

THE COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA, AT AND DURING THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER, 1896, SESSION.

FIRST DAY—SEPT. 8.

The board of commissioners of Madison county, Montana, met in regular session at the office of the county clerk of said county on Tuesday September 8, 1896, (being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in said month the said first Monday being made by law a legal holiday) at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present: Joseph Smith, J. S. Crisman and George Comp, commissioners, and H. E. Steffens, county clerk.

The board was called to order by the chairman, Joseph Smith, and at once proceeded to examine the books and accounts of the county treasurer for the quarter ending August 31, 1896, the day being occupied in examining the books and various accounts of said treasurer.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Wednesday the 9th instant.

Attest: Joseph Smith, H. E. Steffens, clerk. Chairman.

SECOND DAY—SEPT. 9th.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, the same members being present as on yesterday and resumed the examination and checking of the receipts issued by the county treasurer with the books of said treasurer and the county clerk. The examination was completed and the books and accounts of said treasurer found correct. The report of said treasurer for the quarter ending August 31, 1896, being found to agree with the books and accounts of said treasurer and the county clerk, was approved and ordered filed.

The sworn statement presented to the board by the treasurer in relation to the funds of the county and state and the amount of monies in his hands or deposited to his credit in the banking house of Hall & Bennett, was likewise approved and ordered filed and entered in full upon the journal.

The report of the county clerk, clerk of the district court, county attorney and sheriff, for the quarter ending August 31, 1896, were examined and checked up, whereby it appears that the county clerk has earned as fees for said quarter the sum of \$733.35 and that he has paid the same into the county treasury.

That the clerk of the district court has collected as fees the sum of \$108.50, and has paid the same into the county treasury.

That the sheriff has collected as fees the sum of \$176.20 and has paid said sum into the county treasury.

Which reports were approved and ordered filed.

The report of William J. Foreman, county assessor, showing that he had redeemed eight extra labor certificates amounting to \$21.50, and that he had collected and paid into the county treasury the sum of \$2,897.50, special road tax, was likewise approved and ordered filed.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Thursday the 10th instant.

Attest: Joseph Smith, H. E. Steffens, clerk. Chairman.

THIRD DAY—SEPT. 10th.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, present the same members as on yesterday, and proceeded to the examination of the bills on file and also of record in the county clerk's allowance book. On motion it was ordered that the claims hereafter enumerated be allowed and that the county clerk issue the proper warrants upon the contingent fund in payment of the same, to-wit:

CONTINGENT FUND	
Standard pub co, staty fur co city and co clerk	9 60
James B How, fixing up co city office	25 37
F H Gohn, typewriter etc, fur co clerk's office	105 23
Northwestern stamp co, election stamps	14 00
J S De Witt, cleaning clock for sheriff	1 50
T J A Monaghan, serv as stenog for mo August 1896	37 87
Thomas Duncan, cash pd exp chgs box rent etc	6
Thomas Duncan, salary gr ending Aug 31, 1896	375
Barclay Jones, serv as co clerk during June and part of July, 1896	305 50
H E Steffens, serv as dep and co clerk and recorder	379 19
Jos I Haines, sal and expenses as sheriff gr ending Aug 31, 1896	1,816 37
Virginia City Water Co, water fur co city buildings	15
S R Buford & Co, sund for court house	9 20
Mrs D H Wilcomb, sal as county supt gr end Aug 31, 1896	5 65
Geo D Barnard & Co, omnibus for county clerk's office	85
Jacoby Albright, cash pd for linoleum for county atty's office	50 30
Jacoby Albright, sal as co treasurer gr ending August 31, 1896	550
Wm M D'Analdson, work at court house	23 50
Henry Weppeler, four days wk on sewer	12
O D French & Co, sund for crt hse offices	45 19
Julius Kohls, lumber fur crt hse offices	50
Wm J Forzani, serv as co ass't and exp	32 80
Barclay Jones, cash pd exp chgs stps etc	11 55
H E Steffens, cash pd exp chgs stps etc	367 29
W W Cheely, blanks printing etc	69 20
Standard Pub Co, books fur co clerk's office	99 20
Lew L Callaway, serv as co city month August 1896	50
C W Rank & Co, staty fur co city month gr end August 31, 1896	20 20
Elling Knight & Buford, sund for crt hse	2 65
Lew L Callaway, cash pd for stamps etc	1 25

