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THE RECORD OF THE SESSION.

Synopsis of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Montana. Regular June Session 1896.

FIRST DAY—JUNE 1.

The board of county commissioners of Madison county, Montana, met in regular session at the office of the county clerk, on Monday, June 1, 1896 at 9:30 a. m. of said day; present Joseph Smith, Jacob Crisman and Geo. Copp, commissioners, and H. E. Steffens, deputy clerk.

The board was called to order by the chairman, and proceeded at once to examine the report of the treasurer, which report was under examination until the noon hour; the remainder of the day being occupied in hearing complaints of certain residents of Laurin, Montana, concerning the overflow of certain waters of Alder gulch creek in and around the vicinity of the poor farm. Said complainants asking that immediate action be taken toward making a permanent channel for said waters; said channel to commence at a point near the poor farm and to run in a direct line to the Ruby river. The board having heard the complaints, and deeming it most advantageous to investigate the conditions of said creek before taking action toward the construction of a new channel, on motion, it was ordered that the board make the necessary examination in person.

It appearing to the board that the business requiring the consideration of the board could not be completed within five days allowed by law, on motion, it is ordered that the clerk post notices to the effect that an extra session of the board will be held on Saturday and Monday, June 6th and 8th, 1896.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Tuesday the 2nd inst.

SECOND DAY—JUNE 2nd.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the same members as on yesterday, and at once proceeded to open the various bids on file for the construction of the Gaylord bridge, when it was found that the following propositions were submitted for the construction of such proposed bridge by the several companies and individuals hereinafter named to-wit:

By the Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Company; to build a steel bridge, three spans 116x16 feet each, on steel tubular piers as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$6,998

By the Milwaukee Bridge & Iron works; to build a steel bridge three spans 116x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers, as per specifications submitted, for \$6,467

To build a steel bridge two spans 174x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers as per plans submitted for \$7,300

By C. E. Campbell, Council Bluffs, Iowa; to build a steel bridge three spans 116x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers as per plan No. 2 diagram number 360, for \$7,029

Plan number two diagram number 361 for \$7,189

Plan number two diagram number 362 for \$6,499

To build steel bridge two spans 174x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers as per plan No. 1 diagram number 358 for \$7,949

Plan number, 1 diagram number 359, for \$8,359

By the King Bridge Company; to build a steel bridge three spans, 116x19 feet each, on steel tubular piers as per plans and specifications submitted for \$7,461

By the Toledo Bridge Company; to build a steel bridge three spans 116x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$6,980

Plan number 1, two spans 174x16 feet each, for \$7,980

By E. W. Vreedland, Bozeman, Montana; to build all wood bridge three spans 116x16 feet each, as per plans and specification submitted, for \$4,438

By the Peppard Bridge Company, Missoula, Montana; to build a steel bridge three spans 116x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers, as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$7,462

Plan number 2 as per plans submitted for \$7,087

To build a steel bridge two spans 174x16 feet each, superstructure number 200 on superstructure number 4, for \$8,850

Superstructure number 202 on superstructure number 4, for \$8,186

By the Yellowstone Bridge Company; to build a steel bridge three spans 116x16 feet each, on straight cylinder piers as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$6,775

To build a steel bridge, three spans 116x16 feet each, on tapering steel cylinder piers as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$6,775

To build a steel bridge two spans 174x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$7,450

By J. D. Marsh, Des Moines, Iowa; to build a steel bridge two spans 174x16 feet each, on steel cylinder piers as per plans and specifications submitted, for \$7,450

And no other bids being made or offered and having heard and duly considered the statements made by the several bidders in support of their propositions the board determined, upon motion, to accept the proposition of the King Bridge Company to build a steel bridge in three spans 116 feet each in length, with 16 foot roadway, on steel tubular piers for \$7,491.

Whereupon a contract was made and executed in duplicate signed by the agent of said company and by the members of the board of commissioners; providing for the construction of such bridge on or before September 15, 1896; one of said duplicate contracts was delivered to the board of commissioners and the other to the agent of said King Bridge Company.

