

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTS ON MANY MATTERS DURING THE PAST WEEK

REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SALARY BE INCREASED TO \$3,000 ADOPTED

Designations of County Superintendent of Highways for Coming Year Adopted by Board On Thursday Last.

The St. Lawrence county board of supervisors, in session at Canton, during the past week, took important action on several matters, including the increase of the salary of the district attorney to \$3,000. Another matter of importance to the county was the adoption by the board of the designations of the county superintendent of highways for the coming year.

A complete account of the proceedings of the past week follows: On Tuesday last the clerk of the board presented the following designations by County Superintendent of Highways Walter F. Willson of proposed projects for County Road Construction during the year 1927: Hermon-Richville, part 2, from Kent's Corners to the New York Central Railroad at Bigelow, in the towns of Dekalb and Hermon, approximately 4.3 miles.

Rossie-Oxbow, part 1, from the Jefferson county line to the Settlement road corner, all in the town of Rossie, approximately 3.65 miles.

Chipman road, part 1, from Madrid town line to the town of Waddington, approximately four miles.

Plumbrook road, from Plumbrook to county highway No. 967 in the town of Norfolk, approximately 4.95 miles.

Rock Island road, from corporation limits of the village of Gouverneur to the intersection of the K-anay or Welch road, all in the town of Gouverneur, approximately 3.35 miles.

Some of the above projects will be for grade and foundation course and culverts only.

Mr. Chaney moved the adoption of the designations and Mr. Rich moved to amend by making the matter of the consideration of the designations a special order for next Thursday morning. Mr. Chaney accepted the amendment and the motion was amended as adopted.

Thirteenth Day, December 1. Mr. Woodcock from Committee on Education reported favorably the report of Dean Hulet of St. Lawrence University and presented a resolution appropriating \$3,000 to assist in maintaining a Pedagogical Department at the University for the coming year. Referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Daniels presented a resolution, which was adopted, setting forth that it has been the past probably will be in the future necessary to summon supervisors before the Equalization Committee when the Board is not in session, and providing that in such cases such supervisor shall receive from the county six dollars per day for his actual and necessary expenses.

On motion of Mr. F. H. Martin the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes in order that the supervisors might discuss and agree on printing designations, after which the Board reconvened and Mr. Gibson presented the Republican designations and Mr. Corbitt the Democratic, all of which were ordered filed and published with the minutes. The Republican designations of the Massena Observation publish the Concurrent Resolutions and Acts passed by the Board of Supervisors during the coming year. The Northern Tribune and the Gouverneur Edition of this year's official canvass and the St. Lawrence Plaindealer of Canton was designated to publish the Election Notices for 1927. As there is only one Democratic paper in the county, the Ogdensburg Advance, it was designated by the Democrats for everything.

Mr. Sanford presented the report of the Canton Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It stated that 82 cases have been investigated, 216 animals involved, not including stockyards, four of which have been inspected regularly, 155 animals have been relieved, 18 killed with the consent of the owners and several cats have been provided with homes. Mr. S. F. Thornhill of Dekalb Junction has been appointed agent. The amount available for the coming year has been \$413.83, \$381.11 has been expended and there is a balance on hand of \$32.72. Ordered filed and published with the minutes.

On motion of Mr. Sanford the privileges of the floor were granted to Elmer T. Jenkins, County Sealer of Weights and Measures and he addressed the Board and filed a written report which was ordered filed and published with the minutes and referred to the Committee on Reports of County Officers, and on motion of Mr. Preston a vote of thanks was given Mr. Jenkins for his comprehensive report.

The report states that people are fastidious on correct weights. That at two milk plants visited the scales were in such condition that the farmers were losing \$350 per day of milk each by reason of the scales being off by 1/2 cent per pound. The loss has been corrected so that the loss does not exceed 270 pounds a day. Weight slips are suggested in the case of milk, one farmer having delivered seven hundred pounds more milk one month than he was paid for. Steps have been taken and it is expected that this will be adjusted. There has been much complaint with respect to the scales used on the Gouverneur Board. This has been corrected to some extent, and one factory which had been getting short weights has recently received correct weights by reason of the scales following the check to cold storage and weighing it there and finding that it had not shrunk as claimed. It is estimated that \$25,000 per year will be saved to farmers getting correct weight for their produce. The prosecution of the Great Bend Bakery for short weight has brought the weight of its product up to the correct weight. The amount of about \$150 per day of onions and potatoes should be sold by weight as there is usually a shortage of three to six pounds per bushel when sold by measure. Gas pumps and other measures have been found to be accurate.

