

SUPPLEMENT.

Supervisors' Proceedings.

Record of the Proceedings, Orders and Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors

Of Livingston County, State of Illinois, at the Regular February Meeting, A. D. 1893.

PONTIAC, ILL., Monday, Feb. 6, 1893. The Board of Supervisors of Livingston County met at 2 o'clock p. m., Chairman Cleary presiding.

The clerk called the roll, and the following members answered:

Colehower, Crabb, Earp, Fisk, Morrow, Smith, Barr, Corbin, Rollins, McKenzie, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Hack, Lower, Potter.

W. E. Thompson moved that all bills be referred to proper committees without reading.

Motion carried. On motion of Morrow the Board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, Feb. 7, 9 o'clock a. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary presiding.

The following members answered to roll call: Cornwell, Litchfield, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Happer, Mason, Fisk, Morrow, Smith, Barr, Corbin, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Gibbons, Ringler, Clow, Moulton, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Hummel, Sears, Bergan, Hack, Lower, Potter.

Miracles of yesterday's session were read and approved. At the request of Chairman Cleary, Mr. Gibbons took the chair.

Communication from H. A. Foster & Co., of Pontiac, asking rebate of tax paid on erroneous assessment, was read and referred by the chairman to the committee on equalization.

Communication from the superintendent of the Illinois eastern hospital for the insane, advising the Board that five more female patients may be received from this institution, referred to the committee on poor farm.

Statement of number of patients from this county—forty-seven—in the Illinois eastern hospital for the insane, showing physical and mental condition of each, was read and on motion of Moulton referred to the committee on finance.

The following report from the special committee on the bridge in Amity township, was read and on motion of Cornwell adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, s. s. Board of Supervisors, February term, A. D. 1893.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee, to whom was referred the building of a bridge across the Vermillion river south of Cornwell in Amity township, would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

The contract was let to the Massillon Bridge Co., of Massillon, Ohio, for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) and to complete said bridge it was found necessary to expend an addition sum of three hundred twenty-three and 32c dollars (\$323.32) as follows:

Table listing materials and costs: 17 cords stone @ 8.00... \$136.00, 102 perch (mason work) @ 75c... 76.50, 5 bbl. cement \$1.25... 6.25, 21 bbl. cement \$1.80... 37.80, 11 loads sand 50... 5.50, Grading... 61.27.

Total... \$323.32 Making the total cost of bridge twenty-one hundred twenty-three and 32c dollars, making the liability of the county on this bridge ten hundred sixty-one and 66c dollars (\$1061.66) for which we have issued county order.

All of which is respectfully submitted, SAMUEL EARP, F. N. SMITH, C. W. ROLLINS, Committee.

The following report from the committee on poor farm was read, and on motion of Clark adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Livingston County, Illinois—

Your committee on poor house and farm beg leave to submit the following, being the annual report of the matters under charge of said committee.

In this report we give the number of paupers in charge February 1, 1892, number admitted during the year, also number discharged and died, and number in charge February 1, 1893.

Also, we submit an inventory of the stock and grain on hand, with an estimated value of farm implements, household and kitchen furniture, also an account of the cash in hands of the committee, together with the expense account for the year, and other information shown by the report:

AS TO PAUPERS, Number in charge February 1, 1892... 29, Number admitted during the year... 24, Total... 53, Number discharged during the year... 14, Number died during the year... 2, Number in charge at this date... 37, Total... 53.

Table listing names of paupers admitted during year and from township sent: Mrs. Chaffin from Rooks Creek township, Willie Howe from Rooks Creek township, Katie Dell from Rooks Creek township, etc.

Table listing names of paupers discharged during year: George Davis from Pontiac township, Charles Brown from Pontiac township, Maggie Addis from Pontiac township, etc.

Table listing names of paupers in charge February 1, 1893, and from township sent: Hannah Bradford from Eppards Point township, Andrew Dore, no home, admitted by committee, Nancy Mosholder from Pontiac township, etc.

Table listing live stock on hand: 5 head of work horses valued at \$450.00, 1 colt 3 years old valued at 125.00, 2 colts 2 years old valued at 160.00, etc.

