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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Orders and Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Livingston County, State of Illinois, at its Regular February Meeting, 1894.

Pontiac, Ill., Monday, Feb. 5, 1894.

The Board of Supervisors of Livingston County met at 2 o'clock p. m., Chairman Cleary presiding.

The roll being called by the clerk, the following members were found to be present: Corwell, Litchfield, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Snyder, Ide, Myer, Morrow, Reed, Barr, Corbin, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Goebel, Moulton, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Freehill, Sears, Bergan, Lower, Potter.

The following report from the committee on poor house and farm, together with the bond and contract mentioned therein, were read and on motion of Myer adopted.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Livingston County Illinois.

Your committee on poor house and farm beg leave to present for your consideration the annual report made from memoranda taken when on a visit to said poor farm January 30, 1894.

We first give an inventory of the live stock, grain and hay, meats, vegetables and sundry supplies, with an estimated value of the same. Also an account of all money received by the committee during the year and the source from which it came. Also an itemized statement of all bills paid showing total expense for the year, followed by a complete history of inmates on hand, received, discharged and died during the year.

AS TO LIVE STOCK

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes 4 head of work horses, 2 colts, 2 year olds, 2 calves, 1 bull, 1 cow, 1 heifer, 1 steer, 1 horse, 1 mule, 1 pig, 1 sheep, 1 goat, 1 turkey, 1 chicken.

GRAIN AND HAY

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes 30 bushels corn, 60 bushels oats, 15 tons of hay, 20 bushels clover, 20 bushels timothy.

VEGETABLES, MEATS AND SUNDRIES

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes 150 bushels potatoes, 100 heads cabbage, 100 heads cauliflower, 100 heads lettuce, 100 heads radishes, 100 heads turnips, 100 heads beets, 100 heads carrots, 100 heads onions, 100 heads garlic, 100 heads parsley, 100 heads dill, 100 heads celery, 100 heads spinach, 100 heads kale, 100 heads chard, 100 heads collards, 100 heads Brussels sprouts, 100 heads cauliflower, 100 heads broccoli, 100 heads asparagus, 100 heads green beans, 100 heads string beans, 100 heads lima beans, 100 heads kidney beans, 100 heads pinto beans, 100 heads navy beans, 100 heads black beans, 100 heads chickpeas, 100 heads lentils, 100 heads peas, 100 heads corn, 100 heads sweet corn, 100 heads lima beans, 100 heads kidney beans, 100 heads pinto beans, 100 heads navy beans, 100 heads black beans, 100 heads chickpeas, 100 heads lentils, 100 heads peas, 100 heads corn, 100 heads sweet corn.

HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes 100 bushels potatoes, 100 heads cabbage, 100 heads cauliflower, 100 heads lettuce, 100 heads radishes, 100 heads turnips, 100 heads beets, 100 heads carrots, 100 heads onions, 100 heads garlic, 100 heads parsley, 100 heads dill, 100 heads celery, 100 heads spinach, 100 heads kale, 100 heads chard, 100 heads collards, 100 heads Brussels sprouts, 100 heads cauliflower, 100 heads broccoli, 100 heads asparagus, 100 heads green beans, 100 heads string beans, 100 heads lima beans, 100 heads kidney beans, 100 heads pinto beans, 100 heads navy beans, 100 heads black beans, 100 heads chickpeas, 100 heads lentils, 100 heads peas, 100 heads corn, 100 heads sweet corn.

CASH RECEIVED BY THIS COMMITTEE AND SOURCE FROM WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Cash received by this committee and source from which it was received.

CREDITS OF PAYMENTS AS FOLLOWS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Credits of payments as follows.

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STATEMENT OF BILLS CONTRACTED, BUT NOT YET PAID

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes W. H. Bruner, McKee & Opperman, M. Rose, N. G. Fisher, J. Fisher, A. McKay, R. B. Phillips, Haynes & Co, J. A. Marsh & Co.

STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL RUNNING EXPENSE, SHOWING EXPENSE OF THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SUPPLIES, LABOR, SALARIES, ETC.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Groceries, Clothing, Boots and shoes, Drugs, Paper, Paints, etc., Furniture and Coffers, Smithing, Hardware, Painting, Meat, Printing, papering and Calcimining, House and farm repairs, Farm hands, harvesting and threshing, Sundries, Salary of a physician, Salary of A. Hinsey, Salary of W. E. Thompson, Salary of J. E. Morrow, Salary of W. E. Thompson, Salary of J. E. Morrow, Salary of W. E. Thompson, Salary of J. E. Morrow.

AS TO INMATES

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Number in charge February 1st, 1893, Number admitted during the year, Total, Number discharged during the year, Number died during the year, Number in charge at this date, Feb. 1st, 1894.

Names of paupers admitted during the year and from what township sent.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Township. Includes Mary Kerner from Saunemin township, John Backus from Newtown township, Henry Brady from Pontiac township, Gustaf Norlander from Odell township, Russell Cunningham from Indian Grove township.

Frank Lundy from Pontiac township, Bridget Flanagan from Odell township, James Starch from Fayette township, Milton Sylvester from Nebraska township, John Franey from Pike township, Arthur Barrel from Belle Prairie township, Alex Hinsey from Pontiac township, W. A. Dawson from Pontiac township, Jerry O'Connell from Pontiac township, W. Martin from Dwight township, John Baptiste from Pike township, Ina May Stanford from Avoca township, A. W. Ferguson from Avoca township, A. Skillman from Odell township, Lewis Cary from Reading township, Lewis Miller from Owego township, George Apple from Union township, Joseph Dunn from Waldo township, W. B. Cook from Amity township, Patrick Galvin from Forrest township, Edward Seward from Reading township, Sadie Webber from Eastern Hospital.

Paupers discharged during the year:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Township. Includes Patrick O'Connor from Pontiac township, Henry Brady from Pontiac township, W. A. Dawson from Pontiac township, John Adernick from Newtown township, John Backus from Newtown township, Russell Cunningham from Indian Grove township, Bridget Flanagan from Odell township, Milton Sylvester from Nebraska township, Lewis Cary from Reading township, Leon Roll from Forrest township, Jerry O'Connell from Pontiac township, Shad Reynolds from Pontiac township.

Names of paupers who died during the year.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Township. Includes Gustaf Norlander from Odell township, Mary Kerner from Saunemin township, John Franey from Pike township.

Names of paupers in charge February 1, 1894, and township from which sent:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Township. Includes Frank Lundy from Pontiac township, Alexander Hinsey from Pontiac township, Michael Kennedy from Pontiac township, Joseph Green from Pontiac township, Charles Dodwell from Pontiac township, Hester A. Luster from Pontiac township, Nancy Mosholder from Pontiac township, John Grevel from Pontiac township, Michael Starch from Pontiac township, M. K. Wright from Pontiac township, Joseph Dunn from Waldo township.

Amos Wilson from Owego township, W. Martin from Dwight township, Harrison Johnson from Dwight township, A. Skillman from Odell township, George Apple from Union township, Arthur Sherry from Nebraska township, Daniel Deegan from Nebraska township, John Higgins from Forrest township, Pat Galvan from Forrest township, Charles Wendelshofer from Indian Grove township, Philip Wendelshofer from Indian Grove township, George Kuhlman from Indian Grove township, Pebedee Thorr from Indian Grove township, Mary Giar from Indian Grove township, Ann Kennedy from Indian Grove township, S. J. Rudkins from Indian Grove township, Katie Deol from Rooks Creek township, Nicholas Hollahan from Amity township, W. B. Cook from Amity township, Alexander Ewing from Fayette township, James Starch from Fayette township, Edward Conroy from Nevada township, Elsa Wagner from Saunemin township, Arthur Lear from Saunemin township, Hannah Bradford from Eppards Point township, Daniel McFall from Long Point township, Wm. Kegan, from Charlotte township, John Haley from Emen township, John Baptiste from Pike township, Edward Steward from Reading township, Sadie Webber from Eastern Hospital, Lizzie Getzer from Eastern Hospital, Floraine Schlager from Eastern Hospital, Andrew Dore from Livingston county.