The Clerk presented a communication from the State Tax Commission stating that it was planned to comply with the wishes of the Board in support of the coming year and for expense of other veterinarians assisting. The report was adopted.

Mr. Richardson presented the major- ity report of the Committee on salaries.

Mr. Corbitt presented a minority report signed by himself and Mr. Woodcock. The minority recommended that the District Attorney receive \$3,000 instead of \$2,500 as recommended by the majority report.

Mr. Corbitt moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report, and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was carried, yeas 18, nays 15, excused from voting at his own request, Mr. Hamner.

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2 Elect. Com. each 1,600 1,700

Misc. Clerk Clks. Of. 1,800 1,900

Index Clerk 800 850

One Clerk 1,320 1,420

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matter of interest to the taxpayers of the county. The report under the Farms and Markets Law shows that in the Dog Tax Fund July 1, 1925, there was a balance of \$12,127.26 and during the year \$18,151.45 has been received from license fees, penalties and costs, making a total of \$30,278.71. Canton contributed the largest amount of any one town, \$1,514, and Clare the least, \$80. In 1925 there was paid on the distribution of the Board of Supervisors, \$8,405.66; the State Treasurer received 10 per cent of license fees, or \$1,864.59; the bills of assessors were \$3,164.59; the bills of the Osgoatchie amounted to \$5,833.25; Clerk's bills for listing delinquents, \$18.80; bills of peace officers, \$398.87; paid to Treasurer of the City of Ogdensburg \$369.24; balance on hand July 1, 1926, \$9,960.35.

The report as to payments on account of franchise taxes and income taxes showed that on account of franchise taxes the several tax districts received \$62,783.83. The town of Massena received by far the largest sum of any municipality, \$25,063.67, while Clare received nothing. The various municipalities of the county received from income taxes \$17,824.20; Osgoatchie received the largest sum, \$9,657.58, while the smallest sum, \$80.46.

Turning to the General report of the County Treasurer appears that the county tax received during the year amounted to \$666,665.13. This sum was distributed among twenty different funds besides highway maintenance.

Taking up the County Order Fund there was distributed to it \$73,634.01, which was paid out under the following general heads: Tax Accounts, \$3,195.99; Supervisors' salaries, \$4,087.75; Elections, \$4,976.43; County Treasurer, \$1,779.17; Court House, \$290.60; County Clerk's Office, \$839.97; County Attorney, \$12.68; Judicial Matters, \$890.00; Sheriff's Office and Jail, \$2,163.01; Poor Fund, \$17,464.06; Highway Fund, \$2,434.66.

A year ago in the Board of Supervisors Fund there was a balance of \$14,754.21 to which was added on distribution \$16,500, making a total of \$32,254.21; there has been paid to Supervisors for special sessions \$580; annual session \$14,201.11; salary of the Board \$150, leaving a balance in the fund of \$15,953.10.

In the Bank tax fund there was received from banks \$37,661.46 of which the county received \$376.67 as fees and the balance was paid to the towns and other municipalities entitled thereto.

In the State of New York Fund there was due from the state a year ago \$13,465.51, which has been paid as has also the amount of \$15,742.20 state land taxes admitted; \$2,000 was due to the state from the county \$160,208.59, from which the county has retained fees amounting to \$1,318.87 and has paid the balance to the state treasurer.

In the State Highway Aid Fund \$83,625.68 has been received from the state and paid to the various towns.

In the School Fund there has been received from the state for libraries, etc., \$57,414.03 and public school monies amounting to \$321,989.50; a total of \$379,403.53, which has been paid to the school districts and towns entitled thereto.

In the Court Expense Fund a year ago there was a balance of \$2,973.76, to which was added \$14,000 on distribution; after paying all orders there is a balance in the fund of \$5,000 and must pay this year principal and interest \$5,850; Brasher owes \$8,419.10 and must pay this year \$2,000 and interest; Hopkinton owes \$15,000 and must pay this year \$4,475.16; interest on \$2,500; Parishville owes \$3,870 and will pay what falls due this year from the General Fund.

