

OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

Of Commissioners of Madison County.
Montana, Regular June Session
1895

FIRST DAY, JUNE 3.

The board of commissioners of said county met in regular session at the office of the county clerk, on Monday, June 3, 1895, at 10 a. m. Present: J. S. Crisman and Geo. Copp, commissioners, and also Joseph Smith, who had been heretofore to-wit: On the 22nd day of May, 1895, duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of the district court of said county, to the office of commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elmer F. Johnson, theretofore a member of the board; and the said Joseph Smith having heretofore filed his official bond and oath as a county commissioner, and being duly qualified, took his seat as a member of said board.

The board was called to order and effected an organization for the transaction of business by the election of Joseph Smith as chairman, vice E. F. Johnson, resigned.

The board proceeded to examine the books and accounts of the county treasurer for the last quarter. The list of licenses issued was compared with the stubs of licenses returned, found correct and ordered published. By which it appears that the treasurer has collected licenses for said quarter amounting to \$1717.11.

The register of orders issued by the county clerk in payment of jurors, witnesses and jury commissioners attending the last term of the district court was checked with the certificates issued by the clerk of the court, found correct and approved, and certificates cancelled. By which it appears that the county clerk has issued orders amounting to \$404.20.

The several county warrants, clerk's orders, district school orders and other vouchers presented by the treasurer for monies paid out, during the last quarter, were compared and checked with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk, and the several amounts thereof as represented by the county treasurer found correct, and all of said vouchers were cancelled. By which it appears that the treasurer has paid out the following sums for said quarter, viz:

Amount paid to state treasurer	\$ 719.95
Amount of county clerk's orders paid	38.49
do general fund warrants paid	215.50
do contingent fund do	463.19
do poor fund do	545.42
do road fund do	403.29
do district school orders paid	471.04
Amount paid treasurer town of Sheridan	13.92

The report of the county treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements for the last quarter, and the balances on hand in the several funds, was compared with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk, found correct, approved and ordered filed and entered in full upon the journal.

By which report it appears that the balances in the several funds are as follows, viz:

State fund	\$ 439.21
General fund	3346.19
Contingent fund	215.50
Poor fund	1522.61
Road fund	1371.29
Bridge fund	361.06
General School fund	49.97
District School funds	757.94
Shroyer estate	2.45

Total Amount in Treasury, \$22,262.05
Board adjourned to Tuesday the 4th inst.

SECOND DAY, JUNE 4.

Board met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Present, the same members as on yesterday.

The county superintendent of schools presented a petition by certain residents of School District No. 10, asking for a division of said district and the creation of a new district, the boundaries of such new district to be as follows:—Beginning at the northwest corner of section 20, in Tp. 5, S. R. 1, E., and running thence due east to the east boundary line of the county, such line to be the north boundary of proposed new district; and again, beginning at the said northwest corner of said section 20, and running due south to the southwest corner of section 17, in Tp. 6, S. R. 1, E.; thence due east to the east boundary line of the county, the last two described lines to be the west and south boundary lines, respectively, of said proposed new district. Which petition was endorsed by the county superintendent of schools as follows: I would recommend this district be established as described, to be known as Dist. No. 39, subject to decision of county commissioners.

June 4, 1895. DELLA L. HERNDON.

And the board having heard the statements of the county superintendent and of a number of said petitioners in support thereof, and having duly considered the remonstrance against such division, and it appearing that the division asked for is just and reasonable, on motion it was ordered that said petition be accepted and approved and the prayer thereof, and that said district be established as described in the petition.

The reports of the following named county officers were examined, viz: County clerk and recorder, clerk of the district court, sheriff and county assessor. By which it appears that the county clerk has earned as fees for the last quarter the sum of \$618.95, and that he has paid the same into the county treasury.

That the clerk of the court has earned as fees \$338.20 and has paid the same into the county treasury.

That the sheriff has earned as fees \$156.13 and has paid \$155.13 into the county treasury.

That the county assessor has collected poor tax \$390 and has paid the same into the county treasury.

Which said reports were approved and ordered filed.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Wednesday, the 5th inst.

THIRD DAY, JUNE 5.

Board met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same members as yesterday. The following accounts were audited and warrants ordered issued on the poor fund for the amounts allowed.

(See list of bills.)

The bill of Ras Rochester for clothing furnished for burial of Hugh Kelly, March 13, 1894, was continued to the next session it appearing that the estate of said Kelly, should be responsible for and pay such bill.