The average age of the inmates now in charge is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes 25 men averaging 58 years, 5 women averaging 55 years, 18 insane men and women averaging 49 years.

The number of weeks board finished during the year ending February 1, 1894, being 2085 making the cost to care for such inmates \$1.81 per week, and not taking into account the money received from sales of products of the farm the cost is \$1.13 per week.

When we visited the farm we found all things in good order. The inmates are well contented as could be expected of people in their condition. All live stock looking well, as does also the farm, and say with pleasure we are well satisfied with the management by Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, superintendent and matron. And right here it would be proper to say that the contract with Mr. Guthrie expired March 1, 1893 and at that time we entered into a new contract with him for a period of two and one-half years. And in said contract we agreed to make the salary seven hundred dollars per year for the services of himself and wife. This new contract will expire September 1st, 1895. Said contract we file with this report and ask that it be read and approved by this board.

Your committee would further report, that the old wooden buildings are fast becoming dilapidated. All of them now needing new roofs, and some new flooring and other repairs. In our opinion the old buildings have about served their day. Being not only in a dilapidated condition, but are not sufficient to accommodate the increased number of inmates, especially in winter time when all have to remain indoors. It is only necessary to look in upon them, and see them all huddled under the stoves placed in the small dingy rooms to satisfy any one of the truthfulness of this statement and that a more commodious and comfortable building is an absolute necessity. And should a fire occur, which we much fear, in the present old buildings, doubtless some would perish.

Your committee is forced to call your attention to the fact that we cannot any longer take the responsibility in this respect. And respectfully ask that immediate steps be taken toward the construction of a new building. The same to be built with stone and brick, with sufficient capacity to accommodate one hundred sane inmates and fifty insane inmates, the same to be built with all modern improvements and conveniences including laundry and heated by steam.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your approval.

J. E. Morrow, W. E. Thompson, A. Crabb, Committee.

Myer moved that this board instruct the committee on poor house and farm to submit, at this meeting, a report as to plan of the building required at the poor farm, and also its probable cost.

Morrow moved to amend, that the chair appoint a special committee of three for the purpose.

Amendment lost. Original motion carried.

Myer moved that all bills be referred to the proper committees without reading.

Motion carried.

On motion of W. E. Thompson, the board adjourned until Tuesday at 9 a. m.

Tuesday, February 6, 1894, 9 a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary presiding.

The following members answered to roll call: Corwell, Litchfield, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Snyder, Ide, Myer, Morrow, Reed, Barr, Corbin, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Bullard, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Freehill, Bergan, Lower, Potter.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, F. M. 1894 Joseph Dunn from Waldo township.

viding homes for homeless children; stating that homes had been obtained for a number of children from this and adjoining counties, thereby relieving the counties of pauper charge; also that this work would be continued, and asking this board to appropriate what ever sum is thought proper, in aid of the association.

Morrow moved that the matter be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Motion carried.

The chairman announced that, owing to the absence of Supervisor Gibbons on account of sickness, he would appoint Supervisor Cornwell to fill the vacancy thus caused on the committee on auditing circuit clerk's accounts.

Letters were read from Senator John M. Palmer and Congressman H. K. Wheeler, relative to the swamp land resolution passed at the September meeting A. D., 1893, of this board, which resolution has been by them presented to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, with request for speedy adjustment; and on motion of Cornwell the letters were ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Hon. Thomas F. Tipton, circuit judge, asking that the volumes missing in the circuit clerk's library, of the Illinois supreme court reports, and also the appellate court reports be purchased by the county for said library; and on motion of John Thompson was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The report of the grand jury for the January term of the circuit court, relative to the condition of the county jail, was read and on motion of Sears referred to the committee on public property.

A communication from P. C. Knight, of Pontiac, was read asking this board provide for re-indexing the surveyor's records of this county; and on motion of W. E. Thompson referred to the committee on finance.

A communication from the superintendent of the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the insane at Kankakee, was read, showing the number of patients from this county on January 1, 1894, to be 45, and a statement of the physical and mental condition of each patient; and on motion of Moulton ordered placed on file.