All other papers, (except bids), presented by other bidders were returned together with the certified checks accompanying the same to the respective parties by whom they were presented.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Wednesday, June 3, 1896.

THIRD DAY—JUNE 3.

Board met pursuant to adjournment; present, the same members as on yesterday and occupied the day in the examination of the books and accounts of the county treasurer for the last quarter.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Thursday, June 4, 1896.

FOURTH DAY—JUNE 4.

Board met pursuant to adjournment; present, the same members as on yesterday and resumed the examination of the treasurer's account for the last quarter.

The list of licenses was examined and checked with the county clerk's register of receipts showing amount collected for said quarter, including treasurer's fees, to be \$3,123.50.

The several warrants, school orders and other vouchers, presented by the treasurer as paid by him during said quarter, were checked and compared with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk found correct and said vouchers were cancelled.

Report of the county treasurer for said quarter being found to agree with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk, the same was approved and ordered filed.

The report of Thomas Duncan, clerk of the district court, showing that he had collected and paid into the county treasury, as official fees, the sum of \$238.10, was examined and approved and ordered filed.

The report of L. L. Callaway, county attorney, for quarter ending May 31, 1896, was likewise approved and ordered filed.

The report of Barclay Jones, county clerk and recorder, for last quarter was examined, approved and ordered filed; by which report it appears that said clerk and recorder has earned as official fees during said quarter the sum of \$829.70, and that he has paid said sum into the county treasury.

The report of Jos. I. Haines, sheriff, covering said quarter was examined, approved and ordered filed, by which report it appears that he has collected as official fees during said quarter the sum of \$415.26 and that he has paid said sum into the county treasury.

The report of W. J. Foreman, assessor, covering said quarter was likewise examined, approved and ordered filed; by which report it appears that said assessor has collected special road tax to the amount of \$877, that he has collected special poor tax in the sum of \$330, and that said amounts have been paid into the county treasury.

It appearing by the report of said assessor that he has taken up extra labor certificates, amounting in all to \$37.50, in lieu of cash for special road tax, whereupon it was ordered that the clerk be directed to issue road warrant in the sum of \$37.50 to said assessor.

The report of W. S. Duncan, justice of the peace, was examined and approved and ordered filed.

The report of the county superintendent of schools, showing that she had transferred Mr. Geo. Rowe from district number 22, known as the Duncan school district, to district number 6, known as Lower Wisconsin creek school, was approved and ordered entered in full upon the journal.

Under and according with the provisions of section 1200 of the political code requiring the board of commissioners to divide the county into registration districts, for the purpose of registration of voters, the board proceeded to define and re-establish the boundaries of the several districts in the county, and entered the same fully and at large upon the record, the following being a brief synopsis of the same:

District number 1 embraces all of Alder gulch and its tributaries from the head to the mouth of the gulch.

District number 2 embraces all of the Ruby valley above the mouth of the lower canyon, from the mountain range on the east to the county line on the west.

District number 3 embraces all of the Red Rock valley.

District number 4 embraces all of the Ruby valley and tributary gulches from the mouth of the canyon north to the line running through the center of township 5 south, range 4 and 5 west.

District number 5 embraces all of the Ruby valley and its tributary gulches on the east side from the north line of district 4 to Wisconsin creek.

District number 6 embraces all the lower Ruby valley below Wisconsin creek, the Beaverhead valley and tributary gulches and the Jefferson and Bighole valleys above the line drawn from the point where Dry Boulder gulch emerges from the mountains to the mouth of Hell's canyon extending to the top of Table mountain.

District number 7 embraces all of the Jefferson valley below last named line and all its tributaries, to a point below Gaylord known as Cedar point.

District number 9 embraces the Jefferson east of Cedar point, South Boulder, Antelope, Willow creek, and Norwegian valleys and gulches and their tributaries, from said last named line to the divide between Norwegian and Meadow creek.

District number 10 embraces Hot Spring and Cherry creek valleys and all their tributary gulches.

District number 11 embraces Meadow creek valley and all of its tributary gulches and the Madison valley on the west of the east channel from the canyon south to a point opposite Oliver's point.