Table listing farm implements: 8 turkeys valued at 10.00, 300 chickens valued at 90.00, 4000 lbs pork valued at 400.00, etc.

There is on the farm all such implements as are required to do the work—such as wagons, plows, cultivators, mowing machine, hay rake, roller, seeder and other articles.

Your committee finds the house and kitchen well supplied with all necessary furniture, beds and bedding, tables, lounges, stands, clocks, lamps, stoves, dishes, crocks and jars, knives and forks, spoons, towels, carpets, etc., necessary for the comfort of the inmates. Also plenty of good ice for the coming summer.

Table listing aggregate of foregoing estimates: Live stock on hand... \$1834.00, Grain, hay, etc... 712.00, Produce, etc... 1014.85, Farm implements estimated... 400.00, House and kitchen furniture estimated... 1050.00.

Table listing cash statement: February 1, 1892, cash balance on hand... \$159.71, May 10, 1892... 37.70, Oct. 29, 1892, rec'd from sale of hogs... 245.25, Dec. 5, 1892, rec'd from sale of hogs... 89.07, etc.

Table listing expenses paid by the county on orders drawn on the county treasurer for supplies during the year: Feb'y 6, 1892, paid A. Hinsey... \$ 9.00, Feb'y 13, 1892, paid J. S. Murphy... 10.00, etc.

Table listing expenses paid by the county on orders drawn on the county treasurer for supplies during the year: Feb'y 17, 1892, paid L. Hicks... 7.00, June 17, 1892, paid L. Hicks... 6.26, etc.

Table listing expenses paid by the county on orders drawn on the county treasurer for supplies during the year: July 11, 1892, paid J. S. Noren... 25.49, July 11, 1892, paid Geo. Rice... 11.60, etc.

Table listing grain and hay on hand: 700 bushels corn valued at \$245.00, 700 bushels oats valued at 210.00, 35 tons of hay valued at 210.00, 15 tons of straw valued at 30.00, 70 shocks corn fodder valued at 17.00.

Table listing salaries and other payments: Nov. 22, 1892, paid P. Arman... 31.50, Nov. 22, 1892, paid E. E. Wallace... 17.50, Nov. 30, 1892, paid W. L. Tate... 5.30, Dec. 5, 1892, paid M. Dolle... 16.30, Dec. 5, 1892, paid Jennie Hully... 39.00, etc.

Rec'd by superintendent from sale of produce and paid by him for groceries... 93.66, Paid physician during the year... 125.00.

Total... \$3237.39

Table listing total running expense for the year: Superintendents salary... \$ 600.00, Dry goods... 317.71, Groceries... 795.95, Clothing... 32.16, etc.

Number of weeks board furnished inmates during the year 1892 making the total cost to care for such inmates per week \$1.92 or not counting products of farm, the cost per week is \$1.52.

Your committee visited the poor farm on the 25th of January last past for the purpose of obtaining information to enable us to make this report, and while there made such examination as we deemed necessary, and found all things satisfactory to us—inmates seemed happy and contented, build ings neat, clean and comfortable. All stock looking well and the farm having the appearance of being well managed.

All of which is respectfully submitted, A. CRABB, W. E. THOMPSON, Committee.

On motion of W. E. Thompson, the board adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 7, 2 o'clock p. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary presiding.

The following members answered to roll call: Cornwell, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Mason, Fisk, Barr, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Gibbons, Clow, Moulton, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Hummel, Sears, Bergan, Hack, Lower, Potter.

