Supervisors' Proceedings

January 5, 1925.

Board called to order by the chairman, James Cutbert.

Roll call.

The following members were present: Armstrong, Moore, Adams, Bond, Brodige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Gale, Hillman, Lessiter, Lawson, Lambert, Malcolm, McClure, Rogers, Ross, Smith, Shimmons, Scott, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren.

Quorum present.

The chair requested that the new members present credentials tomorrow morning.

Resolution from Oak Park, received by Adams and supported by Wardlow that the board adjourn until the usual hour in the afternoon.

Carried.

Afternoon Session

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Moved by Salmer that Mr. Baldwin be permitted to secure the necessary records from Lansing and the Board of Supervisors authorizing the necessary expense incurred. No action taken.

Report by Willis M. Brewer, chairman of Oakland County Board of Auditors, regarding number to bidders for the construction of the Infirmary Building, which is as follows:

Notice to Bidders

Sealed proposals will be received by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for the construction of an Infirmary Building, No. 1896, to be seated on the west side of Maple avenue, north of White Lake Road, near the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, until ten (10) o'clock, A. M., Eastern Standard Time, January 23rd, 1925.

No bids will be received after the above date and time.

Proposal No. 1.

Proposals will be received from general contractors which include in one tender work and furnishings indicated on the drawings, and the following:

General mason specifications.

General carpenter specifications.

Plumbing and ventilating specifications.

Heating and ventilating specifications.

Electric specifications.

Proposal No. 2.

Separate proposals will also be received for the construction of this building as follows:

General mason specifications.

General carpenter specifications.

Proposal No. 4.

Heating, ventilating and plumbing.

Proposal No. 4.

Heating and ventilating.

Proposal No. 5.

Plumbing.

Proposal No. 6.

Electric Wiring.

All proposals shall be based on plans and specifications prepared by Malcolmson and Higginbotham, architects, and McColl, Snyder and McLean, engineers, and on file with the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Plans and specifications under direction of the Architects may be obtained at the office of Malcolmson and Higginbotham, 1217 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich., upon deposit of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per set which shall be returned upon return of such plans and specifications in good condition, five ($5.00) dollars per day will be made for all plans and specifications not returned on or before time agreed when plans are received by contractor.

All proposals shall be made upon blanks furnished by architects and engineers, and enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to Willis M. Brewer, Secretary, Oakland County Auditors' Office, Pontiac, Michigan, plainly marked, Bid—For (Infirmary) on the outside, and delivered by 10 (10) o'clock A. M., Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, January 23rd, 1925.

R. B. Proposal forms not properly and completely filled out will be rejected.

The County of Oakland, State of Michigan, reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept any bid or any parts of bids which it may deem most advantageous to do. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check in amount to five per cent of the amount of the bid as guarantee of the successful bidder will, within ten (10) days after his award, enter into a contract with said county to construct the work bid upon and give the bonds required by said county. The checks of all successful bidders will be forfeited to the County of Oakland, upon failure to execute contract and give such bonds. The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as the successful bidder qualifies.

WILLIS M. BREWER,
Secretary of Building Committee, Oakland County Supervisors, Pontiac, Michigan.

Moved by Hillman, supported by Wardlow, that report be accepted, and that when we adjourn this term, we adjourn to January 23, 1925, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Carried.

Moved by Brewer, supported by Irish, that the Board take a recess until the usual hour Tuesday morning, January 6, 1925.

Carried.

JAMES CUTHBERT,
Chairman.

BURTON P. DAUGHERTY, Clerk.

January 6, 1925

Board called to order by the chairman, James Cutbert.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved by Hillman, supported by Bond, that we make a special order of business at 2 o'clock P. M. tomorrow, for the report of delegates to the State Association of Supervisors Convention, Lansing, Michigan.

Carried.

The chairman appointed the following members of the Board to fill vacancies in committees:

Mr. L. Rose, Equalization and County Road.

Robert E. Moore, Ways and Means and Salary Committee.

Moved by Rogers, supported by Wilson, that we take a recess until the usual hour in the afternoon.

Carried.

Afternoon Session

Roll called.

Quorum present.

January 6, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I beg leave to make the following report as to the office of the Register of Deeds:

I find that in the year of 1923 there were 20,138 instruments recorded, and in the year of 1924, 24,825 papers recorded. This shows an increase of 4,688 papers for the past year. I further find that on December 4th that there were 264 papers held in the office of the County Treasurer, 534 unrecorded deeds and 339 unrecorded mortgages, making a total of 1,137 papers unrecorded and which it was impossible to record on account of not enough help in the office of the Register of Deeds including the Register herself and the report of the Board of Auditors, which the informs our Board that in order to record the papers named and to get the office up to date at least four more clerks should be added to her force, this would necessitate the hiring of four additional desks and the purchasing of four more desks and four typewriters, at the expense of about $4,000.

