

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OFFICIAL. WEDNESDAY, October 19, 1902. 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 approved.

A report was read from the inspector of jails for Kent county regarding the condition of the county jail, and on motion of Mr. Kinney the same was referred to the committee on public buildings.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Smith the same was adopted: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent county: Gentlemen—Your committee on rejected taxes, to whom was referred the protest of the Krutier Milling company against the assessment of the Cassovia elevator by the supervisor of Tyrone, would respectfully report that in their opinion such assessment was lawful and just. We simply leave this as it is.

Respectfully submitted, H. O. SCHERMERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN, FREEMAN LATHROP, Committee on Rejected Taxes.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Benjamin the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the request of C. L. Harvey that he be refunded the sum of \$36.25, which he paid to save harmless J. A. McKee on an erroneous assessment of bank stock in April, 1892, the said stock having been assessed at \$2,400, when in fact it was only \$1,200, would recommend that this board direct the supervisor of the eighth ward to spread the sum of \$36.25 upon the tax roll of said ward, and when collected that the same be paid over to C. L. Harvey.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM F. O'LEARY, Supervisor of Eighth Ward, H. O. SCHERMERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN, FREEMAN LATHROP, Committee on Rejected Taxes.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Loomis the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the request of the State Bank of Lowell that the one-third of the tax for the year 1891 which was assessed against said bank by the township of Lowell and paid to said township, and which was also paid by the owner of the stock—A. J. Bowne—to the city of Grand Rapids where he was a resident, to be refunded to said bank by the township of Lowell, would report that the payment of the tax by Mr. Bowne to the city of Grand Rapids seems to have been in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided and would recommend that this board direct the supervisor of Lowell to spread the sum of \$33.65 upon the tax roll of said township and when collected that the same be paid over to said bank. Respectfully submitted, AUGUSTUS W. WEEKS, supervisor of Lowell.

H. O. SCHERMERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN, FREEMAN LATHROP, Committee on Rejected Taxes.

The committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills made the following report and on motion of Mr. Solomon the same was adopted and the accounts allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent county: Gentlemen—Your committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills have examined the following claims, against the county, and recommend their allowance as follows: J. W. Clark, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$4.25; amount allowed, \$6.25.

C. F. Kennedy, assigned to John McQueen, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$23.50; amount allowed, \$23.50.

Fitch Beachamp, constable bill, amount claimed, \$2.50; amount allowed, \$2.50.

Edward Murphy, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$24.50; amount allowed, \$24.50.

James H. Keita, acting coroner's bill, amount claimed, \$9.71; amount allowed, \$3.71.

Ransom Pitts, constable's bill, amount claimed, \$8.75; amount deducted, \$1.00; amount allowed, \$7.75.

Allen B. Betzer, justice bill, amount claimed, \$2.30; amount allowed, \$2.30.

Levi McDonald, constable bill, amount claimed, \$4.90; amount deducted, .90; amount allowed, \$4.00.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, February, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$108.30; amount allowed, \$108.30.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, January, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$58.45; amount allowed, \$58.45.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, March, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$111.85; amount deducted, \$2.70; amount allowed, \$109.15.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, April, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$59.75; amount deducted, .45; amount allowed, \$59.30.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, May, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$49.05; amount deducted, \$4.50; amount allowed, \$44.55.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, June, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$49.75; amount allowed, \$49.75.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, July, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$43.70; amount allowed, \$43.70.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, August, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$58.95; amount allowed, \$58.95.

John McQueen, sheriff bill, board of prisoners and turnkey fees, September, 1 paid, amount claimed, \$65.00; amount deducted, .40; amount allowed, \$64.60.

John W. DeWolf, assigned to C. D. Stebbins, justice bill, amount claimed, \$30.65; amount allowed, \$30.65.

Martin Van Deveren, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$6.60; amount deducted, \$1.35; amount allowed, \$5.25.

Wallace J. Raven, justice bill, amount claimed, \$9.37; amount deducted, .20; amount allowed, \$9.17.

William Snyder, service as court officer, amount claimed, \$3.30; amount deducted, .80; amount allowed, \$2.50.

M. O. Collins, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$14.25; amount allowed, \$14.25.

John W. Holcomb, justice bill, amount claimed, \$41.15; amount allowed, \$41.15.

John J. Byrne, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$19.35; amount allowed, \$19.35.

Henry Colwell, constable bill, amount claimed, \$3.10; amount deducted .30; amount allowed, \$2.80.