At the request of Chairman Cleary, Mr. Moulton took the chair. The following report from the special committee appointed at the last September meeting to examine the accounts of ex-Circuit Clerk Hoover was read, and on motion of John Thompson adopted:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of examining the accounts of ex-Circuit Clerk Hoover would beg leave to report as follows:

After making what your committee believes to be a thorough examination of his accounts covering his two terms in office, we find the following amounts were not reported: Court fees \$159.80, also an excess on hand as shown by his report made November, 1889, of \$119.50, besides witness and miscellaneous of \$857.22, making a total of \$1168.52. We also found errors in favor of the county of \$32.55, which amount your committee gave Mr. Hoover credit, leaving a balance of \$1134.17. We have also examined his last report which is herewith attached, and find the same to be correct and true, showing a balance due him on the six months ending November 31st, 1892, of \$89.83, which amount your committee allowed him to deduct from the fees found in his hands belonging to the county, leaving a balance in his hands December 31st, 1892, of \$1044.14, which amount he has paid over to W. E. Baker, county treasurer.

Your committee desires to say that during their examination, which was a tedious one, lasting four weeks, that Mr. Hoover acted the gentleman that he is in assisting us whenever called upon, and while your committee found some of the accounts in a rather tangled condition, we do not believe Mr. Hoover intended defrauding the county in any way whatever.

Now a word in relation to the examinations of the circuit clerk's office by the old finance committees. We believe they were led astray to some extent by the indiscriminate use of a committee stamp, that is to say they often stamped a case as settled by the committee, when only part of the costs were paid, balance costs being paid later. No attention being paid such cases afterwards as it seemed at a glance that some former committee had examined all cases which bore the stamp, or written on "settled by com."

Your special committee would recommend that hereafter all committees be governed by dates showing when fees were received rather than by stamp or check made by former committee.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. COBBIN, W. H. CORNWELL, AUSTIN GIBBONS, Committee.

Semi annual report of official fees an emoluments received and expenditures made by J. A. Hoover, clerk of the circuit court of the county of Livingston and state of Illinois.

To the Chairman of the County Board of Livingston county:

I, J. A. Hoover, clerk of the circuit court in and for the county of Livingston and state of Illinois, respectfully present the following report of all the fees and emoluments of my office, and also of necessary expenditures therefor, for and during the half ending December 6th, 1892, wherein I state the gross amount of all fees or emoluments by me earned by official service during said half year, the total amounts of receipts of whatever name or character, and all necessary expenses for clerk hire, stationery, fuel, and other expenses.

Table listing earned during half year: For recording... \$1075.45, For clerk's fees in suits in court... 254.75, For miscellaneous services... 42.50. Total earnings of half year... \$1372.70.

Table listing receipts during half year for services performed, and heretofore reported as not received: Total receipts... \$1436.05.

Table listing expenditures: Clerk hire... \$ 720.00, Miscellaneous... 55.88, Clerk's salary for one-half year... 750.00. Total... \$1525.88.

Respectfully submitted this fifth day of December, 1892, J. A. HOOPER, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

I, J. A. Hoover, do solemnly swear that the foregoing account is, in all respects, just and true according to my best knowledge and belief, and that I have neither received directly or indirectly, nor directly or indirectly agreed to receive or be paid for my own or another's benefit, any other money, article or consideration than therein stated, nor am I entitled to any fee or emolument for the period therein mentioned, other than those therein specified.

Signed and sworn to before me this fifth day of December, 1892, HUGH THOMPSON, Clerk.

SETTLEMENT. Receipts for services rendered during half year... \$1372.70, Receipts for earnings previously reported "not received"... 63.35. Total receipts... \$1436.05.

Table listing total expenditures and salary reported and allowed: Balance due clerk... \$1525.88, Clerk's fees not reported in former report... \$189.80, Balance due county on report of November, 1889... 119.50. Total... \$1835.18.

By balance due clerk November report 1892... \$ 89.82, By overcharge on reports found by committee... 32.55. Total... \$122.37.

Balance clerk fees turned over to county treasurer... \$186.92, Witness and miscellaneous fees turned over to county treasurer... 557.22. Total amount turned into county treasury at expiration of my term of office... \$1044.14.

John Thompson moved that the above report of ex Circuit Clerk Hoover be approved by the board. Motion carried.

On motion of Sears, the board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, 9 o'clock a. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary presiding.

