.80
A. M. Anderson, lubricating oil for gasoline engine	2.95
Armer & Co., supplies for road work	101.77
G. W. Todd Co., Protograph	25.00
Kimball Storer Co., supplies for Judge of Probate	5.32
Gowan-Lanning-Brown Co., supplies for road work	198.60
Ed Toftoy & Co., goods delivered to Devils Track bridge camp	103.27
Martin Jacobson, 1 day committee work	3.00
Ed Toftoy & Co., supplies for janitor	2.45
Olson Brothers, hauling freight	2.00
Olson Brothers, livery hire for road superintendent	24.00
Ole J. Allen, 1 day committee work	3.00
Kimball Storer Co., supplies for county officials	24.95

The bond of the Cook County State Bank as depository of County funds in the sum of \$25,000 with L. G. Lundquist, A. M. Anderson, John A. Blackwell, Fred Bramer and Andrew Hedstrom as sureties was upon motion approved by the Board.

Application for reduction of assessments and abatement of taxes for the current year by the following persons: Andrew Peterson, Gust Anderson, Francis W. McHugh (2), C. G. Johnson, H. J. Grannis, John Massman, Andrew Hedstrom (3), Caroline M. Peterson, Agnes Soderberg, James R. McKay and Mary E. Coffin, were, each upon separate motion recommended to the State Tax Commission for approval.

The application of H. J. Grannis, attorney for Oscar Lavin, for correction of judgment on taxes for the year 1912 was upon motion recommended to the Minnesota State Tax Commission for approval.

The application of Andrew Anderson for refund on taxes for the year 1914 was recommended to the State Tax Commission for approval.

It was moved and carried that all taxes levied against SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 45, Township 64, Range 6 East be cancelled in compliance with application of the County Auditor with attached certificate of the United States Land office of Duluth, Minnesota, showing that the same was unappropriated government land at the time said taxes were levied.

The application of L. B. Arnold, Trustees' Land Agent for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. for abatement of taxes on certain lands belonging to the said Company in Cook County, was upon motion duly made and carried recommended for approval.

The application of L. B. Arnold, Land Commissioner for the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad Company for reduction of taxes on certain lands belonging to said Company in Cook County, was upon motion recommended to the State Tax Commission for approval.

The application of Lucian M. Williams, Nathan W. Williams, and Parker E. Simmons, Trustees for the Estate of John M. Williams, deceased, for settlement of accumulated taxes, interest, penalties and costs on land in Section 27, Township 63, Range 2 East, was upon motion duly made and carried approved by the Board.

The application of H. E. Spenser, Secretary of the Grand Marais Realty Company for abatement of penalty and costs on taxes for the year 1913 was upon motion approved by the Board.

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote that an extra crew of men be put to work at once to complete State Road Number 2 in the Eastern end of the county at an estimated cost not to exceed \$15,000, said work commencing at the end of the completed State Road at or near the line between Section 15 and 16, in Township 63, Range 5 East, thence following the regular survey to crossing on Pigeon River, same being a distance of about eight miles; and that Earl T. Roberts be appointed foreman to have charge of said work.

It was moved and carried that Superintendent of Roads Hughes be authorized to buy necessary camping outfit and supplies for road work in the Eastern end of the county.

It was moved and carried that the blacksmiths in charge of the work at Norwick and Lanktree's camps be paid at the rate of \$60.00 per month and board.

It was moved and carried that all other applications for correction of assessments and abatement of taxes be referred to the Supervisor of assessments.

It was moved and carried that Ole Norwick, Matt Lanktree and Earl T. Roberts, foremen in charge of road construction work, and George E. Hughes, superintendent of roads, each shall be authorized to issue time checks and take acknowledgments on same in compliance with Section 2, of Chapter 182, Laws of 1915.

Upon motion duly made and carried, Board adjourned sine die.

T. I. CARTER, Clerk.

**GERMANS HAVING BULLY TIME**

Nothing to Do but Enjoy Life, and Norfolkers Are Helping Them.

Norfolk, Va.—The crews of the German auxiliary cruisers Eitel, Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm, interned at this port, are enjoying life to its fullest. Besides numerous entertainments accorded to officers and crews, the men are living a life of luxurious idleness. Their chief vocation at this time is pleasure—pleasure day and night.

