

# Proceedings of Commissioners

Choteau, Mont., Dec. 6, 1915.  
Board met in regular session at its office at 10 a. m. Present, Chairman Henry Radcliffe and Commissioners Ernest A. Savory and Martin Jacobson and the clerk. Absent, none.

Minutes of regular November meeting and special meetings of December 3 and 4 were read and approved.

Board proceeded to examine reports of county, township and district officers for the month and quarter ending November 30, 1915. The following were approved:

E. C. Garrett, county clerk. Report of warrants issued in payment of salaries of county officers and authorized deputies for the month of November, amounting to \$3,543.78 on contingent fund and \$100.00 (janitor) on general fund. Also the following under orders heretofore made by the board.

### ROAD FUND

Hirshberg Bros., assignee labor engine crew No. 2, \$119.81  
Joe Bolsmo, graderman, same 73.08  
Miles Dotson, engineer, same 146.13  
Earl R. Aiken, foreman and team, same, 270.25  
Leonard Zichrison, assistant surveyor, 100.00  
E. C. Garrett, county clerk. Quarterly report of official fees collected and paid treasurer, amounting to \$1,750.05.

James Gibson, clerk district court. Quarterly report of official fees collected and paid treasurer, amounting to \$651.25.

James Gibson, clerk district court. Report of certificates issued in payment of jurors and witnesses, September and November term of court, amounting to \$2,174.60 for jurors and \$2,160.00 for witnesses, a total of \$4,334.60.

William Miller, sheriff. Quarterly report of official fees collected and paid treasurer, amounting to \$605.18.

William Miller, sheriff. Report of jail boarders for month of November, 1915. Warrant ordered for costs incurred as follows:

William Miller, sheriff, board of prisoners, \$83.50

Nellie R. Brown, superintendent of schools. Quarterly report showing approved and warrants ordered for teachers examination held, and other transactions of office; also showing \$66.00 fees collected and paid treasurer. Also new school districts established, with boundaries as follows:

### BERNDT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22

Beginning at southeast corner northeast quarter section 13, township 23 north, range 1 west; thence north 3 1/2 miles to northeast corner section 36, township 24 north, range 1 west; thence west 5 miles to northwest corner section 32, same township; thence south 4 miles to southwest corner section 17, township 23 north, range 1 west; thence east 3 miles to southeast corner section 15, same township; thence north 1/2 mile to northeast corner southwest quarter, section 24, same township; thence east two miles to point of beginning.

### WANISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29

Beginning at northwest corner section 5, township 23 north, range 7 west; thence 6 miles to southwest corner of section 32, same township; thence 5 miles east to southeast corner of section 36, same township; thence 7 miles to northeast corner section 36, township 24 north, range 7 west; thence 3 1/2 miles west to northwest corner of northeast quarter section 33, same township; thence 1 mile south to southwest corner southeast quarter section 33, same township; thence 1 1/2 miles west to the point of beginning.

### COOK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Beginning at northeast corner, section 2, township 24 north, range 6 west; thence 7 miles west to northwest corner section 2, township 24 north, range 7 west; thence south 2 miles to northwest corner section 11, same township; thence east 2 miles to southeast corner section 12, same township; thence south 3 miles to southeast corner section 25, same township; thence east 7 miles to southwest corner section 30, township 24 north, range 5 west; thence north 3 miles to northeast corner section 18, same township; thence west 1 mile to southeast corner section 12, township 24 north, range 6 west; thence north 1 mile to southeast corner section 12, same township; thence north 1 mile to original point of beginning.

### DEAVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41

Beginning at southeast corner section 24, township 27 north, range 6 west; thence west 6 miles to southwest corner section 19, same township; thence north 1 mile to northwest corner, section 19, same township; thence west 3 miles to southwest corner section 15, township 27 north, range 7 west; thence north 1 1/2 miles to northwest corner section 15, township 28 north, range 6 west; thence south 5 1/2 miles to original point of beginning.

mile to northwest corner section 15, same township; thence west 3 miles to southwest corner section 7, same township; thence north 3 1/2 miles to northwest corner southwest quarter section 30, township 28 north, range 7 west; thence east 12 miles to northeast corner southeast quarter section 25, township 28 north, range 6 west; thence south 5 1/2 miles to original point of beginning.

### KINDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 - JOINT WITH TOOLE COUNTY

Beginning at northeast corner section 6, township 35 north, range 4 west; thence west 4 miles to northwest corner section 3, township 35 north, range 5 west; thence south 4 miles to southwest corner section 22, same township; thence east 4 miles to southeast corner section 19, township 35 north, range 4 west; thence north 4 miles to original point of beginning.

The following changes in boundaries of school districts were also made.