Morrow moved that the matter of extra election booths be referred to the committee on public property.

Motion carried.

Colehower moved that four additional members be added to the committee on poor house and farm, for the purpose of reporting as to plans and probable cost of new building required.

Motion lost.

On motion of John Thompson the board adjourned, for committee work, until 2 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, February 6, 1894, 2 p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary presiding, who announced a quorum present.

The following report from the committee on auditing sheriff's accounts was read and on motion of W. E. Thompson adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, ss. Board of Supervisors, February term, February 6, A. D. 1894.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on auditing the sheriff's accounts would beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the semi-annual report of Thomas W. Coe, of his office for the half year ending November 30th A. D. 1893, and herewith submit the following tabular statement compiled from said report, which has been examined and compared with the books of accounts of said officer, and is believed by your committee to be correct:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Earned in this half year, Received of the same, Salary for half year, Received of previous earnings.

Total rec'd this half year \$1,820 05 \$1,820 05

DISBURSEMENTS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Clerk hire, Miscellaneous expenses, Salary for half year, Total disbursed this half year, Excess to pay into treasury.

Total \$1,820 05 \$1,820 05

Your committee would recommend that the said semi-annual report of the aforesaid officer be approved, and that he and is hereby ordered to pay into the county treasury without delay, the sum shown to be in his hands in excess of disbursements, to-wit, the sum of \$132 38.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. Litchfield, J. E. Morrow, A. Lower, Committee.

On motion of Cornwell the board adjourned, for committee work, until Wednesday at 9 a. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1894, 9 a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary presiding.

The following members answered to roll call: Corwell, Litchfield, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Snyder, Ide, Myer, Morrow, Reed, Barr, Corbin, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Bullard, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Freehill, Bergan, Lower, Potter.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following communication was read and on motion of Colehower received and ordered placed on file:

To the honorable chairman and board of supervisors.

Gentlemen: In the matter of using the fines and forfeitures fund for paying the

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fines and forfeitures belong exclusively to the schools and cannot be lawfully used to defray the expenses of the county superintendent's office.

I desire that this error be corrected as far as I am concerned. Following the example of my predecessors in using the fines and forfeitures to pay current expenses, \$465 has been used. I would ask your honorable body to appropriate this amount, for the purpose of recompensing the fines and forfeitures fund, that I may be able to apportion to the schools of each township its just portion of this fund.

The following statement will show you the collections, disbursements and appropriations of Superintendents Ferris and Tombaugh. I would suggest the appointment of a committee to investigate the disposition of this fund by the various county superintendents. There is no question but what it is right and proper that all monies diverted from the school fund should be restored wherever such restoration is possible.

Respectfully,

HENRY A. FOSTER, County Superintendent.

[Statement attached to the above communication shows totals as follows: Henry A. Foster, county superintendent, received \$527.34; used for expenses \$465. Geo. W. Ferris, county superintendent, received \$874.35; used for expenses, \$641.55. M. Tombaugh, county superintendent, received \$1616.60; used for expenses \$659.42.]

Colehower introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, We feel well satisfied that the fines and forfeitures fund has been wrongfully used to pay the current expenses of the county superintendent's office, and

Whereas, We are well satisfied that none of the gentlemen concerned were conscious of wrong action when making such use of said fund, and

Whereas, This board is able to right the wrong done so far as the present incumbent is concerned, now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the county clerk be authorized to draw an order for four hundred sixty five (465) dollars, in favor of the fines and forfeitures fund; that the county treasurer be authorized to pay the same; that the county superintendent of schools, be authorized to distribute this money, together with other fine and forfeitures he may have in hand, at the time he distributes the money obtained on the state auditor's warrants.

Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of three to investigate the disposition of the fines and forfeitures fund, made by the various county superintendents, and that said committee be ready to report with recommendations at the July meeting.