District number 12 embraces all the remaining portion of the Madison valley south to the county line.

The several election districts so established to embrace within their respective limits the several voting precincts as heretofore established and such others as the board may hereafter see fit to establish for the convenience of the electors of the county.

The board next proceeded pursuant to provisions of Secs. 1201 and 1224, Political Code, to designate and appoint competent and qualified persons to serve as registry agents in and for the several election districts so established to serve as such for the ensuing two years, to-wit:

H. L. Childs Registry agent for dist. No. 1
John Donegan do 2
E. R. Nye do 3
A. E. Glyod do 4
Geo. W. Brown do 5
Lynn Comfert do 6
Augustus Anderson do 7
James Boyd do 9
John J. Lowa do 10
John Ormlston do 11
John L. Hartman do 12

and the clerk was directed to notify such persons of their appointment.

It is also ordered that such registry agents be allowed a compensation for their services as follows: The agents in the districts wherein the number of registered voters exceeds 125 shall receive \$100.00, and the agents in the districts registering 125 votes or less shall receive \$80 which sums shall be in full payment of any and all services which any registry agent is required by law to perform.

The clerk was authorized to purchase such copies of the registration law as may be necessary for the instruction and guidance of such registry agents together with such other supplies as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of the law.

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

FIFTH DAY—JUNE 5.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, present, the same members as on yesterday.

The bond of G. A. Pollinger as constable of Jefferson Township was examined and it appearing to the board that the same is not in conformity with the law and the sureties thereto have not qualified as prescribed by law, it is ordered that he be ordered to file a new bond.

The board next proceeded to examine the bills and accounts on file and of record in the county clerk's allowance book; the following claims having been duly considered, on motion the following orders were made and directed to be entered in relation thereto, viz:

That the claim of Shafer Bros., for hire of team be reduced \$2.90 on account of overcharge, and that the charge for warrant St. vs. Regil, insane, be raised 50 cents, on account of undercharge.

The bill of H. M. Finch, J. P., was reduced \$2.00 on account of overcharge and the bill of Wm. Shafer, constable, was raised 30 cents on account of undercharge.

The claims hereafter enumerated be allowed and that the county clerk issue the proper warrants on the General Fund in payment thereof, viz:

Dr LeRoy Southmayd prof serv on inq J P Pierce \$ 5 00
Dr C A McNulty prof serv on inq J P Pierce 5 00
Dr P Raga prof serv on inq Anna McDeed 5 00
Dr J H Miller prof serv on inq Anna McDeed 5 00
H M Fitch J P fees vs R Foreman 5 00
I D Moore juror fees do 1 50
L C Edwards do do 1 50
E N Reed do do 1 50
E L Costin do do 1 50
Andy Gemmell do do 1 50
E P Day do do 1 50
W Shafer cost fees do 5 40
Dr P J Ragan prof serv on inq Jos Regil 5 00
Dr LeRoy Southmayd prof serv on inq Jos Regil 5 00
F J Emerson serv as dep sheriff 12 00
Beaverhead County, repairs on jail, etc broken by Jos Regil 14 10
Wm Shafer serv as constable inq 14 10