### RACHAU DISTRICT NO. 34 AND CONRAD DISTRICT NO. 10

Section 4, 33, 28, 21, 16 and 9 and west half northwest quarter section 22, township 29 north, range 2 west, and section 4, township 28 north, range 2 west were transferred from Rachau district No. 34 to Conrad district No. 10.

### MARIAS DISTRICT NO. 3 AND CONRAD DISTRICT NO. 10

Sections 15, 16, 17 and 18, township 30 north, range 3 west were transferred from Marias district No. 3 to Conrad district No. 10.

John J. Greene, county attorney. Quarterly report showing no county funds collected.

H. W. Kelly, poor farm contractor. Quarterly report showing inmates cared for as follows:

September, 7; October, 9; November, 9.

A number of warrants having remained unclaimed for over one year were cancelled.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Board reassembled at 2 p. m. All members present.

Board continued examination of officers' reports. The following were approved and warrants ordered for costs incurred:

J. E. DeHaas, F. H. Federhen, Chas. N. Thomas, Frank E. Vandemark, Jr., and B. J. Mathews, justices of the peace. Reports of actions tried; also fees collected and paid treasurer, as follows: F. H. Federhen, \$10.00; Chas. N. Thomas, \$20.00.

Agreement was entered into with the United States Bridge Co. for the construction of a combination wood-truss bridge and approaches over Sunriver near Lowry, according to plans and specifications, on a percentage basis of cost plus 10 per cent; cost not to exceed \$4,500.00; Cascade county to pay half cost.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. December 7, 1915.

### SECOND DAY

December 7, 1915. Board met at 10 a. m. All members present.

Board audited claims against the county in which business the whole of the forenoon was taken up.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

L. A. Foot was appointed trustee of the county free high school for the remainder of the term ending on third Saturday in April 1918, vice J. G. Bair, deceased.

J. I. Cain was appointed justice of the peace for Choteau township to fill vacancy for the remainder of the term ending on the first Monday of January, 1917.

Board continued auditing claims against the county in which business the remainder of the afternoon was taken up.

### THIRD DAY

December 8, 1915. Board met at 10 a. m. All members present.

Petitions were presented for new roads and changes in roads, and board appointed viewers thereon, as follows: Gorder East Road No. 234, beginning at northeast corner section 36, township 31 north, range 4 west; thence west to southeast corner southwest quarter southwest quarter section 25; thence in a northwesterly direction to northwest corner southwest quarter section 25; thence west 1/2 mile to southeast corner section 12, township 24 north, range 6 west; thence north 1/4 mile to southeast corner section 27; thence 3 1/2 miles to connect with roads No. 76 and 339. C. N. Ward, county surveyor, O. B. Scott and R. M. Sauer, viewers.

Barber North Road No. 224, beginning at southeast corner section 16, township 29 north, range 4 west; thence north 1 mile to northeast corner, same section. C. N. Ward, county surveyor, Earl Aiken and George E. Sullivan, viewers.

Huseth Road No. 218, beginning at a point on Choteau-Power road at southeast corner section 3, township 22 north, range 2 west; thence north

7 miles to connect with road No. 320 at northeast corner section 3, township 23 north, range 2 west. C. N. Ward, county surveyor, Sam Ness and Nels Landsverk, viewers.  
Sanborn East Road No. 196. Board awarded Gus Lehr \$15.00 for small change to be made in said road through his lands, same to be paid on filing of proper right of way deed with the county clerk.  
Adjourned to 2 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Board reassembled at 2 p. m. All members present.

Board then continued auditing claims against the county, in which business the whole of the afternoon was taken up.

### FOURTH DAY

December 9, 1915. Board met at 10 a. m. All members present.

Board then proceeded in company with county surveyor and William Hodgkiss to inspect proposed change of Choteau-Augusta road through Hodgkiss lands, in which business the whole forenoon was taken up.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Board reassembled at 2 p. m. All members present.

Board proceeded with county surveyor to inspect new bridge across Muddy creek on Choteau-Valley road, built by C. W. Wymer, returning at 4 p. m. Bridge was accepted by the board.

The following petition for change of road was presented and board appointed C. N. Ward, county surveyor, A. J. Cowell and E. J. Roberson as viewers.

Change of Willow Creek, Deep Creek and North Fork of Sun River Road No. 238. Beginning at about southwest corner southeast quarter northwest quarter section 6, township 23 north, range 5 west, thence east 1/4 mile; thence north 1/4 mile to connect with Choteau-Belleview road.

Salary of assistant surveyor was fixed at \$110.00, effective January 1, 1916.

Board then continued auditing claims against the county, in which business the remainder of the afternoon was taken up.

### FIFTH DAY

December 10, 1915. Board met at 10 a. m. All members present.

CONRAD-WILCOX ROAD NO. 54-B. Board rescinded award of \$125.00 heretofore made to Roberts and Richards, for right of way for said road, and made following awards to their successors in interest: Evan D. Jones, \$62.50; Ben C. Johnson, \$62.50.