The action of the chairman of the board and county clerk in issuing four warrants on the Contingent fund, two warrants to the county attorney in payment of his monthly salary for the months of June and July, 1896, in the sum of \$50.00 each, and two warrants

to T. J. A. Monahan, court stenographer in payment of his monthly salary for the months of June and July, 1896, in the sum of \$37.87 each, was approved.

The claims on file and of record against the General fund of the county were next examined and having been duly considered, on motion the following orders were made and directed to be entered in relation thereto, viz:

That the bills of Thomas Gibbons, C L Myer, Wm Stevenson, and A. J. McCormick, jurors, inquest on the body of Patrick Cronin be reduced \$1.40 each on account of overcharge for mileage.

The bill of P. P. Gould, J. P., State vs. Riddle was increased 50 cents on account of undercharge.

The bill of Thos. H. Stevenson for services as stenographer inquest on body of Patrick Cronin, was reduced \$8.00 on account of charge for mileage.

On motion, it was ordered that the balance due the several named claimants together with other claims hereafter enumerated be allowed and that the county clerk issue the proper warrants upon the General fund in payment of the same to-wit:

Dr P J Ragan, prof serv inq Mrs Case ins Dr Lacey Sonoma	5
Wiley Mouton, making out assessment book	37
Archd McGowan, serv as court bailiff	33
Thos F Pollard, board of jurors and bif Archd McGowan, J P State vs Monahan Edn & Malian	13
Joseph I Haines, board of prisoners gr ending August 31, 1896	12 50
P P Gould, J P fees, st vs Riddle etc Mrs Ferguson	34 80
Dr P J Ragan, prof serv insanity case Mrs Ferguson	5
Dr C A McNulty, prof serv insanity case Mrs Ferguson	5
J E Callaway, serv as atoney state vs Green	10
C R Reese, serv as deputy clerk and recorder	105 40
Jas Summers, salary as under sheriff gr end Aug 31, 1896	300
Jacob Albright, clothing fur prisoners Thos Gibbons, juror fees inq on body of P Cronin	2 25
C L Myer, Jr fees inq on body of P Cronin Wm Stevenson do do	1 50
A J McCormick do do	1 50
John Conner, team and serv inq on body of P Cronin	5 50
C W Sherwood, team and serv inq on body of P Cronin	3 75
C E Keel, constable fees inquest body of P Cronin	5 80
W S Duncan, J P fees act coroner inq on body of P Cronin	17 60
Dr P J Ragan, examination inq Annie McDeed	12
Robert A. Vickers, service as deputy assessor	100
Harry Warrington, serv as court serv as H E Steffens, serv in county clerk office Thos H Stevenson, stenographer fees inq body of P Cronin	7 50
Dr C A McNulty, coroner fees inq on body of John McGuire	11 05
J H Beals, juror fees inq on body of John McGuire	1 50
Nelson Pomey, juror fees inq on body of John McGuire	1 50
W H Gilbert, juror fees inq on body of John McGuire	1 50
G Meusszil, juror fees inq on body of John McGuire	1 50
John J Rosenberger, juror fees inq on body of John McGuire	1 50
G A Yarrington, juror fees inq on body of John McGuire	1 50

The bill of Elling, Knight & Buford for sundry articles furnished poor farm was reduced \$4.10 on account of charge for amputation.