Henry A. Hydorn, assigned to C. L. Harvey, justice bill, amount claimed, \$10.30; amount allowed, \$10.30.

Respectfully submitted, FRANK LADNER, L. E. PAIGE, JAMES WARD, C. H. SMITH, JAMES HILL, Committee.

The committee on claims made the following report and on motion of Mr. Loomis the same was adopted and the accounts allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee on claims have examined the following claims against the county, and recommend their allowance as follows: Ballard & Field, burial of deceased indigent soldier, amount claimed, \$25; amount allowed, \$25.

Kopf Bros., burial of deceased indigent soldier, amount claimed, \$38.15; amount allowed, \$38.15.

Leppink & Co., fuel for court house, amount claimed, \$471.33; amount allowed, \$471.33.

Leppink & Co., fuel for court house, amount claimed, \$208.17; amount allowed, \$208.17.

Leonard Sons & Co., maps of old court house, amount claimed, \$2.25; amount allowed, \$2.25.

Adolph Leitelt Iron works, repairs at jail, amount claimed, \$5.80; amount allowed, \$5.80.

A. Durfee & Co., burial of deceased indigent soldiers, amount claimed, \$22; amount allowed, \$22.

O'Brien Bros., burial of deceased indigent soldiers (less duplicate \$40), amount claimed, \$120; amount deducted, \$40; amount allowed, \$80.

H. O. Schermernhorn, services on committee on public buildings, amount claimed, \$34; amount added, 50 cents; amount allowed, \$34.50.

C. E. Hogadone, services in three insane cases, amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

Nichol D. Emmons, services in insane case, amount claimed, \$8.40; amount allowed, \$8.40.

Nichol D. Emmons, services on committee on poor house building committee, amount claimed, \$241.70; amount allowed, \$241.70.

Studley & Barclay, supplies at court house, amount claimed, \$4.20; amount allowed, \$4.20.

William Robertson, repairs at jail, amount claimed, \$95.70; amount allowed, \$33.70.

Grand Rapids Herald, publishing proceedings and advertising, amount claimed, \$40.50; amount allowed, \$40.50.

Grand Rapids Democrat, advertising, amount claimed, \$48.90; amount deducted, \$16.40; amount allowed, \$32.50.

S. A. Norman, cement for court house, amount claimed, 90 cents; amount allowed, 90 cents.

R. D. Comstock, services as circuit court commissioner, amount claimed, \$1; amount allowed, \$1.

H. M. Joy M. D., expert testimony, amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

Foster, Stevens & Co., supplies for county building, amount claimed, \$27.89; amount allowed, \$27.89.

Martin D. Gardner, burial of deceased indigent soldier, amount claimed, \$29.91; amount deducted, \$33.50; amount allowed, \$38.41.

S. S. Ingram, M. D., postmortem examination, amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

Respectfully submitted, F. E. SKEELS, F. H. GILL, BENJ. J. LEE, C. N. HYDE, A. LINDERMULDER, Committee.

The same committee reported back to the board the claim of the city of Grand Rapids for \$709.65, and recommended that the same be allowed at \$412.07.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the report was adopted, and the account allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

The same committee reported back the claim of H. J. Chambers, county drain commissioner, and recommended that the same be referred to the special committee on drains to ascertain and report whether or not the same is correct.

On motion the report was adopted. The special order of the day being reached, viz: The motion made by Mr. Gill, that the chairman of this board be authorized and directed to sign a petition on behalf of this board asking that the alley south of the court house be paved with cedar blocks, the same was considered, and Mr. Frost moved as a substitute that the clerk be instructed to draft a petition asking that the alley south of the court house be paved with asphalt, that the chairman of three be appointed to circulate said petition.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the subject matter was made the special order for tomorrow.

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

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

THURSDAY, Oct. 20, 1902. 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.

A communication was read from the board of health of the city of Grand Rapids calling attention to the sanitary condition of the county jail, and on motion of Mr. Emmons the same was referred to the committee on public buildings.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Jones the same was accepted and adopted: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County, Gentlemen: At a session of the board held April 19 last a committee consisting of the court house building committee, together with Messrs. Skeels, Hogadone, Colson, Page and Ulrich, was instructed and empowered to make all necessary preparations for the public dedication of the court house building July 4. Your committee was also authorized to select five citizens to act with us in the above matter. Your committee then invited Messrs. F. H. Gill, E. B. Fisher, E. F. Uhl, G. F. Briggs and C. L. Harvey to act with us, and each accepted our invitation and aided in making the arrangements complete and successful.