B. F. COLEHOWER.

W. E. Thompson called for the ayes and nays, which resulted: Ayes, Corwell, Litchfield, Colehower, Clark, Crabb, Earp, Snyder, Ide, Morrow, Reed, Barr, Corbin, Travis, McKenzie, McDowell, Rollins, Bullard, Thornton, W. E. Thompson, John Thompson, Freehill, Bergan, Lower, -23.

Nays, none.

Motion carried and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Colehower, the board adjourned, for committee work, until 2 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1894, 2 p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Chairman Cleary, presiding, who announced a quorum present.

The chairman announced the appointment of Colehower, Moulton and Rollins, as the special committee to investigate the condition of the fines and forfeitures fund, in pursuance of the resolution adopted this forenoon.

The following report from the committee on auditing circuit clerk's accounts was read and on motion of Earp adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, ss. Board of Supervisors, February term, A. D., 1894.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on auditing circuit clerk's accounts would beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the semi-annual report of Hugh Thompson, circuit clerk, of his office for the half year ending Nov. 30, 1893, and herewith submit the following tabular statement compiled from said report, which has been examined and compared with the books of account of said officer, and is believed by your committee to be correct:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Earned in this half year, Received for recording, Court costs, Miscellaneous, Total received this half year, Disbursements, Clerk hire, Miscellaneous expenses, Salary for half year, Total disbursed this half year, Excess to pay into treasury.

Total received this half year \$1,738 12

Total disbursed this half year \$1,475 43

Excess to pay into treasury \$262 69

Your committee would recommend that the said semi-annual report of the aforesaid officer be approved, and that he be

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disbursements, to-wit, the sum of \$15.40. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. CORBIN, T. A. MCKENZIE, W. H. CORNWELL, Committee.

The following report from the committee on judiciary was read and on motion of Thornton adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, ss. Board of Supervisors, February term, Feb. 7, A. D., 1894.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of the American Educational Aid Association, asking an appropriation from Livingston county for pauper children; also the communication of Judge Tipton, asking the county to purchase court reports, etc., would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

In regard to the American Educational Aid Association we would recommend they be allowed the sum of \$100, and that the county clerk be ordered to draw an order on the county treasurer for that amount. We would also ask the American Educational Aid Association to make an annual report to the county board at the September meeting, giving the names of all children taken from said county and places where homes were provided for them.

In regard to the communication of Judge Tipton, asking the county to purchase court reports, etc., for use of county, we would respectfully recommend that no action be taken at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. POTTIE, N. J. MYER, J. F. CORBIN, W. H. CORNWELL, A. CRABB, T. A. MCKENZIE, E. LITCHFIELD, Committee.

The following report from the committee on auditing county clerk's accounts was read and on motion of Litchfield adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, ss. Board of Supervisors, February term, A. D., 1894.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on auditing county clerk's accounts would beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the semi-annual report of John C. George, county clerk, of his office for the half year ending Nov. 30, A. D., 1893, and herewith submit the following tabular statement compiled from said report, which has been examined and compared with the books of account of said officer, and is believed by your committee to be correct:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Earned in this half year, Received of the same, Received of previous earnings, Total received this half year, Disbursements, Clerk hire, Miscellaneous expenses, Salary for half year, Total disbursed this half year, Excess to pay into treasury.

Total received this half year \$1,558 43

Total disbursed this half year \$1,409 75

Excess to pay into treasury \$148 68

Your committee would recommend that the said semi-annual report of the aforesaid officer be approved, and that he be and is hereby ordered to pay into the county treasury without delay the sum shown to be in his hands in excess of disbursements, to-wit, the sum of \$148.68.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. COLEHOWER, E. T. POTTIE, SAMUEL EARP, Committee.

The following report from the committee on jurors was read and on motion of Colehower adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston County, ss. Board of Supervisors, February term, A. D., 1894.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee, to whom was referred grand jurors for May term of circuit court, would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Waldo—Thomas Kirkton, Gridley, Nebraska—Daniel Orndorff, Flanagan, Long Point—J. H. Taggart, Long Point.

Reading—Ammon Deffenbaugh, Ing.

Pike—John Klein, Chenoa.

Rooks Creek—Stephen Evring, Mont.