The following accounts were on motion audited and warrants ordered issued on the Poor fund for the amounts allowed, to-wit:

Jack Taylor, hauling lumber etc for poor farm	7 81
Thompson & Reynolds, lumber for poor farm	9
Philip Conrey, wheat furnished poor farm	15 50
Amnden Brokman & Co, hay furnished poor farm	24 80
S Audiffred, sund furnished poor farm Henry Elling & Co, merchandise furnished Mrs Mouteth	10 18
J F Dullea, goods furnished Mrs Scott S R Buford & Co, sund furnished poor farm	13 91
J M Herndon, com etc furnished poor farm	50 22
Witcomb Bros, sundries furnished poor farm	52 66
Geo F White, provisions furnished Mrs Fitcher	21 20
O D French & Co, prov furnished poor farm	59 06
Robert Vickers & Co, clothing furnished poor farm	49 20
Dr Ragan & southern, sund furnished as county physicians gr ending August George Gohn, meat furnished poor farm Elling & Hyndman, chopped feed etc furnished poor farm	6 05
Jack Taylor, hauling lumber to poor farm	7 25
Dr G W Righenour, prof services ren Higgan Conance	6
Dr G W Righenour, prof serv ren Mrs Monteith	12
J P Dauterman, moving man to poor farm	15
C W Rank & Co, paint, trash etc furnished poor farm	4
Mrs Durrell, care of Mrs Jones and Washington	52
A T Rodgers, manager of poor farm gr end Aug 31, 1896	260
A T Rodgers, cash paid for clothing work on creek etc	10 65
A T Rodgers, bull furnished poor farm William Durrell, work at poor farm gr ending Aug 31, 1896	39
Harry Baker, work on poor farm gr end Aug 31, 1896	99
Thomas Lyon, work at poor farm	90
Miss Leah Templeton, work at poor farm gr end August 31, 1896	11 50
Michael Joseph (treas acc licenses) clothing fur inq hire of team come to poor farm	63
Z H Bartlett, blacksmith work for poor farm	18
Elling Knight & Buford, sund for poor farm	4
C K Morrison, fruit furnished poor farm	13

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Friday the 11th instant.

Attest: Joseph Smith, H. E. Steffens, Clerk. Chairman.

FOURTH DAY—SEPT. 11.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, present: the same members as on yesterday, and resumed the examination of bills on file and also of record in the county clerk's allowance book.

The bill of Albert Norton was reduced \$6.25 on account of overcharge for extra help on road.

Also one other bill of Albert Norton for work done on roads in district No. 4, was reduced \$1.25, on account of overcharge for extra help.

The bill of Hawkins & Higbee for lumber furnished road districts was reduced \$11.97, on account of 532 feet of lumber not accepted by road supervisor district No. 9.

The bill of Mrs. A. L. Laurin, for work of man and team on Alder Gulch creek was continued to December 1896, session.

The following bills were audited and warrants ordered issued on the Road fund, in payment thereof, viz:

