

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OFFICIAL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1892.

The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman at two o'clock in the afternoon in the supervisors' room in the new court house building, this being the first meeting held therein.

Roll called. Quorum present. The superintendents of the poor presented a petition for fixtures for their office in the new building, and on motion of Mr. Gould, the same was referred to the committee on public buildings.

A petition was read from Henry F. Walsh, court stenographer, asking for certain fixtures for his office, and on motion of Mr. Hogadone, the same was referred to the committee on public buildings.

The county board of school examiners asked to have their office furnished with suitable furniture, and on motion of Mr. Loomis, the matter was referred to the committee on public buildings.

A petition was read from Circuit Court Commissioner E. D. Comstock, asking the board to have a telephone placed in his office, and on motion of Mr. Leppink, the same was referred to the committee on public buildings.

A petition was read from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company, praying for leave to construct and maintain a railroad bridge over the Grand river in section three of town six north of range twelve west in Kent county.

Mr. Skeels offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which prevailed by a vote of 38 yeas and no nays:

Whereas, The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company has duly filed its petition with the clerk of this board, praying for leave to construct and maintain a railroad bridge over the Grand river, in the county of Kent and state of Michigan, and

Whereas, Notice of such application signed by the petitioner, and stating substantially the contents of said petition, and that on June 23, 1892, at the convening of this board at the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, at 2 o'clock, p. m., or as soon thereafter as a hearing could be had, application would be made to this board that the prayer of said petition be granted, has been duly published as required by the statute in such case made and provided in a newspaper printed in each county through which said Grand river runs, and also in one newspaper at least three weeks previous to the hearing of this application published in the city of Detroit, as appears to this board by due proof of such publication now on file with the clerk of this board, and

Whereas, Said petition has been duly presented to this board for hearing, in accordance with said notice, and opportunity has been duly given to any person or persons desiring to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the prayer of said petition;

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted and that authority be and hereby is granted and given to the said Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company to construct and maintain a railroad bridge over Grand river, in said county of Kent, to be located and constructed as follows:

Said bridge to be located in section three of town six north of range twelve west, in said county, where the right of way of said Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company as now used and occupied by it intersects the Grand river; the position of the north pier thereof to be coincident with the north pier of the wooden draw bridge over said river, now used by said company, and said bridge to extend across said river in the same direction and at the same height above the water of said river as said wooden bridge now used by said company. Said proposed bridge to consist of an iron truss pivot through draw bridge, having a length from center to center of end piers of one hundred and forty feet, and iron plate girders forty-four feet in length spanning the distance from the southern end of said iron draw bridge to an abutment to be located on the south bank of said river. Said iron draw bridge to rest upon a center pivot pier and end piers. The north end pier to be located where the north end pier of said wooden draw bridge now is and to be seven and one-half feet in thickness at its bottom, six feet at top and twenty-two feet in length. The south end pier of said draw to be of the same size, shape and construction as said north end pier, and to be built parallel therewith so that the center of said south end pier shall be 143 feet from the center of said north end pier. The center pivot pier to be circular in form, nineteen and two-thirds feet in diameter at its base and nineteen feet in diameter at its top, and to be located equidistant from said south and north end piers so as to give for the passage of boats and vessels a clear opening at the water's edge on either side of said center pivot pier of fifty-eight feet. Said end piers and said center pivot pier to be constructed of masonry built on a suitable foundation. An abutment to be built on the right of way of said company on the southernly bank of said river forty-four feet distant from said south end pier and to be connected therewith with iron plate girders. Said bridge to be eighty feet in width, to carry the railway track of said company and to be used for railway purposes.

A large number of applications for various positions in and about the court house building were presented and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same were referred to the committee on public buildings with power to recommend names of persons to fill said positions.

The committee on court house building made the following report and on motion of Mr. Benjamin the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in, a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—We take pleasure in reporting to the board that the work on the building is so nearly complete that the offices can be moved into the new building by the first of July and the public dedication of the building take place, as already planned, July 4. There will be some finishing touches and the closing up of some contracts for labor and material after the opening of the building. There has been paid up to date on account of the building and furnishing \$203,882.07. Of this amount \$18,265.85 has been on account of furniture, gas fittings, elevator and connections, mantle and grate, stone walk and coping, etc., leaving \$185,416.22 paid on account of the building. Of this amount \$18,890.33 is for extras, and \$166,725.89 is on account of and under the terms of the contract as made with the Western Construction company of Detroit.

There was called to the credit of the court house building fund the avails of the county bonds amounting to the sum of \$157,727.