The bill of Mrs. Z. M. Allen for board of Woodruff and Jackson for last quarter, \$105, was reduced to \$100 as per contract.

Bill of E. A. Fletcher for care of Pellerin at rate of \$3.50 per day was reduced to \$3 per day.

Bill of Mrs. Jane Parke, for care of Mrs. Sarah Mull and child for last quarter in the sum of \$80.00, was disallowed and rejected. The services alleged to have been rendered not having been authorized by any member of the board.

Divers and sundry bills against the road fund were audited and warrants ordered issued on said fund for the amounts allowed.

(See list of bills.)

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Thursday, the 6th inst.

FOURTH DAY, JUNE 6.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday, and resumed examination of bills and accounts, and warrants ordered issued on the road fund for the amounts allowed.

(See list of bills.)

Bill of Alfred Cook for 8 days work on roads in district No. 1, at \$3 per day was reduced to \$2.50, that being the maximum amount allowed by law for extra labor upon the public roads.

The charge made in the bill of W. P. Grannis, superintendent district No. 13, for "warning out" men to work on the roads, in sum of \$11 was disallowed.

The bonds of the following named supervisors, filed since the last meeting of the board, appearing to be lawful as to form and sufficient as to sureties, were approved viz:

Patrick Carney, superintendent District No. 8	do	do	20
Amander Kimball, do	do	do	6
Amos Eastman, do	do	do	9
Geo H S. Smith, do	do	do	12
Chas E. Cornforth, do	do	do	12
W W Sowders, do	do	do	16
Geo T Sparrell, do	do	do	15
W P Girardin, do	do	do	13
W H Fitch, do	do	do	22

The bond of H. M. Fitch as justice of the peace was rejected; there being no date in body of bond showing time of execution, and no proper qualification of sureties as by the statutes of the state required.

The bond of William Farlin, as sup. of dist. No. 15, was rejected the bond being without date and the oath of office not having been taken as required by law.

The bond of G. A. Barnard as supervisor of Dist. No. 18, was likewise rejected there being no date in the bond and the sureties have not qualified.

Bond of Thos. L. Shaw as constable was rejected, bond having been made to "Madison county" instead of the "State of Montana" and is further defective in that the qualification of the sureties does not comply with the statute governing the same.

The petition for a road to run from Taylor's school house, across and through the Ruby valley, with the report of the viewers thereon, having remained in this office for two years or more without definite action thereon, having been had, and there being a grave doubt as to the authority of the board at this time to accept said petition and report and declare said road a county road, the said petition and report were rejected, and in view of the fact that such a road would be a great public convenience, the board would recommend that a new petition thereto be made, asking for the laying out of such on such lines as will best accommodate the public travel and do the least injury to private interests.

The reports of road supervisors for last quarter were continued to the regular Dec. 1895, session for final examination, at which time all reports of supervisors for the year will be examined and passed upon.

It appearing that a large number of additional books will be required by the several county officers in carrying out the provisions of the code which becomes operative July 1st next, particularly in the office of clerk and recorder, the county clerk was authorized to procure such books as are absolutely required for the proper transaction of the business of the county.

The bond of O. G. Smith as justice of the peace, appearing to be in due form and sufficient as to sureties, the same was approved.

The bond of Robert Hedge as justice of the peace, appearing to be in due form ex

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cept as to the oath of said justice, and the sureties being sufficient, said bond was approved and the clerk was directed to notify said justice to execute and file his official oath in due form.

It appearing from a statement presented by W. J. Ennis, that all of the burial expenses of the squaw "Susie" (except for coffin) have been paid out of money found among her effects, and that a balance of \$16.35 has been turned over to the board by said Ennis, it was ordered that said sum be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the poor fund.

The bids for furnishing 60 cords of wood for the county, as per advertisement, were examined, when it was found that the following named persons offer to furnish such wood for the price per cord set opposite their respective names, viz:

Thos J Lynch	\$5.00
Green B Welch	4.90
Chas F Williams	5.25
F H Kingery	4.85
Green B Welch	4.99
Edwin Williams	5.00
Con Crowley	5.15

And the bid of F. H. Kingery being the lowest, the contract for furnishing said 60 cords of wood, was awarded to him, at \$4.85 per cord.

The applications of F. J. Emerson and Will C. Gilmer, for appointment to the office of game warden, for the county, were continued to the Sept., 1895, session, as the law under which such applications purport to be made does not take effect until July 1, 1895, and its provisions are as yet unknown to the board.