Fred Ernest, work on roads in district No. 1	30
James H Full, work on roads in district No. 1	25 75
Irwin Eby, lumber furnished district No. 1	31 22
William A Smith, work on roads in district No. 2	21 25
W H Conroy, work on roads in district No. 2	50
R M Frank, services as sup in district No. 1	275 50
C R Corforth, sup in district No. 7	26
Geo L Sparred, services as sup in district No. 13	144 74
Joe Carlson, work on roads in district No. 18	25
Geo A Barnard, services as sup districts Patrick Carney, services as sup district J R Norville, work on roads in district No. 8	65 50
Dave Morris, work on roads in district No. 8	42 50
J W Gregory, work on roads in district No. 17	12 50
William Harna, services as sup district No. 17	5
E D Marsh, services as sup district No. 5	4 50
James Shoemaker, services as sup district No. 14	278 95
George Nyhart, work on roads in district No. 14	45 30
L W VanAkin, services as sup district No. 20	21
Julius J Kohls, lumber furnished district No. 20	70 75
W A Moore, work on roads in district No. 20	5 67
Frank S. Matzel, lumber furnished district No. 2	10
Isdel Mercantile Co, road scraper etc for district No. 2	37 60
H C Pasley, work on roads in district No. 6	33 40
A nos Eastman, services as sup district No. 6	23 65
S R Buford & Co, powder as sup for district No. 9	95 75
S R Buford & Co, sand furnished district No. 12	25
I S Penarvis, services as sup district No. 12	8 50
J W White, work on roads in district No. 4	32
A B Davis, watching bridges during high water in district No. 2	5
C W Penarvis, work on roads in district No. 2	6 25
Widow E. H. H. material furnished district No. 4	17
John L Hartman, work on roads in district No. 12	5 81
George H Sparrell, services as sup district No. 12	2 50
Geo F White, material furnished district No. 6	71 50
W P McFarady, services as sup district No. 4	3 90
D T Harsanyi, logs furnished district No. 4	49 25
W B Bell, work on roads in district No. 4	4 60
F P Edwards do do	10 10
Samuel Williams do do	18 50
Benjamin Williams, logs and hauling set for district No. 4	10
Gus Smith, work on roads in district No. 4	9
Rock Fortier do do	12 50
Moses Dupuis do do	20 50
John Goelichius do do	2 50
Albert Griffin do do	10 20
Albert Norton, services as sup district No. 3	235 35
Frank Moore, work on roads in district No. 3	20 75
William Low, plane on district No. 12	51 23
E E Keller, work and logs district No. 12	33 50
Peter Johnson, work on roads in district No. 12	41
Morris Killmer, work on roads in district No. 12	9
Fred Roney, work on roads in district No. 12	14
William Mack, work on roads in district No. 12	27
Marlin Peel, work on roads in district No. 12	3 85
Bert Keller, work on roads in district No. 12	4 50
James Spray, work on roads in district No. 12	6
Albert Evans, work on roads in district No. 12	4
S R Smith, services as sup district No. 12	235 25
Joseph Hoffman, work on Alder Gulch road	1 50
W W Sowders, amount paid men for work on road in district No. 10	44 48
W W Sowders, services as sup district No. 10	179
W W Sowders, amount paid men for work on roads in district No. 10	77 88
Julian May, work on roads in district No. 10	67 50
W P Gramis, work on roads in district No. 13	7 50
Albert Fisher, work on roads in district No. 13	5
E H Sperry, services as sup districts No. 13	60
J F Dauterman, hauling rock for district No. 4	2
W H Conway, work on roads in dist No. 4	44
Elling Knight & Buford, sund for dist No. 4	7 25
William J Forman, extra labor certificates redeemed	21 50
Geo Burns, work on roads in dist number 12	16 73
Hawkins & Higbee, lumber furnished road on road number 13, 16	85 25
Albert Norton, work on roads in district No. 4	10 75

The board next proceeded to establish, name and number the several polling places or voting precincts in the county establishing such new voting precincts as have been petitioned for and as circumstances and the convenience of the electors seemed to require, and to appoint judges of election to serve as such at the ensuing general election, to be held on the 3rd day of November, A. D., 1896, viz:

Election District No. 1.	
Summit precinct, voting place at Henderson's house—George Henderson Nelson Pomey and Samuel Ogen.	
Virginia precinct, voting place at court house—George W. Reif, J. S. DeWitt, J. P. Nelson, J. B. How, and Christian Nelson.	
Adobetown precinct, voting place at school house—James Garrison, J. W. Hampshire and Fred Botcher.	
Brown's Gulch precinct, voting place at Easton mine office—J. B. Rank, Geo. Leinenweber, and Dan McGeeghan.	
Kennett precinct, voting place at boarding house—C. W. Kelogg, Geo. Swartz and Philip Hoffman.	

Election District No. 2.	
Home Park precinct, voting place at Donegan's school house—Bird Spalding J. C. Donegan and James M. Williams.	

Election District No. 3.	
Red Rock precinct, voting place at Shambow's school house—W. M. Culver, A. C. Murphy and Isaac Marble.	
Monida precinct, voting place at Samuel Burnside's house—Samuel	

Burnside, A. F. Jones and H. T. Clark. Election District No. 4.

Laurin precinct, voting place at Gloyd & Dauterman's—O. D. Lindsay, A. N. Rodgers, John McFadden.