There was added to the fund by direction of the board of 1890, \$20,000. Added to the fund by the board of 1891, \$40,000. Making a total of \$217,727.

There is still in the fund undrawn, \$13,803, but there remains to be paid to complete contracts already made, including furniture and stone sidewalks, grading and sodding, \$22,236, making it necessary to replenish the court house fund to the amount of about \$9,000. Your committee therefore recommends that the sum of \$9,000 be transferred from the general fund to the court house building fund to be used only for the purpose of estimates for the construction and furnishing of the court house and subject to the same limitations heretofore governing said fund.

Your committee further recommend that a careful understanding be had by the board that so far as the occupancy of the building may imply the acceptance of it, that such occupancy shall in no way be construed to release the Western Construction company from the contract and bond; also shall not be construed to relieve any contracting party for work not yet completed.

Your committee in the early spring sought by advertisement and otherwise to dispose of the fence and office building about the grounds and sold at the best bid obtainable, \$25 for the fence and \$15 for the building. Attached hereto find receipts from C. D. Stebbins, county treasurer, for the amounts as above.

Respectfully submitted, R. B. LOOMIS, J. W. WALKER, JAMES HILL, J. T. GOULD, W. D. FROST, Committee on Court House Building.

Mr. Gill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which prevailed by unanimous vote of the members present, to wit, 38:

Whereas, Heretofore, to wit, on the 17th day of April, 1891, a notice was served on the board of supervisors for the county of Kent by the Western Construction company, an alleged corporation of Detroit, Mich., notifying the said board of supervisors of said county of Kent of the abandonment by said Western Construction company of its contract with the county of Kent; and

Whereas, Afterward, to wit, on the 28th day of April, 1891, the committee on court house building was instructed by the board of supervisors of the county of Kent, under and by virtue of a resolution of Supervisor Roberts, which was duly adopted, to proceed to complete the court house in accordance with plans and specifications therefor adopted; and

Whereas, The committee on court house building, in pursuance of the above instructions and in keeping therewith, proceeded to complete the court house building, reporting meanwhile fully to the board of supervisors of the county of Kent all their proceedings and actions and doings in relation thereto; and

Whereas, The said committee on court house buildings have reported the completion of said building in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the board of supervisors of the county of Kent hereby ratify and approve the action of the court house building committee in the completion of the said court house building and hereby declare the same fit and ready for occupancy. And it is further

Resolved, That the approval and ratification of the action of the said court house building committee as aforesaid, as well as the occupancy of said building, shall in no way, shape nor manner be construed to waive the claim of the county of Kent against the said Western Construction company and its bondsmen, as well as the individual members composing the said Western Construction company for the completion of the said contract, and in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, and that all the rights in law and equity which the said county of Kent have against the said Western Construction company, as well as its bondsmen, are hereby expressly reserved.

On motion of Mr. Hogadone the committee on public buildings was authorized to purchase such furnishings and fittings for the several county offices as said committee shall deem necessary.

On motion of Mr. Gould the matter of moving the several county offices from the old county building into the new court house building was referred to the committee on public buildings with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Loomis the matter of investigating the estate of Robert Brown, an indigent insane person, was referred to the supervisor of the fourth ward and the superintendents of the poor, to report at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Benjamin moved that the chairman be authorized to fill the vacancies existing on standing committees. Carried.

The chairman appointed Supervisor George E. Coghall to the place on the committee on equalization formerly held by ex-Supervisor Simon Sullivan.

On motion of Mr. Leppink the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY, Clerk. A. W. WEEKES, Chairman.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23. The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceeding were read and approved.

The committee on drains made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Hogadone the same was adopted and the recommendation therein contained concurred in:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent: Gentlemen—Your committee on drains, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Kelley and others of Grand Rapids township in regard to the construction of the saddle bag drain in Grand Rapids township, by Hiram J. Chambers, county drain commissioner, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee in order to more fully understand the grounds for such charges as set forth by your petitioners, did on the 20th day of the present month cause measurements to be made of said drain, said measurements of which are made a part of this report. (See exhibit No. 1.)

We find that the charges as set forth in said petition are substantially correct as follows: We find that the said commissioner did fail to require bonds from contractor on sections 2 and 3 of said drain, and did hire men and teams to work on said sections by the day after the contract was let.

We find said commissioner was negligent in paying nearly the full contract price on said sections 2 and 3 to the detriment of other portions of said drain, and your committee would recommend that the said drain commissioner be instructed to proceed at once to take steps to complete the whole of said drain, including sections 4 and 5 at the earliest possible moment at contract price.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Dated June 23, 1892.