The solution of this problem in my opinion is that either a Photostat or a Camera graph machine which takes the pictures of the papers can be installed in the office of the Register of Deeds. In making this recommendation I have carefully investigated and I find that wherever this system of recording has been installed that a great deal of money is saved in help (material and labor). On one of these machines I find that where they have operation that 500 to 700 papers are recorded each day by one operator, one girl on the machine and one girl developing the work.

At the present time 100 papers is the average amount handled in a day by the entire force of workers each day. Therefore, it is my opinion that by instalming this system of recording that at least four clerks' salaries of the present force and work clerks' salaries that if the four more clerks have been asked for were added, would be eliminated and that all work could be brought up to date and could be kept up to date, for several years and the County of Oakland would have the exact and accurate copy of each and every paper recorded.

The cost of these machines fully equipped and ready for operate is from $3,500 to $4,000.

If we were to take into consideration the salaries of the four clerks now on our force of approximately $4,500 and the salaries and equipment asked for of $4,000 it would make a total of $8,500.

It is my opinion that this entire amount could be saved in the first year of its use, and it would make a saving to the County of Oakland somewhere around $7,000.

My recommendation to your honorable body is that the Board of County Auditors be instructed to purchase one of the machines, and for them to use their good judgment as to the amount of help they be further instructed to make the necessary improvements to install said machine in the Register of Deeds Office and that the said amount be taken from the contingent fund.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIS M. BREWER,
Chairman.

Moved by Bond, supported by Hillman, that the report be accepted and adopted.

Ayes: Armstrong, Moore, Adams, Bond, Brodige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Gale, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, Malcolm, McClure, Rogers, Ross, Smith, Shimmons, Scott, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren. (24).

Nays: None.

Carried.

Township of Avon, December 29, 1924.

To the Board of Supervisors:

Moved by Judge Hudson, supported by Justice Gates, that the Township of Avon Board appoint A. L. Rose as supervisor for the ensuing term or until his successor has been elected.

Ayes: Hudson, Gates, O'Brien.

Nays: None.

Carried. T. A. O'BRIEN, Clerk.

EDWIN A. HUDSON,
Justice of the Peace.
BENJAMIN M. GATES,
Justice of the Peace.
T. A. O'Brien,
Township Clerk.

Township of Bloomfield, Bilmingham, Michigan, December 31, 1924.

To the County Clerk of the County of Oakland:

You will please take notice that the Township Board of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, on the 29th day of December, D. 1924, at 9 A. M. in the afternoon and they did appoint Robert Y. Tyranski, R. F. D. 10, Box 272, Pontiac, Michigan, for the unexpired term of Robert Y. Moore to take effect this date.

Supervisor, I. A. Allen.
Justice, Floyd S. Buck.
Justice, F. H. Harper.
Clerk, James V. Bogue.

Moved by Bond, supported by Irish, that the communications be received and placed on file.

Carried.

Township of Bloomfield, Birmingham, Michigan, December 31, 1924.

To the County Clerk of the County of Oakland:

You will please take notice that the Township Board of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, on the 29th day of December, D. 1924, at 9 A. M. in the afternoon and they did appoint James V. Bayley, Township Clerk, for the unexpired term of Robert Y. Moore to take effect this date.

Supervisor, I. A. Allen.
Justice, Floyd S. Buck.
Justice, F. H. Harper.

Moved by Bond, supported by Irish, that communication be received and placed on file.

Carried.

Moved by Wilson, supported by Irish, that the Board take a recess until the usual hour on January 7, A. D. 1925.

Carried.

JAMES CUTHBERT,
Chairman.

BURTON P. DAUGHERTY, County Clerk.

January 7, A. D. 1925

Board called to order by the chairman, James Cutbert.

Quorum present.

Moved by Wilson, supported by Clark, that the petition for Drain Commissioner be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Carried.

Moved by Adams, supported by Wilson, that the board take a recess until the usual hour this afternoon.

Afternoon Session

Quorum present.

Roll called.

Communication by James Lynch, attorney, regarding plattting law and matters incident thereto.

Communication from the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan, concerning the annual meeting, to be held on January 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1925.

Moved by Hillman, supported by Wilson that communication be received and placed on file.

Carried.

Moved by Irish, supported by Bond, that the chairman of the Board of Supervisors go as delegates to the State Association of Supervisors Convention at Lansing, Michigan.

Moved by Salmer, supported by Scott, that the original motion be amended to include the County Clerk and Judge of Probate.

Carried.

Voting on the amendment: All voted aye.