Taylor's school house precinct, voting place at Taylor's school house—Wm. Brookman, Philip Conrey, Albert Norton.

Election District No. 5.

Sheridan precinct, voting place at the Hall—Fred Ellinghouse, Henry Callis, James Duncan, Alex Scott, Oliver Ingram.

Leiterville precinct, voting place at school house—Charles Glasser, Edw. Adams, Thomas Morris.

Election District No. 6.

Twin Bridges precinct, voting place at good temple's hall—Caleb Eldred, Amos Eastman, John R. Comfort, John Hall, P. T. Conter.

Linder's school house precinct, voting place at Linder's school house—E. H. Maurer, B. F. Morris, P. W. Baker.

Rochester precinct, voting place at school house—George T. Lewis, Jasper Stacy, J. E. Dickey.

Bighole precinct, voting place at Naughten's school house—Thomas Naughten, G. R. Hardesty, Robert Hoffman.

Election District No. 7.

Iron Rod precinct, voting place at Porter's store—Charles R. Cornforth, A. J. Sperry, John G. Wyant.

Silver Star precinct, voting place at Silver Star school house—Richard Barkell, Hamilton Vance, W. H. Johns.

Waterloo precinct, voting place at Waterloo hall—T. D. Townsend, James Brooks, George J. Wickham.

Gaylor precinct, voting place at Old Jefferson Valley Co's store—Ernest McIntyre, Henry Gill, Thomas Smith.

Election District No. 9.

South Boulder precinct, voting place at South Boulder school house—E. T. Noble, Geo. T. Sparrell, I. A. Westmoreland.

Pony precinct, voting place at public hall—Samuel Marshall, Albert Mason, W. W. Morris, Eli S. Adkins, T. B. Hunt.

Harrison precinct, voting place at lower school house—Thomas Jackson, Henry Warner, Ira M. Marshall.

Sand Creek precinct, voting place at hotel—William Sherwood, A. M. Parker, John Conners.

Election District No. 10.

Red Bluff precinct, voting place at Red Bluff school house—E. H. Sparrell John M. Bayliss, George W. Barnes.

Cherry Creek precinct, voting place at the Godwin house—Thomas Lethlean, Hiram Thornburger, Patrick Finnigan.

Revenue precinct, voting place at Revenue boarding house—Alex F. McLean, Ed Williams, D. M. Hagerty.

Election District No. 11.

Washington Bar precinct, voting place at Robert Hedge's house—Oda B. Walton, P. H. James, C. M. Pinckney.

Meadow Creek precinct, voting place at Meadow Creek hall—Don O. Spalding, G. C. Cummoek, Geo. Shabarker.

Election District No. 12.

Ennis precinct, voting place at public hall—A. W. Switzer, O. G. Smith, William Mitchell.

Bear Creek precinct, voting place at Bear Creek school house—E. E. Ayers, L. L. Fowler, Amos Story.

Wigwam precinct, voting place at Wigwam school house—T. L. Wilkins, E. E. Craig, E. M. Ray.

Lyon precinct, voting place at Barnard's house—G. A. Barnard, J. H. Baker, Geo. H. Lyon.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Saturday the 12th instant.

Attest: Joseph Smith, H. E. Steffens, clerk. Chairman.

FIFTH DAY—SEPT. 12th.

Board met pursuant to adjournment; present the same members as on yesterday. The petition of certain residents of Granite creek and surrounding country, praying for the laying out of a county road to begin at a point on the public highway (that runs up the main fork of Granite creek) about one hundred yards below the house of A. Large and about fifty feet above the point where the right hand fork of Granite creek runs into the main stream, and running thence up said right hand fork to the Bertha mine and to any point upon the Madison valley, to which the roads running from the Bertha mine lead, was received and accepted, and on motion it was ordered that the following named resident householders of the county, viz: C. W. Mead, surveyor; T. P. Cox, and R. T. Cook, be, and they are hereby appointed as viewers, to view said proposed road, to meet for such purpose at such time and place as they may designate, and to make and file their report thereon with the clerk of the board on or before the first Monday in December, 1896.