Mr. Richardson presented the report of the Board of Election Commissioners ordered filed and published with the minutes and referred to the Committee on Reports of County Officers.

On motion of Mr. Chaney the privileges of the floor were granted to Sheriff Edson A. Martin and he addressed the Board as to the necessity of a suitable root cellar. Mr. Chaney moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Sheriff and Jail. Mr. Daniels moved to amend by referring it to the Committee having charge of the work on the new Surrogate's office. Mr. Chaney accepted the amendment and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Denner presented a report of the indebtedness of the town of Hammond.

Mr. Gibson presented a report of the indebtedness of the town of Stockholm. Both were ordered filed and published with the minutes. Hammond owes \$4000 and must pay this year \$1000 and interest. Stockholm owes \$3000 and must raise this year to pay principal and interest \$1500.

The Clerk presented the report of the Board of Child Welfare which was ordered filed and published with the minutes and was also referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A year ago twenty families and 73 children were being aided; now 24 families and eighty-three children are receiving assistance; during the year six families and fourteen children have ceased to receive aid. Thirteen towns have had families which have received assistance. The Board recommends an appropriation of at least \$1200 for welfare work; that there be established a committee to investigate cases and supervise expenditures in the homes; the appropriation of sufficient money to pay such agency; that the policy be adopted of making the expense of Child Welfare Work a county charge instead of a town.

The Clerk presented the report of Public Health Nurse Beattie M. Lawler, which was ordered filed and published with the minutes. Nineteen cases admitted during the year amounted to 41; cases readmitted, 6; discharged, 45; current active cases at the end of the year, 107. Of these 45 were discharged, 10 left the county, 8 are arrested cases and 10 quiescent. An intensive campaign against diphtheria has also been conducted.

On motion of Mr. Gale the Board adjourned.

Fourteenth Day—December 2. The Committee on Ways and Means reported favorably:

1. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 to St. Lawrence University.

2. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for Farm Bureau.

3. Resolution appropriating \$1,500 to defray expenses of County Assessor for the coming year, and \$200 to pay expense of clerical work.

4. Resolution appropriating \$4,500 for traveling expenses of Federal or state veterinarians within the county for coming year and for expense of other veterinarians assisting. The report was adopted.

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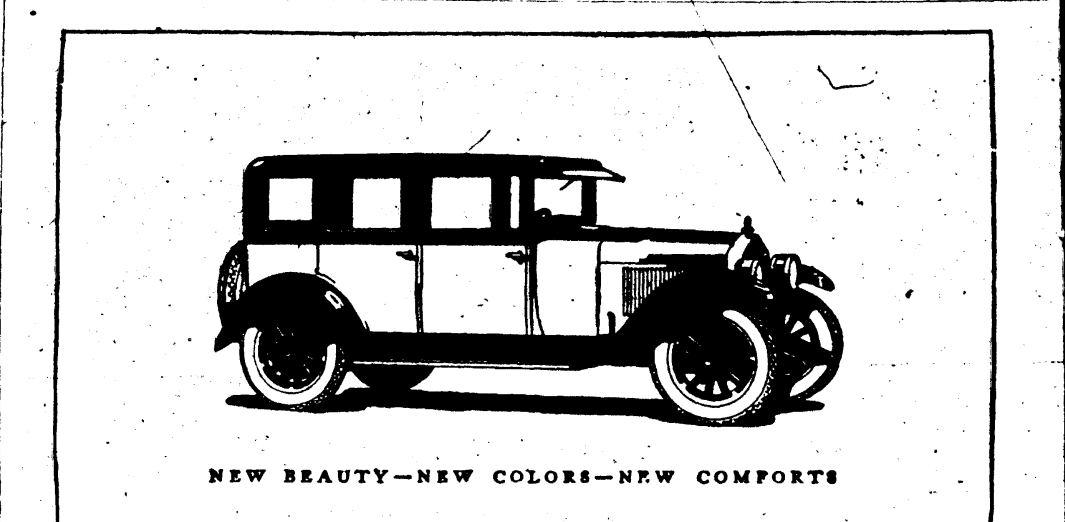
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