Voting on the original motion: Ayes: Moore, Adams, Bond, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, McClure, McRae, Rogers, Ross, Smith, Shimmons, Seley, Scott, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren (28).

Nays: None.

Moved by Ely, supported by Dunlap, that the County Board of Auditors be requested to hire Mr. Ed. Sevener such time in addition as they may deem necessary by law as he is needed to do county work.

Ayes: Moore, Adams, Bond, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Dunlap, Ely, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, McClure, McRae, Muir, Ross, Smith, Shimmins, Seeley, Scott, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren (29).

Nays: None.

January 7, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your Board of County Auditors begs leave to make the following report as to the cement plank work from January 1st, 1924 to November 30, 1924.

Disbursements—

Rent of plant	$ 900.00
Salaries	4,643.00
Wages of prisoners	641.29
Freight and cartage	1,024.87
Telephone	29.86
Printing	52.60
Electricity	109.65
Repairs to equipment	199.51
Repairs to truck	143.15
Cement	3,247.38
Gravel	2,090.09
Lumber	466.10
Gas and Oil	685.68
Clothing	121.14
Advertising	45.92
Testing blocks	9.00
Unpaid accounts	751.66
Total	$15,100.84
Receipts—	
Accounts received	$ 7,170.71
Outstanding accounts	7,544.19
Material on hand	522.50
Blocks on hand	4,459.25
Sacks on hand to be returned	70.00
Total	$19,766.65
Total receipts	$19,766.65
Total expenditures	15,100.84
Profit	$4,665.51
Equipment on hand—	
Pallents and shovels	$ 274.37
Mixer and motor	468.40
New G. M. C. Truck	2,934.89
Total	$3,696.65

During this period of time 144,729 blocks were made, making an average per day of 560 blocks for actual days worked.

The plant has employed from eight to twelve prisoners at all times and we also have employed some of the men which have asked for assistance from the Poor Commission.

Your Board of County Auditors feel that the management of the cement plant now in the County Jail they should be used in the plant of this kind and that the county could make more money, as experience shows that larger quarters be provided and that not only cement blocks be made but tile and potato crates be manufactured.

Your Board recommends that a committee of three members from your honorable body be appointed to act with the Board of County Auditors to investigate the matter of purchasing or leasing some land or buildings to be used for the purpose of carrying out this committee and Board report back to your honorable body in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF COUNTY AUDITORS.
WILLIS M. BREWER,
Chairman.

E. SEVENER:
FRED DERNBERGER.

Moved by Bond, supported by Seeley, that report be accepted and adopted.

Carried.

Moved by Clark, supported by Wilson, that the Board take a recess until the usual hour tomorrow morning, January 8, A. D. 1925.

Carried.

JAMES CUTHBERT,
Chairman.

BURTON P. DAUGHERTY, Clerk.

January 8, A. D. 1925

Board called to order by the chairman, James Cutbert.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Minutes read and approved.

By the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on County Building which were referred the petition of Oakland County for records and supplies for the County Sanitorium, begs leave to report as follows:

That the Board of County Auditors find space for the storage of the records and that they be instructed to purchase as the judgement of the auditors the surveyor will necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK SHIMMONS,
ROBERT E. MOORE,
ELSTON C. McCLURE,
Committee.

Moved by Shimmons, supported by Salmer, that report be accepted and adopted.

Ayes: Armstrong, Moore, Adams, Bond, Brodge, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Gale, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, McClure, Muir, Rogers, Ross, Shimmons, Seeley, Salmer, Boyd and Warren.

Nays: None.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on County Building and Equipment, begs leave to report as follows:

Resolved, that, in our opinion, it is necessary for additional room in the Court House, and that the sale of said property is not feasible, and that the building of additional offices or grounds, additions would destroy the beauty of the present building, which, when at best would answer as a make shift and temporary relief, and that in our very near future the same problem would again confront this Board, and in view of the rapid expansion of Oakland County, and the necessity of providing sufficient space for present and future County offices, therefore, it is the sense of this committee that a stationary office building should be built on the old Jail site, and be provided with a bond issue of $750,000.00 in bonds for this purpose be submitted to the people at the April election, 1925, and that this committee be authorized to present the necessary resolutions at this session providing for the issue of thirty year serial bonds, payable in thirty equal annual installments, bearing interest at not to exceed five per cent payable annually, and provided that the money so raised on bonds shall be sold than is necessary to construct and equip said office building.

C. G. ELY,
ANDREW SEELEY,
PHILIP COVENTRY,
JOSEPH BROOKS,
D. D. ADAMS.

Moved by Ely, supported by Seeley, that consideration of this report be made a special order of business at 2:00 p. m. this afternoon.

Carried.

