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FATHERS HAVE FINISHED

Good Volume of Work Transacted at Last Session of County Board.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session pursuant to Sec. 374 of the Political Code on March 2nd, 1908. Present: H. Dion, chairman; H. Mullendore and John P. Madors, members and R. L. Wyratt, clerk. The meeting was duly proclaimed by the sheriff.

On motion the chairman is hereby authorized to sign the acceptance of the Yellowstone River Bridge when the same has been completed according to contract. Also to sign a warrant for the balance which will then be due for same.

On motion the Upper Seven Mile Creek Bridge is hereby accepted and the surety bond released.

On motion the board commenced the examination of the treasurer's accounts. The hour of noon having arrived the board took a recess until 1:30.

Board reconvened with all present. The examination of the treasurer's accounts was resumed. The hour of 5 having arrived the board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m.

March 3rd, 1908.

The board met pursuant to yesterday's adjournment with all members and clerk present. The meeting was duly proclaimed by the sheriff.

The examination of the books of the several county officers was continued. The hour of noon having arrived the board took a recess until 2 p. m. The board reconvened with all members and clerk present. The examination of the records and accounts was resumed. The hour of

5 p. m. having arrived the board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m.

March 4th, 1908.

The board met pursuant to yesterday's adjournment with all members and clerk present. The meeting was duly proclaimed by the sheriff. The board having at this time completed the examination of the treasurer's accounts and books and records of the county clerk and other officers, find that the receipts for the quarter ending Feb. 29th, 1908 were \$9,859.21, and the disbursements for the quarter \$65,562.55; and W. H. Frank, county treasurer; T. F. Hagan, cashier of the First National Bank of Glendive; C. A. Banker, cashier of the Exchange Bank of Glendive; E. J. Armstrong, assistant cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Glendive; and P. A. Fischer, cashier of the First National Bank of Wibaux, being duly sworn as to the amount of county monies in their possession respectively, at the close of office hours, Feb. 29th, 1908, say as follows:

First National Bank of Glendive	\$22,385.70
Merchants' National Bank of Glendive	20,785.48
First National Bank of Wibaux	14,318.85
Exchange Bank of Glendive	22,595.87
Cash in treasurer's vault	40.73
Checks outstanding on all banks	240.59
On motion Wm. Lindsay, J. C. Taylor and L. C. Faltermeyer are	

duly appointed as trustees of the Dawson County Free High School for a period of two years.

On motion J. C. Kinney, S. H. Stambaugh and F. J. Stipek are duly appointed as trustees of the Wibaux cemetery for a period of 5 years, 4 years and 3 years respectively in the order named.

The hour of noon having arrived the board took a recess until 2 p. m. At 2 p. m. the board reconvened with all members and clerk present.

On motion the following named persons were duly appointed as road supervisors of their respective districts: 1. Wm. Easton. 2. Geo. C. Mitchell. 3. B. F. Peer. 4. Wm. Bell. 5. Wm. Henderson. 6. Don Graham. 7. Joe Wester. 8. Guy Fish. 9. Fred Rong. 10. Peter Rorvik. 11. C. C. Narum. 12. Fred W. Barker. 13. H. Griffith. 14. John Reynolds. 15. J. Fred Foster. 16. Wm. Hastay. 17. C. T. Stanhope. 18. C. H. Porter. 19. Sam Gable. 20. J. M. Calvin. 21. W. W. Wood.

On motion Road District No. 17, is created and established by including all that part of the laid and established highway between the north line of Twp. 24. and the north county line.

On motion Road District No. 18, is created by including all that part of the laid and established highway between the mouth of Benny Peer Creek and Shadwell-Smith Creek divide.

On motion Road District No. 19, is created by including all that part of the laid out and established highway between Shadwell-Smith Creek divide and south line of Twp. 18.

On motion Road District No. 20, is created by including all public highway in Twp. 16 and 17 of ranges 58, 60.

On motion Road District No. 21, is created by including all that part of the public highway from Upper Seven Mile Creek bridge to the Red

Water divide on what is known as the Glendive-Jordan road.