Jos Regil 14 50
Geo Barker juror fees st vs T Barton et al 1 50
J P Boyd juror fees st vs T Barton et al 1 50
C E Morris juror fees st vs T Barton et al 1 50
B O Hatfield juror fees st vs T Barton et al 1 50
W B McFadden juror fees st vs T Barton et al 1 50
Geo McLeod juror fees st vs T Barton et al 1 50
W S Duncan J P fees etc st vs T Barton et al 5 50
C E Reel serv as constable 19 60
C E Reel serv const etc J T Pierce 13 50
W S Duncan J P fees do 2 50
Arch McGown J P fees st vs P May and st vs J Hain 10 00
Wm Thomas juror fees st vs May 1 50
E J Ganam do 1 50
Chas Gray do 1 50
Knute Ellingson do 1 50
J McColligan do 1 50
Jas McClurg do 1 50
J I Haines board of prisoner gr end May 31 1896 29 40
Jas Summers serv as dep suff gr end May 31 1896 300 00
Robt A Vickers serv as dep assessor Drs Ragan & Southmayd prof serv case Nellie Hain 66 65
Dr McNulty cor fee inq on bodies of Hany & Maguire 15 00
Wm McDougal juror fees inq on bodies of Hany and Maguire 1 50
D P Lake juror fees inq on bodies of Hany and Maguire 1 50
Walter S Moore juror fees inq on bodies of Hany and Maguire 1 50
Jas Braky juror fees inq on bodies of Hany and Maguire 1 50
Edwin N Reed juror fees inq on bodies of Hany and Maguire 1 50
Richard Foreman juror fees inq on bodies of Hany and Maguire 1 50
J E Callaway serv as atty for Morgan case 19 00
J E Callaway serv as atty for Nellie Hain case 19 00
I. Rowitt issu'g papers in vs Hain H E Steffens serv as dep clerk and rec'd gr end May 31 1896 240 00
Archd McGown serv as bailiff during June term of court 45 00

The following accounts were also audited and warrants ordered issued on the Contingent fund, in payment thereof, viz:

CONTINGENT FUND.
Pioneer Press Co. Naturalization rec'd for clk court 20
P L Ward work on court hse sewer 12
T J A Monahan serv as steng for mo of May '96 37 87
Sol Wiles, sawing wood at court house 18 40
Jacob Dick window glass and putting in same for crt house 17 50
Standard Pub Co document files for clk court 9
Thos Duncan postage exp chgs etc Thos Duncan sal as clk dist court gr end May 31, 1896 375
J I Haines sal and exp as shd gr end May 31, 1896 1108 25
Mrs D H Wilcomb sal as co supt gr end May 31, 1896 250
Mrs D H Wilcomb post exchg etc 15 30
C W Rank & Co sund for court hse 15 99
S R Buford & Co sund for court hse 6 70
Jacob Albright sal as co treasurer gr end May 31, 1896 550
O D French & Co sund for court hse 10 85
W M Donaldson work at court hse Nelson Cole repairs on wheelbarrow Eling Knight & Buford sund for court house 11 45
W J Foreman sal and exp as co assessor gr end May 31, 1896 453 85
W W Cheely, stationary, printing, etc. quarter ending May 31, 1896 315 14
L L Callaway, cash paid for stamps 1 50
L L Callaway, salary as county attorney, May, 1896 50
Standard Publishing Company per Cheely, books, stationary, etc. for county offices 90 50
Virginia City Water Company, water furnished county buildings, quarter ending May 31, 1896 15
Barclay Jones, salary county clerk and recorder, quarter May 31, 1896 530
Barclay Jones, cash paid for postage box rent, express charges etc 19 20
Standard Publishing Company type writer paper furnished clerk and recorder office 6 80
Eling, Knight & Buford, chimney top for Duncan's office 5 50

It appearing to the board from the claims and the receipts on file with the county clerk that the chairman of this board and the county clerk have issued two warrants on the contingent fund, to the county attorney in payment of his monthly salary for the months of March and April, 1896, in the sum of \$50 each, as provided by law. The chairman of the board and the county clerk having likewise issued two warrants on the contingent fund to T. J. A. Monaghan, court stenographer, in payment of his monthly salary for the months of March and April, 1896, in the sum of \$37.87 each. On motion it was ordered that the action of the chairman and county clerk be and the same is hereby approved.

The bill of Geo. D. Barnard & Company, for omnibus to be furnished recorder's office was continued to the September session, said omnibus not having arrived.

W. J. Foreman, assessor, having filed an order to the effect that certain amounts be held from certain claims, now on file in the clerk's office, for road and poor tax due, and that the amounts withheld be paid to said assessor that he might issue proper road and poor tax receipts to said persons. The following claims were reduced, viz: that the claims of David Williams, James Dorrell and Van Slitte be reduced \$3 each on account of road tax due; that the claims of Ed Williams, Robt. Sink, Wm. Dorrell, Harry Baker, and Thos. Lyons be reduced \$5 each on account of road and poor tax due.

The bill of D. R. Beck, for calf fur-

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