There was expended under the direction of the committee pertaining to the public exercises of the Fourth of July opening of the building amounts as follows: Decorating the building with flags, draping, etc., \$75 00

Floral display, Renwick & Co., 25 00

Vocal music, Schubert club, 24 00

Instrumental music, band and orchestra, 150 00

Engraving out of building, Grand Rapids Engraving Co. and Grand Rapids Electrotype Co., 18 00

Badges, Valley City Engraving Co., 42 75

Printing notices in city and county newspapers, 47 50

One large flag, Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co., 29 00

Printing invitations, programs and souvenirs, 104 75

Total, \$513 40

Respectfully submitted, R. B. LOOMIS, L. E. PAIGE, JAMES HILL, W. D. FROST, S. T. COLSON, M. J. URICH, CHAS. E. HOGADONE, J. T. GORDON, F. E. SKEELS, CORNELIUS L. HARVEY, F. H. GILL, General Committee on Dedication of Court House.

The following report was read and, on motion of Mr. Benjamin, the same was adopted: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee on education, to whom was referred the communication of the Richmond & Backus company with samples of toy sheets and pool books, and recommending their use at the coming general election, report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the matter be left with each township to purchase or use the same if they so desire.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Ulrich the same was adopted: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee on finance to whom was referred the communication from S. S. Bailey relative to correcting the tax records in the county treasurer's office have investigated the same and find that the defects in the records are mostly in the years 1835 to 1856, since which time they have been kept so as to show the true condition of taxes.

As these defects appear only in the earlier records, mainly in those of over forty years ago, and the expense of correcting them would be large, your committee believe that the expense should not be incurred at present.

Respectfully submitted, S. T. COLSON, E. C. WOODWORTH, WILLIAM F. O'LEARY, Committee on Finance. C. D. STEBBINS, County Treasurer.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Solomon the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the petition of L. S. Provin that he be refunded a certain tax, \$211.74, which he had paid on a part of lot 13, A. Campau's plat, for the year 1887, the said lot having been assessed \$5,000 instead of \$500, as intended, would recommend that the board direct the supervisor of the eleventh ward to spread the sum of \$198.40 upon the tax roll of said ward, this being the difference between the intended tax, \$13.34, and the amount paid by the petitioner, \$211.74, and when the same shall have been collected that it be paid over to L. S. Provin.

Respectfully submitted, F. E. SKEELS, Supervisor Eleventh Ward, H. O. SCHERMERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN, FREEMAN LATHROP, Committee on Rejected Taxes.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Frost the same was adopted: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County: Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of G. Polderman, who was the owner of north half lot 11 and 3 feet north and south by 50 feet east and west, in the northeast corner corner south half lot 11, block 2, Witney's addition, which was marked poor on the assessor's books for the year 1887, but was sold for taxes and bought in by M. J. Kolts, to whom the said Polderman paid the sum of \$17.67 to obtain a quit claim deed, would recommend that the supervisor of the Tenth ward be instructed by this board to spread a tax to the amount of \$17.67 upon the roll of said ward, and when collected that the same be paid to G. Polderman.

Respectfully submitted, A. LINDERMULDER, Supervisor of Tenth Ward, H. O. SCHERMERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN, FREEMAN LATHROP, Committee on Rejected Taxes.

Resolutions adopted by Sparta Grange No. 340 P. of H. were read, asking the board to cause to be published in its official proceedings the cost of building and furnishing the new court house, including the amount paid the supervising architect, and the amount paid the building committee, also the bonded and floating debt of Kent county, and the purposes for which these debts were contracted, and on motion of Mr. Paige the same were referred to the committee on finance.

The special order of the day being reached, viz: the motions made by Messrs. Gill and Frost relative to the paving of the alley south of the court house, the same were considered.

On motion of Mr. Gill, the subject matter was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Leppink offered the following resolution: Whereas, it appears from the first ward assessment roll that there has been a double assessment in the case of A. D. Hendricks on lot 4, Godfrey's addition, on which the said A. D. Hendricks paid an excessive tax of \$15.22, together with the interest on the same for one year, \$1.05, making a total of \$16.27, and that the same be paid over to the said A. D. Hendricks when collected.

Mr. Leppink moved that the resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Loomis moved as a substitute that the resolution be referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of the first ward. Carried.

Mr. Benjamin moved that the board in a body visit the county jail immediately after adjournment. Carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the board took a recess for ten minutes, after which, upon being called to order, on motion of Mr. Skeels the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

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