Upon affidavits submitted and other proper showing, board directed the treasurer to make the following refunds of taxes paid under protest, by reason of erroneous assessments:

Mrs. B. A. Beem; personal property not in county March 1, 1915, \$17.00; J. J. Boorman, Power; over-assessment on valuation of \$950 for merchandise.

L. G. Brooks; personal property not in county March 1, 1915; valuation \$485.

George A. Clarke; special school taxes assessed for district No. 12; property being in district No. 3; \$7.20.

W. L. DuBols; on valuation for mortgages of \$555, mortgages paid prior to March 1, 1915.

Pear C. Feland; on valuation of 40 acres for 1915, same relinquished to U. S.

Freebry Bros.; over-assessment of \$1850 for engine and machinery.

H. T. Johnson, on valuation for mortgages of \$2,000; mortgages paid prior to March 1, 1915.

Johnson & McKinstry; on valuation for mortgages, \$70; mortgages paid prior to March 1, 1915.

Sivrin Jansen; on valuation of \$70 for one horse.

J. E. Hilton; valuation of machinery to be reduced \$4,000.

Malone & Grimes; over-assessment of 1200 lambs.

Martha Pevoy; on valuation of 40 acres for 1915; same relinquished to U. S.

James Stanford; 40 acres to be assessed as dry land instead of irrigated land.

Mathias Tetrad; on valuation for mortgages of \$770; mortgages paid prior to March 1, 1915.

F. E. Vale; on valuation of \$500 for one engine not purchased until April 12, 1915.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

A. C. Blake, assessment for \$205 on personal property, also road and poor taxes, to be collected, he being a resident of Toole county.

Phil I. Cole; personal property taxes of Marshall Stearns for 1912 and 1913 assessed with land, to be segregated.

A. H. Gamble, agent for C. A. Austad; \$8.89 to be refunded; 40 acres erroneously assessed.

Arthur D. Johnson; taxes to be refunded on valuation of \$2,680.70 on mortgages, same being offset by his indebtedness.

H. L. Halladay; taxes on valuation of \$560 for 8 work horses to be refunded, horses being assessed to E. P. Halladay.

Matthe-McKenzie Merc. Co.; taxes to be refunded on valuation of \$1,712, mortgages paid prior to March 1, 1915.

H. F. Guth; by L. M. McDonnell, agent; delinquent taxes for 1912 and 1913 to be cancelled on lots 1 to 26 block 14, 25 of lots 1 2 7, block 15, 2-5 of lots 3 to 8, block 16, Guth's second addition to Shelby; said lots belonging to Great Northern Railway company and having been erroneously assessed to said H. F. Guth.

Rangwald G. Strand; assessment for 1914 to be cancelled on valuation of \$805 for 160 acres, same being held under U. S. reclamation act.

Valley Army association; assessment for 1915 on lots 18, 19 and 20, block 59, town of Valier, and improvements, to be cancelled, except for town special improvement taxes, said association being a charitable institution.

### LUBEC PRECINCT NO. 31

Board then changed boundaries of Lubec voting precinct No. 31 to be as follows:

All that portion of Teton county lying in the following described boundaries; beginning at a point where the north line of the right of way of the Great Northern railway intersects with the western boundary of the Blackfoot Indian reservation; thence in a southwesterly direction following the north line of the railroad right of way to its intersection with the western boundary of Teton county; thence in a southeasterly direction along the western boundary of Teton county to the head waters of the north fork of Birch creek; thence meandering down north fork of Birch creek to its intersection with the western boundary of the Blackfoot Indian reservation; thence in a north and northwesterly direction along said west boundary of the Blackfoot Indian reservation to the point of beginning. Also lot 6, south half of southeast quarter southwest quarter of section 7; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, east half northwest quarter, northeast quarter southwest quarter and west half of southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 18, township 31 north, range 12 west, southeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter section 12, east half northeast quarter, east half of west half northeast quarter, east half of southwest quarter northeast quarter, east half of southeast quarter northwest quarter, east half of northeast quarter southeast quarter section 13, all in township 31 north, range 13 west.

Board made no apportionment of the road fund to the several road districts for the quarter ending February 29, 1916, and directed that, unless otherwise ordered by a member of the board, the supervisors do only such road work as may be necessary to keep the roads free from obstructions, and also that supervisors use special care in forthwith repairing breaks in bridges and removing obstructions that might cause accidents.

Adjourned to 10 a. m., December 11.

### SIXTH DAY

December 11, 1916. Board met at 10 a. m. All members present.

Board continued auditing claims against the county in which business the whole forenoon was taken up.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Board reassembled at 2 p. m. All members present.