The following members answered to roll call: Cornwell, Litchfield, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Happer, Mason, Morrow, Smith, Barr, Corbin, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Gibbons, Ringler, Clow, Moulton, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Sears, Bergan, Hack, Lower, Potter.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

At the request of Chairman Cleary, Mr. Sears took the chair. On motion of Clark, the board adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, 2 o'clock p. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Clark presiding, who announced a quorum present.

At the request of Chairman Clark, Mr. Morrow took the chair. A. E. Harding, of Pontiac, appeared before the Board on behalf of the Pontiac library association and asked that the association be permitted to use a room in the court house for the library.

On motion of Colehower, Mr. Harding was requested to submit his proposition in writing to the public property committee, said committee to report thereon to the Board.

State of Illinois, Livingston County, s. s. Board of Supervisors, February term, February 8, A. D. 1893.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: Your committee, to whom was referred the report of County Superintendent Foster and claims against his office would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them, and would recommend the payment of the following and that the clerk issue orders for several amounts to several claimants.

Table listing claims: W M Welch for records and blanks... 218.40, Caldwell & McGregor, stationery... 6.35, J M Green, printing... 8.70, John S Murphy, sundries... 21.05, Johnson & Renee, stationery and printing... 48.75. Total... \$303.25.

We find there is now due Superintendent Foster for salary and expenses from September 1st to December 1st, 1892, the sum of \$309.00 to be paid out of the state treasury.

All of which is respectfully submitted, M. W. MOULTON, E. F. COLHEOWER, F. N. SMITH, J. N. BARR, C. W. ROLLINS, J. F. COBBIN, W. W. SEARS, Committee.

The following report from the committee on auditing sheriff's accounts was read, and on motion of Hack adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, s. s. Board of Supervisors, February term, A. D. 1893.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: Your committee, to whom was referred the semi-annual report of Thomas W. Coe, sheriff, of the earnings, receipts and disbursements of his office for the half year ending November 30, A. D. 1892, would beg leave to submit the following report and tabular statement compiled from said report, which have been examined and compared with the books of accounts of said officer, and are believed by your committee to be correct:

Table listing earned in this half year: \$1845.76, Received of the same... 671.56, Received of previous earnings... 984.75. Total received this half year... \$1656.31.

Table listing disbursements: Clerk hire... 1000.00, Postage stamps and cards... 13.75, Miscellaneous expenses... 8.91, Total... \$1022.66.

Deficiency to draw from treasury 16.35. Your committee would recommend that the said semi-annual report of the aforesaid officer be approved, and that the county clerk be and he is hereby instructed to issue county order payable to said sheriff for the sum of \$16.35, being the deficiency to draw from treasury, as shown by the foregoing statement.

All of which is respectfully submitted, E. LITCHFIELD, J. E. MORROW, A. GIBBONS, Committee.

The following report from special committee was read, and on motion of Hack adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Livingston County, Illinois:

At the September meeting, 1892, you appointed the undersigned as a special committee to look after and render such assistance as was deemed necessary to one Mr. Albous, of Owego township, whose wife was insane and troublesome to manage. Your committee would report that we furnished material, employed a carpenter, and had such addition made to his house as we thought was required and that proved sufficient to take the proper care of her. That we also hired help to do certain work on his farm such as husking corn and fall plowing, for which we paid the following bills, on account of the county:

Table listing repairs on house... \$13.76, For carpenter... 6.25, For fall plowing... 18.00, For husking corn... 22.00. Total... \$60.01.

All of which is respectfully submitted, J. E. MORROW, C. W. ROLLINS, Special Committee.

The following report from the committee on poor farm was read, and on motion of Earp adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Livingston County:

Your committee on poor farm beg leave to report that Henry Dunday and Alsen B. Nichols, both for many years inmates of the poor house, who died within the last two years, each leaving a small amount of property which should be converted into money and turned into the county treasury. Your committee therefore ask that you authorize us to take the necessary steps through administration to secure such property to the county.

And your committee is informed that one Mary Salmon is heir to a small sum from the estate of Walter Salmon, deceased. And said Mary Salmon, having been an inmate of the poor house for twenty or more years last past, we recommend that the county clerk be authorized and instructed to take necessary steps to secure for the county such...