The petition for a change in the county road near the house of H. A. Dimock, was continued to next regular session, no proof being presented that notices of such petition have been posted as required by law.

Bills and accounts properly chargeable against the contingent and general funds were audited and warrants ordered issued on the proper fund for the amounts allowed. (See list of bills.)

It appearing from the tee bill of C. A. McNulty, corner, and the bill of F. B. Jackson in the matter of the coroner's inquest on the body of a dead Chinaman, that a charge has been made for use of team in hauling the coroner and jury and that a charge has also been made for mileage for each juror: it was ordered that \$2.50 be allowed for the use of such team and that all charges for mileage be disallowed.

The bill of Virginia City, for labor alleged to have been performed by one Sing Lee, while consigned in the county jail as a city prisoner, was disallowed and rejected. The application and bill of J. E. Woodworth for the reissue of a county warrant heretofore cancelled by the board, was rejected.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of the 7th inst.

FIFTH DAY, JUNE 7.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the same members as on yesterday. T. Benton Leiter, by W. A. Clark, his attorney, presented his application for a right of way over the public road from Sheridan to Letterville for a telephone line; it was ordered that said Leiter be granted a right of way along said road for the construction of a telephone line:—Provided such line and the construction thereof shall in no way or manner interfere with public work upon said road or the public travel thereon, and provided further that this grant shall not be construed to give said Leiter an exclusive privilege for any purpose.

There being vacancies in the offices of justice of the peace and constable for Hot Springs township, W. S. Duncan was appointed justice of the peace and Chas. E. Keel, constable, for said township, upon condition that they each execute and file with the county clerk a proper bond and oath as such officers.

There being also vacancies in the offices of justice of the peace and constable for Waterloo township, Z. D. Foster was appointed as justice and Crossland Brook as constable for said township upon condition that they each execute and file with the county clerk a proper bond and oath as such officers.

It appearing from the several bill and reports before the board that during the terms of the district court for this county, it has been customary to have in attendance one or more bailiffs at times when no juries were in attendance and no jury trials in progress, thereby incurring an unnecessary expense to the county: it was therefore resolved that no compensation will be hereafter allowed to any person for performing the services of bailiff, at the term of said court, except upon an order of the

Judge, and then only when the jury is engaged in the actual trial of cases, and the services of a bailiff are absolutely necessary.

Jacob Albright, county treasurer, presented his sworn statement that the balances which he presented in his report as being in the several funds, belong to, and is the money of Madison county, and the state in the proportion as in said report set out; and also presented the sworn statement of A. J. Bennett, of the banking house of Hall & Bennett, that said treasurer has on deposit in said bank and subject to his order as said treasurer, the sum of \$22,262.65. Which sworn statements were ordered filed and entered in full upon the journal.

The board looked over and examined the court house and surroundings, and the several county offices with a view of making such repairs as might be necessary.

It appearing that the safety of the county business in the treasurer's office and the better security of the books which the treasurer is obliged to keep, and the money he may have on hand from time to time, require some change in the interior arrangements of his office, the treasurer was authorized to procure such counter and railing for said office, as per plans submitted, as will secure greater safety in the transaction of the business of said office.

It also appears that the floors in several of the offices are in a very bad condition, many of the boards being decayed or much worn and impossible to keep in a cleanly condition, as the same cannot be safely scrubbed without damage to the ceiling below, and that such floors should either be renewed or covered; and as such floors can be covered with linoleum, which will be equally lasting and less expensive than new board floors and will have many advantages, it was ordered that the county treasurer, Jacob Albright, procure, upon the best terms obtainable, a sufficient amount of linoleum, of a good quality, to cover the floors of the offices of the treasurer, district court clerk and county clerk.

For the purpose of meeting the claims upon the poor fund, it was ordered that the treasurer transfer from the contingent to the poor fund, the sum of \$1250.

The business of the session having been completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the board adjourned for the term.