The hour of 5 p. m. having arrived the board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m.

March 5th, 1908.

The board met pursuant to yesterday's adjournment. All members and clerk present. The meeting was duly proclaimed by the sheriff.

Petition for change in road running through Sec. 31, Twp. 17, N. R., 56 E. known as the low bottom road was read and E. S. Baer, Geo. B. Williams and Joe Eizenbart duly appointed to view said road and report on the same according to law.

Petition for change in road running through Sections 28 and 33, Twp. 17, N. R., 56 E., was read and E. S. Baer, Geo. B. Williams and Joe Eizenbart duly appointed to view said proposed change and report on the same according to law.

Petition for Road No. — to be established between Sec. 2, and 3, Twp. 22, N. R., 59 was read and Albert Kelch, Joseph Long and Frank Miller were duly appointed to view said road and report on the same according to law.

On motion petition for the establishing of a highway between Sections 6 and 7, 5 and 3, 4 and 9, 3 and 10, 2 and 11, 1 and 12, in Twp. 14, N. R., 59 E., was read and laid over for future consideration.

Petition for road No. — for the establishing of a public highway beginning at the S. W. corner, Sec. 6, Twp. 14, N. R., 60 E., and the S. E. corner Sec. 1, Twp. 14, N. R., 59 E. The north between sections to the S. E. corner Twp. 15, N. R., 59 E. and the S. W. corner of Twp. 15-60, thence east along the township line between Twp. 14 and 15, Range 60 E., thence east along the township line between Twp. 14 and 15, Range 60 E., and Twp. 14 and 15, Range 61, to the east line of the State of Montana, was read and the board knowing the facts pertaining to the laying of said road and the conditions of the land over which said road passes as petitioned for and knowing that the same is practicable therefore ordered and declared that said petition be approved and road established as petitioned for and declared a public highway of the county.

The road petition requesting the laying out and establishing a highway Twp. 23, N. R., 59 E., was read and the board finding that said road is now a public highway of the county by use and travel as provided by the session Laws of 1903, clerk is instructed to notify Mr. Chas. Lovering to that effect.

In the matter of J. K. Gibbs for rebate of taxes for the year 1906 the board finds that Mr. Gibbs signed the list of taxable property in person for 4,250 yearly and the clerk is instructed to notify Mr. Gibbs that the board cannot grant the rebate asked for.

On motion the annual financial statement as compiled by the county clerk and recorder for the year 1907 was approved and ordered filed.

The petition of Bert A. Betty for a license to run a saloon at Sidney, was read and approved and the county treasurer instructed to issue the same for a period of six months.

The hour of noon having arrived the board took a recess until 2 p. m. At 2 p. m. the board reconvened. All members and clerk present.

On separate motion, the following bills were audited as follows:—

No. 5327, John Bamber, gravel for road, disallowed	\$142.20
No. 5680, John Bamber, gravel for road, disallowed	200.00
No. 6015 J. H. Conklin, work on road (assigned to Bank of the Valley) was read and laid over until the next regular session and the clerk instructed to send said claim to B. F. Peer to have the same O. K.	

The board resumed the auditing of the claims filed against the county.

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BIG TIMBER FIRE SWEEP

Sweet Grass County Capital Experiences Blaze That Baffles City Firemen.

Helena, March 13.—Two score business houses and as many private residences were destroyed by fire in Big Timber today, entailing a loss estimated at half a million, according to reports received here tonight. From 10 o'clock this morning until late this afternoon the fire raged, and it was only when everything in its path had been wiped out that it ceased.

Heroic efforts were made when it first started to get under control, but a terrific gale was blowing from the east. The high wind carried great masses of burning material long distances, and at noon half a dozen different houses, some separated by 500 feet, were burning. When it was finally realized that the resources of the town were not sufficient to cope with the flames, word was telephoned to Livingston for assistance.