JOHN KINNEY, H. O. BRAMAN, HENRY B. PROCTOR, NICHOL D. EMMONS, ANSE LINDENMULDER, Committee on Drains.

The committee on poor house building made the following report and on motion of Mr. Gill the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee on poor house building respectfully report to your honorable body that good progress is being made in the construction of the new poor house, and from present indications it will be complete and ready for occupancy by next fall. Your committee would recommend that the proper steps be taken at this session of the board for furnishing the new building. Your committee would further recommend that the new building, during its construction, should be piped for gas, so that at any future time this method of lighting may be used. Your committee also recommend the laying of pine floors over concrete in the basement in place of brick, as specified. If this is done the basement will be as desirable as any part of the building.

Respectfully submitted, NICHOL D. EMMONS, CHARLES E. HOGADONE, JOHN KINNEY, Committee on Poorhouse Building.

The following report was made and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your special committee to whom was referred the sale of the county property at the corner of Lyon and Kent streets would respectfully report that they have advertised thoroughly for proposals for the said property and have secured no propositions. Your committee would recommend that your honorable body put a reasonable price on the property and authorize your committee to list the same in the regular way with such real estate dealer as they may deem best.

Respectfully submitted, C. D. STEBBINS, J. W. WALKER, CHARLES E. HOGADONE, Committee.

Mr. Gill moved that the chairman appoint a special committee of three to recommend a price to be put on the property of the county, owner of Kent and Lyon streets. Carried.

The chairman appointed as such committee Messrs. Gill, Loomis and Emmons.

The committee appointed to investigate the estate of Robert Brown, insane, asked for further time, which was granted on motion of Mr. Loomis.

Mr. Hogadone moved that the matter of replenishing the general fund of the county treasury be referred to the committee on finance, to report this afternoon. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Ulrich the board took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The board was called to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present.

The committee on finance made the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent: Gentlemen—Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of obtaining a loan for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the county, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, By the board of supervisors of the county of Kent that for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the county, the county treasurer, Charles D. Stebbins, be and he is hereby authorized to borrow at the best rate obtainable, a sum not exceeding \$35,000, to be paid on the first day of March, 1893, and if such sum shall be insufficient to meet the current expenses of the county until the session of the board in October next, said county treasurer is hereby authorized, with the advice and consent of the committee on finance, to make such further loan as may be absolutely necessary, not exceeding \$20,000.

Respectfully submitted, S. T. COLSON, W. F. O'LEARY, E. C. WOODWORTH, Committee on Finance.

Mr. Skeels moved that the report be adopted, which prevailed by the following vote, Mr. Schermerhorn calling for the yeas and nays:

Yeas—Messrs. Benjamin, Braman, Colson, Emmons, Fehsenfeld, Gould, Hill, Hodges, Hogadone, Holben, Hyde, Ladner, Lathrop, Lee, Leppink, Lindenmuller, Loomis, O'Leary, Paige, Proctor, Rosenberg, Schermerhorn, Skeels, Smith, Smits, Solomon, Ulrich, Walker, Warner, Watkins, Chairman—31.

Nays—W. F. Woodworth—1. Absent—Mr. Ward—1.

Not voting—Messrs. Coghall, Frost, Gill, Kinney, Potter, E. C. Woodworth—6.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Ulrich the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of fixing a price on the property owned by the county, namely: lots 61 and 66, Kent plat to the city of Grand Rapids, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that \$25,000 be fixed as the minimum price to be asked for said property.

Respectfully submitted, F. H. GILL, E. B. LOOMIS, N. D. EMMONS, Committee.

Mr. Paige moved that the board proceed to fix the salaries of persons to be employed about the court house building as janitor, etc., before the committee on public buildings makes its report.

Mr. Ulrich moved as a substitute for the motion made by Mr. Paige that the chairman appoint a committee of three to report to this board the various positions to be filled, the duties connected with each position and the salary to be paid therefor to each person. Carried.

The chairman appointed as such committee, Messrs. Ulrich, Paige and Lathrop.

On motion of Mr. Hill the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

A. W. WEEKES, Chairman. CORNELIUS L. HARVEY, Clerk.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1892. The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman.

Roll called. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, and after correction, were approved.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Kinney, the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for:

Yeas—Messrs. Coghall, Fehsenfeld, Frost, Gill, Gould, Hogadone, Holben, Hyde, Kinney, Ladner, Lindenmuller, O'Leary, Potter, Proctor, Schermerhorn, Skeels, Smith, Smits, Walker, Watkins, Woodworth, E. C. Woodworth, W. F.—25.