The whole afternoon was taken up in the direction of various road and bridge matters.

### SEVENTH DAY

December 13, 1915. Board met at 10 a. m. All members present.

Board then opened sealed proposals for county work for the year 1916. Bids were submitted by the following named parties:

For care and burial of poor: W. H. Cline, W. L. Barrett, Ed. Dennis, Harry Sears and A. M. Walley.

For medical attendance and board of health work: Rhoads & Bateman, H. J. McGregor.

For board of health work: C. D. Powell, E. F. Dixon.

Action on bids deferred until afternoon session.

Application was presented of Ben

Felst for reissuance of retail liquor license at Collins. Board fixed January 11, 1916 as day for hearing on same.

Board, considering that the requirements of the county could best be so served, ordered, that the time of convening all regular meetings hereafter be the second Tuesday of every month.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Board reassembled at 2 p. m. All members present.

Board appointed Gay Franklin as court house janitor at the salary of \$100 per month, to serve during the pleasure of the board.

Board directed sheriff to take census of towns of Agawam, Bole, Collins and Power and also report the number of sleeping rooms in hotels in which intoxicating liquors are sold, in said towns, in order that Chapter 87 of the Montana session laws of 1915 may be strictly complied with.

County Assessor John L. Lundgren was granted 10 days leave of absence with permission to leave the state.

Board, considering the following the lowest and best bids for county work for the year 1916, awarded contracts as follows:

Harry Sears, for care of poor, per diem per capita, \$1.00 for six inmates or less; .80 for 12 or more than 6; .70 for 18 or more than 12; for burial of paupers, \$30.00 per capita. Contractor to furnish bond in sum of \$1,000.

Rhoads & Bateman, for medical attendance and board of health work; same to be divided as follows:

H. T. Rhoads, medical attendance, \$498; H. W. Bateman, county health work, \$400. Separate contracts to be furnished for each class of work, and contractors to furnish bond in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Chairman was authorized to sign contracts for county work when same are completed.

Chairman was authorized to approve and sign county clerk's annual report for the physical year ending November 30, 1915, when same is completed.

Ordered, that clerk draw warrants in payment of January semi-annual interest on county bonds, as follows: sinking fund, \$1350; court house bond fund, \$900; road and bridge bond fund, \$2500.

Board then adjourned sine die.

### Regular December Term, 1915

During the session warrants were ordered drawn as follows:

### GENERAL FUND

William Miller, board of prisoners, \$85.50

Chas. N. Thomas, justice of the peace fees, 49.50

J. E. DeHaas, same, 26.00

Frank E. Van Demark, Jr., same, 5.00

F. H. Federhen, same, 8.50

B. J. Mathews, same, 10.00

John Cashman, witness, justice of the peace court, 3.90

Geo. W. Christie, same, 5.50

J. B. Talloss, same, 5.50

Mrs. Leo Weisner, same, 3.90

Geo. Nulph, same, 3.90

August Kropp, same, 3.90

Henry Kropp, same, 3.90

John Tegan, same, 1.50

Paul Warfel, same, 3.90

H. McCullough, same	120.97
John Pederson, same	2.38
Hubbard Abstract Co., transcripts, land office	55.70
E. C. Garrett, postage	12.30
Montana Transfer Co., hauling	2.80
John A. Gleason, same	10.00
James Chapman, bailiff	6.00
Montana State College, services county agriculturist	100.00
Peerless Handcuff Co., handcuffs	12.00
H. P. Jackson, transcript	13.95
Naomi Ledgerwood, transcript	12.75
James K. Lang, expense, humane officer	41.85
F. S. Doege, final payment court house work	2033.66
Frank Gillan, same	480.50
Frank Gillan, same	160.70
Geo. H. Shanley, inspecting plumbing	45.00
G. A. Boutilier, superintending construction	180.00
Chris S. Hanson, painting warehouse	45.00
Beaupre House, dinner for jurors	6.50
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E. D. Forrest, auto hire	15.00
Total	\$5071.26

### ROAD FUND

H. A. Rose, supervisor's work \$156.50

Roy McNeal, same, 60.00

Albert Ecklor, same, 85.50

William Wallace, same, 36.00

William J. O'Brien, same, 21.00

Harry King, same, 64.00

W. J. Collins, same, 90.50

Andrew Tetrad, same, 136.00

Geo. K. Wood, same, 60.50

Chris Flitenborg, same, 90.00

Aif. Wagnlid, same, 42.75

Henry Burrell, same, 297.00

Earl Gilson, same, 213.50

William Kauffman, same, 48.50

C. O. Reiquam, same, 135.50

W. P. Andrews, same, 25.25

T. J. Riordan, same, 41.00

O. S. Forseth, same, 10.00

John J. Pfeiffer, same, 75.90

O. B. Scott, same, 51.00

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J.