A special train was made up and apparatus and men were sent in response to the appeal. They did all possible, but against the wind and the start the fire had, their efforts were almost futile. The latest report received here in regard to those whose places of business were destroyed gives this list:

Douthett cold storage plant, Browning Mercantile company, Citizens' State bank, J. A. Elliott's grocery, A. E. Walker, general store; L. G. Wood's jewelry store, W. P. Mulholland, the Carroll hotel.

The fire started in a rubbish heap and is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a locomotive. The first place to burn was the cold storage plant, and the wind carried brands to other structures. It was nearly 6 o'clock when word was received here that the fire was under control. Among other places destroyed was the Central telephone office.

Livingston, March 13.—The most disastrous fire that ever visited Big Timber broke out at 11 o'clock today and before it was brought under control three-fourths of the business portion of the town was in ashes and more than 300 people had been rendered homeless. Never in any community did people work more heroically to save their little city from the fire fiend than did the residents of Big Timber during the seven hours that the fire raged today. The wind blew a gale and it was a common occurrence for the flames to leap a full block, lapping up dwelling after dwelling and finally attacking the business portion of the town. Here the real fight was made and it was not until the fire fighters were carried from the street that they desisted from the work of trying to check the flames.

Early in the struggle and soon after control of the fire had been lost, Livingston was called on for assistance. A special train was run from Livingston and arrived in time for Livingston fire department to render great help. The fire fighters worked under the greatest disadvantage because of want of water, and at times the wells and tanks were entirely exhausted.

The fire started at the Northern Pacific stockyards and from there caught a dwelling in the outskirts of town. From thence it was carried from house to house until, finally, the business portion was reached.

The big department store of Dier-Browning company was first attacked and from this the fire spread to the ad-

acent business blocks on both sides of the street. The fire swept for more than a block wide through the center of the town, wiping out all before it, and then backed through again, destroying the remaining blocks in that part. At this juncture the Livingston fire department arrived and with one additional 200 feet of hose succeeded in placing a new stream on the flames with good effect.

The last stand was made at the stone bank building of the Big Timber National bank. There the flames were checked completely and the northern portion of the town was saved. The loss will reach fully \$400,000, with about 50 per cent, insurance. The fire was no sooner subdued in one portion of the city than it broke out in another with increased fury. At one time it was burning in several parts of the town and in order to fight at all successfully it was necessary to divide the fighting force, in this manner weakening its efficiency at some points. At the time the big department store of Dier-Browning company was burning at its height and when it appeared that little could be done to save any part of it the people were horror-stricken to see flames break from three other large mercantile establishments and then it was believed the town was doomed, but the fight was not given up.

Men and women swarmed into the streets and gave a helping hand. Through the long afternoon they struggled on. Food was brought to the fighters as they stood in the face of the flames, and every assistance possible was rendered by every one in the town. The Grand hotel, the Kellogg department store and a few business structures adjacent were saved. This is all that is left of the several prosperous business streets of Big Timber and a wide path has been cut through the residence portion. More than 50 homes have been destroyed.

Livingston, March 14.—A careful investigation of the losses as a result of the Big Timber fire yesterday would indicate that the damage was underestimated when placed at \$400,000, and that the total damage and loss will reach at least a half million dollars.

The insurance, when comparison is made with the loss, is very light, and it is believed will not exceed \$100,000.

Many of the dwellings were uninsured, and it is learned that in two or three cases business houses also were without one dollar of insurance protection. Few business houses were insured to exceed 25 percent of the value on either contents or buildings. Many of the people lost everything and were without clothing except what they wore at the time of the fire.

Many lost everything they possessed and in a number of cases were without any insurance.

LOST

Span of bay mares, 5 and 6 years old, weighing about 1,500 each. Have been running on Red Water. The brand is J. C. on left hip and they have small white stars on their foreheads. A reward of \$50 is offered for their return.

J. L. CAWGER, Fairview, Mont.

GIRL WANTED.—Must be good cook. Good wages to the right one. Mrs. H. B. Hill, Mondak, Mont. 3 2t