List of bills allowed by the board of commissioners of Madison county, Montana, at and during the regular June, 1895, session, viz:

Ben Williams, hay for poor farm	\$ 11.07
J T Woodard, swing wd for M's Judy	4.80
Mrs E L Smith, dry goods for Sarah Hull, per order Johnson	10
Mrs E L Smith, sund for F D Hoover	8.30
Geo Gohn, meat for Mrs Judy \$11.85	11.85
and poor farm \$12.95	24.77
R A Ferguson, boarding Mrs Jones	55
A T Rodgers, 2 mos sal as supt p m	166.65
A T Rodgers, cows, hogs, chickens, hay, etc. lgt for poor farm	315
Thos Lyons, wrk on p m to Jun 1 '95	49.60
Albt Brothus " " " " " "	45
Richard Finley, grain frnsrd p m	52.80
Geo Copp, sund furnished Co poor	7.25
Wm Willis, boarding Saml Romans	40
Philip Conrey, hay furnished p m	6.40
John Turnbull, care John Robbins,	

Co. charge, 67 days	201
Thos Pollard, boarding Robbins and White, last quarter	197.50
O D French & Co, prov fr McDeed cin	41.20
J M Herndon, coffin for brial squaw and turn poor farm	103.20
R Vickers & Co, clothing for Co poor	51.35
John H Davis, brding Pellerin lt qr	78
Geo Gohn, mt furnished Park fam	20
S R Buford & Co, sund for Park fam	2.85
Mrs A C Knight, milk for Mrs Judy	14.86
Jas F Oliver, butter and eggs for Mrs Judy	11
Henry Elmg & Co, provisions for Romans and O Day	65.43
Aaa Cornforth, meat for Romans	1.48
F Shultz, board and lodging for Romans and O Day	5
C H Peck, provisions for Goodwin	5.70
Walter J Crowell, prov fr Estelle fam	19.70
Geo J Staudacher, mt fr Estelle fam	9.20
A J McCormick, coffin, etc for burial of Henry Smith	8
Joseph Glasser, coffins for burial of Hoover and Soudant	40
LeRoy Southmayd, qr sal as Co phys	150
I d II Mercantile Co, bal due for provisions for Mrs Lloyd	11.70
Mrs Z M Allen, amt allowed for board of Woodruff and Jackson	100
Isdell Mer Co, nails for dis No 1	10
prov for Mrs Jones last qr	12.55
" " Goodwin	22.35
" " Mrs Lloyd	73.15
" " Woodruff	41.05
" " Jackson	18.50

T T Taylor, seed peas for poor farm	9.75
M Mallard, shoes, etc for Judy fam	9.90
J F Dullea, provisions for Mrs Scott	50
Bar Jones, 3 mos hse rt fr Judy fam	15
Jacob Albright clothing for Pellerin	1.65
W J Finney, wood for Pellerin and Judy family	16.50
H F Smith, med attendance on Wm Deenny	15
Mrs A Frazier, 6 mos house rent for Kreamer family	30
Oliver St Germain, use of team for burial of Pellerin	5
O D French & Co, prov for Pellerin	5.46
O D French & Co, " " Mrs Judy	35.06
Elmg Knight & Buford, sund for Mrs Judy	4.20
S R Buford & Co, prov for Mrs Judy	11.70
E A Fletcher, amt allowed for 6 dys care of Pellerin	18
Mrs E L Smith, underwear and qlts for Sarah Hull	10
A M Parke, c of Pellerin 35 dys at \$3	105
A M Parke, " " " " " "	50
S R Buford & Co, sund for p m	36.90
O D French & Co, sund for p m	3.80
Mrs Hattie Closton, board and care of F Hoover	83
Va City Water Co, water rent for Kraemer and Judy families	12
Elmg Knight & Buford, sundries for poor farm	14.55

Con McLaughlin, w k on Parsons b'g	4
Albert E. Wilcomb, srv as supt district No 14	46
John Y Baker, lumber	22.82
S R Smith, srv as spt dist No 12	104.46
Elgin Kellar, wrk on rds dist No 12	4
J Kincaid, repairing plow dist No 2	3
Harvey Foster, hauling lumber	32
Henry Fanning, wrk on b'g dis No 2	2.50
And'w Jackson, " " rds " " 6	8.75
Geo Lapote & Co lumber for " " 4	42
W P McGrady, srv as spt " " 4	40
Wm Smith, wrk on roads in " " 2	20
I S Pendarvis, srv as spt " " 2	81.50
J R Comfort & Son, repr scraper for dis No 14	2.50
David Williams, use of tm dis No 4	2
F W Stone, srv as spt " " 3	51
J F Dullea, nails for " " 7	2.25
Onezine Guay, wrk on rds in " " 4	2.50
Jas Keeley 100 plies to use in dch " " 4	4
Moses Dupuis, use of team on road in dis No " " " " 2	
W H Fitch, srv as spt dis No 22	34
Frank Foster, wrk on Parsons b'g	5
E C Eoster, hauling gravel on roads in dis No 8	32.50

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