They spend most of their time in Norfolk in the early hours of the day. In the afternoon they go to Virginia Beach, Ocean View and other nearby resorts. They smoke good cigars, eat the best and appear to have plenty of money. Barring a few cases of beriberi on the Kronprinz, they are a healthy lot.

The men have been taken into the homes of a number of citizens and entertained, and special services have been held for them in Protestant churches. They are made to feel at home.

They appear on the streets in white uniforms with blue stripes and white hats. They are as neat as new pins, and their conduct is perfect. They roam the streets arm in arm with American bluejackets and visit the best theaters and other public resorts.

They are beginning to love the great American game. Several hundred of them attended a baseball game in Portsmouth and rose up and cheered a player who drove the ball over the fence for a home run. Whether they understood the game or just followed the Americans who stood up, and cheered, no one but themselves knew. But there is a movement on foot to organize two baseball teams out of the crews—one on the Eitel and another on the Kronprinz—and some of the men are practicing daily. They have spent over \$200 for equipment. A little short chap whom the American sailors call "Buelow" drove a ball over the sea wall in a practice game.

**BELMONT HEADS AVIATION CORPS**

National Reserve of Air Fighters Being Formed.

FOR USE IN CASE OF WAR.

Headquarters in New York, but District Bases Are to Be Located in Other Cities—Plans For 1,500 Landing Stations in All Parts of the Country—Other Schemes For Defense.

New York—The Aero-Military Service Federation of America, a volunteer organization of which August Belmont is president general and Mortimer Delano deputy president general, has announced the proposed formation of a national reserve of aviation volunteers for use in case of war. The program, outlined by Mr. Delano contemplated the establishment of district bases in New York, Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco, with twenty-

eight aero squadron centers and 1,500 landing stations scattered from coast to coast.

Mr. Delano explained that under the federal law at present there is no authorization for the formation of an aviation regiment and that therefore his organization is a provisional body. He says efforts will be made to have the next congress authorize the First Aviation corps, the formation of which is the ultimate purpose of the Aero-Military federation. The federation also plans a propaganda to urge upon congress federal control of all aviation.

The prospectus of the organization says its purposes are patriotic and educational. The membership is divided into three classes, aviators, officers of the United States army and navy and civilians who are unable to serve in an aviation corps.

Mr. Delano said that in about 50 percent of the squadron branches had been formed and were busy recruiting. He expects a membership of 25,000 in three months. When this is reached he plans the establishment of the hundreds of landing stations to make aviation easier and safer in all parts of the country.

About three years ago Mr. Delano attempted the formation of a similar organization, which lapsed into desuetude. Mr. Delano credits this to circumstances over which he had no control, and says that now, with the awakened spirit for national defense, citizens in all parts of the country will join the federation.

Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, received a letter from Alan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, in which it is proposed that the government establish a squadron of eight aeroplanes at Governors island for the defense of this city. Whenever accounts of aerial attacks on cities appear in the news the Aero club receives inquiries from residents of New York asking how the city would be defended by aeroplanes.

"The aerial attack upon Venice by Austrian aviators, who flew to Venice from a base more than 100 miles away," said Mr. Hawley, "and the recent fight near Brussels, when twenty-seven aeroplanes defended that city from an attack of a Zeppelin, have increased the number of inquiries. The attacks upon cities and ships by aeroplanes which start from distant bases and the use of aeroplanes for range finding compel people to realize that aerial attacks could be made upon New York by aeroplanes starting from ships fifty or a hundred miles at sea, and large guns, delivering 2,190,000 foot tons of metal per minute at a range of 20,000 yards, and aided by aeroplanes, would quickly reduce any coast defense not adequately protected.

"The east is entirely without aerial protection. The military centers have no aeroplanes. The troops have never maneuvered with aeroplanes and the men behind the coast defense guns have no aerial eyes to give them their accurate range. I submit that this is an unnatural and shocking condition. I deem it my duty to urge that steps be taken immediately to provide aeroplanes for the defense of this part of the country."

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AUGUST BELMONT.

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