The petition praying for a road on the Jefferson river, on the line between sections 10 and 15 and to intersect the main road at Cedar Point, and the remonstrance and counter-petition thereto, coming on for hearing and it appearing to the board that neither said petition or remonstrance complies with section 2751 of the political code, and that neither petition or remonstrance states facts sufficient to confer jurisdiction upon the board, it is therefore ordered that said petition and remonstrance be rejected.

The report and recommendation of the county superintendent of schools for the establishment of school districts numbers 41, 42 and 43 was approved, ordered filed and entered of record as follows:

"To Hon. Board of Commissioners in regular session assembled Sept. 11, 1896:

I would most respectfully submit the following report:

1. I have established school district



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beginning at the railroad bridge across Jefferson river, at the mouth of Fish creek, thence down said river in north-easterly direction for a distance of about five miles to Cedar point thence following the divide between Cedar gulch and Boulder river in a southerly direction to the head of Perry canyon, a distance of about six miles; thence following Perry canyon in a westerly direction for a distance of about six miles to Jefferson river thence following said river for a distance of about four miles in a north-easterly direction to the place of beginning, to be known as district number 41.

2. I have established a school district with the following boundaries: on the south by Dry Boulder creek, on the west by the Jefferson river, on the east by a line from the head-gate of Jefferson valley ditch to Bumby canyon, thence north to the main range and thence northerly to the head of Dry Boulder creek, to be known as district number 42.

3. I have established a school district beginning with a west line being the east line of the John Peat place thence running north to the Red Rock river and south to Idaho state line thence east to the east line of the J. Blake ranch; thence north to the Red Rock river; thence west to the place of beginning, to be known as district number 43. Respectfully submitted,

DELLA H. WILCOMB, Co. Supt. of Schools.

By GRACE HERNDON, Deputy.

On petition of John A. Jones and others of Red Rock valley the board appointed Robert T. Boatman of that valley as justice of the peace upon condition that he execute and file a bond of \$2,000 as required by law.

On motion the board directed the clerk to insert a notice in the MONTANIAN inviting sealed proposals for the care and maintenance of the sick and infirm poor of the county, per capita, by the week for the succeeding year.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 4331 of the political code, requiring the county commissioners to designate by order the class to which the county poor, under the classification prescribed in section 4328 of said code, according to the assessed valuation of the county of Madison for the year 1896, the board now finds and declares:

That the assessed valuation of the county of Madison for the year 1896 is greater than two millions of dollars and less than four millions of dollars, and therefore ordered and declared that Madison county be, and the same is hereby designated and declared to be a county of the seventh class.

On motion the county clerk was directed to advertise for sealed proposals for medical attendance of inmates of county poor farm and for county jail for the succeeding year.

It appearing to the board that it is very desirable to meet all the expenses incurred, and for which warrants have been issued on the contingent fund and it further appearing that there is not a sufficient balance in the poor, road and contingent funds, the several warrants issued on the contingent fund were ordered to be cancelled, but that an ample balance remains in the general fund to meet all the demands against such fund as well as to pay the demands against the other contingent funds, on motion it was ordered that the county treasurer transfer from the contingent fund to the poor fund \$479.83 and from the general to the contingent fund the sum of \$3,327.58 and from the general to the road fund \$70.85.

The business of the session has been completed the accounts of the members of the board were audited and the clerk was directed to issue the proper warrants upon the contingent fund in payment of the same to-wit:

George Cepp, serv as county com, \$100
Joseph Smith, serv as county com, \$50
J. S. Crisman, serv as county com, \$50

The board thereupon adjourned to the term.

Attest: JOSEPH SMITH, H. E. STEFFENS, Clerk.

Teams Wanted

To haul brick from Sheridan to Virginia City. Apply to Floyd or the city hall building, Virginia City, or H. D. Rossiter, Sheridan.

Dr.