Not voting—Messrs. Benjamin, Lathrop, Leppink, Loomis, Paige, Ulrich—6.

Absent—Mr. Ward—1.

On motion of Mr. Gould the motion was laid on the table.

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Rosenburg, Smith, Solomon, Warner, Watkins, W. F. Woodworth—13. Not voting—Messrs. Benjamin, Braman, Colson, Hyde, Lee, Paige—6. Absent—Mr. Ward—1.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of help necessary to be employed in and about the county building, have had the same under advisement, and beg leave to report and recommend as follows:

That there be employed one superintendent of county building at a salary of \$900 per annum, whose duty shall be to exercise a general supervision of county buildings and grounds and the help employed therein, and your committee would suggest that all other things being equal the position should be given some man who is ready and willing to take off his coat and go to work, and has had some experience handling machinery.

One elevator man at a salary of \$12 per week, who shall attend to the duties of such position at all times when required.

One male janitor at a salary of \$10 per week, and two female janitors at a salary of \$9 per week. One fireman for eight months at a salary of \$10 per week.

All of which is respectfully submitted, M. J. ULRICH, L. E. PAIGE, FREEMAN LATHROP, Committee.

Mr. Loomis moved that the matter of piping the poor house building for gas and the matter of procuring furniture for the building be referred to the committee on poor house building with power to act, which prevailed, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

Mr. Colson moved that the committee on public buildings be authorized to assign and furnish a room in the court house building for the use of the press, provided that in the judgment of the committee a room suitable for that purpose can be spared. Carried.

Mr. Skeels moved that when this board adjourns today it adjourn to meet in adjourned session tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. Carried.

Mr. Skeels moved that the committee on public buildings be requested to report to this board tomorrow morning a list of the applicants for the various positions in the court house building, and make such recommendations regarding them as to said committee may seem fit.

Mr. Solomon moved that the subject matter be postponed until the next October session.

Lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for: Yeas—Messrs. Colson, Hodges, Lee, Rosenberg, Solomon, Warner, Chairman—7.

Nays—Messrs. Braman, Coghall, Emmons, Fehsenfeld, Frost, Gill, Gould, Hill, Hogadone, Holben, Hyde, Kinney, Ladner, Lindenmuller, O'Leary, Potter, Proctor, Schermerhorn, Skeels, Smith, Smits, Walker, Watkins, Woodworth, E. C. Woodworth, W. F.—25.

Not voting—Messrs. Benjamin, Lathrop, Leppink, Loomis, Paige, Ulrich—6. Absent—Mr. Ward—1.

The motion made by Mr. Skeels being thereupon put was carried.

Mr. Benjamin moved that political or religious meetings be not allowed to be held in the new court house building.

On motion of Mr. Gould the motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Gill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the county treasurer be instructed to furnish the chairman of the committee on rejected taxes with the report of the auditor general at least ten days before the August meeting, and that the expense for work thereon before said meeting takes place shall not exceed \$25.

Carried by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for: Yeas—Messrs. Benjamin, Braman, Coghall, Fehsenfeld, Frost, Gill, Hodges, Hogadone, Holben, Kinney, Lee, Leppink, Lindenmuller, Loomis, O'Leary, Smits, Solomon, Ulrich, Warner, Chairman—20.

Nays—Messrs. Emmons, Gould, Hill, Hyde, Ladner, Paige, Potter, Rosenberg, Skeels, Smith, Walker, Watkins, E. C. Woodworth, W. F. Woodworth, the Chairman—15.

Not voting—Messrs. Lathrop, Proctor, Schermerhorn—3. Absent—Mr. Ward—1.

On motion of Mr. Loomis the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY, Clerk. A. W. WEEKES, Chairman.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1892. The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman.

Roll call. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee on members' pay made the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of computing the amount due members of the board for attendance and mileage at the adjourned session ending June 25, 1892, respectfully report the following as the amount due each supervisor, and recommend that the chairman and clerk attach their names thereto, and that the same be deposited with the treasurer for payment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Table with columns: Member's name, Days at, A's, M's, Mile, Total. Lists names like John Benjamin, Harvey O. Braman, Sherman T. Colson, etc.

Respectfully submitted, DAVID WALKER, H. O. SCHERMERHORN, H. O. BRAMAN, Committee.

A. W. WEEKES, Chairman. CORNELIUS C. HARVEY, Clerk.

Mr. Gill moved that the report by

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