Appointment of Special Committee for Cement Block Plant—George J. Scott, Alfred Gale, Joseph Brooks.

Moved by Clark, supported by Rogers that the Board take a recess until the usual hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon Session

Board called to order by the Chairman, James Cutbert.

Quorum present.

Moved by Scott, supported by Salmer, that Mr. Cutbert be appointed as chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for the remainder of the year 1924 and that the clerk be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for Mr. Cutbert.

Carried.

Moved by Ely, supported by Brondige, that the report of the special committee on the County Building Court-House be adopted.

Moved by Wilson, supported by Irish, that the report be amended to read "One Mill to be raised by direct tax each year for three (3) years on the assessed valuation of the County, or of such portions of the one mill as may be needed to complete the building."

Moved by Wilson, supported by Clark, that a recess of fifteen (15) minutes be taken to re-draft the amendment.

Carried.

Board called to order from the recess.

Quorum present.

The last clause of the amendment which reads as follows: "or of such portions of the one mill per year as may be needed to complete the building" was withdrawn by Wilson with consent of his supporting Clark.

Question was called for by Salmer for a vote on the amendment.

Ayes: Armstrong, Moore, Bond, Brooks, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, McRae, Muir, Rogers, Ross, Shimmons, Seeley, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren—(29).

Nays: McClure.

Voting on the original motion as amended: Ayes: Armstrong, Moore, Bond, Brooks, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Hillman, Lessiter, Lambert, McClure, McRae, Rogers, Ross, Shimmons, Seeley, Scott, Salmer, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren—(29).

Nays: None.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

We, the undersigned, Petitioners, being qualified electors residing within the territory herein proposed for incorporation as a new village and all the territory to be affected thereby, and being more than three per centum of the population of said territory, and residing therein, according to the precedent United States Census, do hereby petition your Honorable Body to examine and approve of this petition and do whatever steps are necessary for the incorporation of said village according to law, as set forth and as provided in Act 278 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1909, and the acts in addition to and amendatory thereto, accurate description of the proposed new village are as follows:

Beginning at the west ¼ post of Section 12 of Southfield Township running north to the northwest corner of the northwest ¼ of Section 1 of Southfield Township; thence east along the north line of Section 1 of Southfield Township, along the north line of Section 6 of Southfield Township; thence east along the north line of Southfield Township, along the north line of Section 5 of Southfield Township to the intersection of Clawson Road and Crook Road; thence south along the center of Section 5 of Royal Oak Township; thence in a direction south along the center line of Crook Road to the east line of Section 5 of Royal Oak Township and part of the northeast ¼ of Section 8 of Royal Oak Township then in a southeasterly direction along the center line of Crook Road through the northwest ¼ of Section 9 of Royal Oak Township to the intersection of the east and west ¼ line of Section 9 of Royal Oak Township, then in a westerly direction along the east and west ¼ line of Section 9, 10 and 11 of Royal Oak Township and Section 12 of Southfield Township to the west ¼ post of Section 12 of Southfield Township, the place of beginning.

All in T. 1 N. R. 10 E. and R. 11 E. Michigan, containing approximately 1 acre of land.

We find that said petition was filed with the County Clerk over thirty days prior to the present session of the Board of Supervisors as required by law and that thirty days of residents are attached and that all of said petitioners are legal voters and are in accordance with the statute.

We find upon examination that the citizens of said proposed village and the Townships of Southfield and Royal Oak comprising all the territory affected by the proposition be granted the opportunity to vote on April 6, 1925, on the question of incorporation and said resolution as passed by this Board and the Tax County Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps and proceedings provided under the statute for an election to be held on said date and prescribed to decide the matter of said incorporation.

Dated, January 7, 1925.

R. W. CLARK,
JOHN SALMER,
JOHN McRAE.

Moved by Clark, supported by Wilson that the report be accepted and adopted.

Ayes: Armstrong, Moore, Bond, Brooks, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, McClure, McRae, Muir, Rogers, Ross, Shimmons, Seeley, Scott, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow, Warren—(30).

Nays: None.

Resolution by Supervisor Clark

Resolved by Supervisor Clark that the question of making the proposed incorporation of the village of Oakfield, Oakland County, Michigan, be granted for the incorporation of Leland C. Lusher, et al, now on file with the County Clerk, be submitted to the qualified electors residing in the district to be affected by the said proposed incorporation, which being the territory included within said proposed incorporated village of Oakfield, in Southfield and Royal Oak, as prayed for in said petition and the Spring Election to be held on April 6, 1925.

Moved by Clark, supported by Wilson that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Armstrong, Moore, Bond, Brooks, Brondige, Burt, Bowden, Brewer, Cutbert, Clark, Coventry, Dunlap, Ely, Hillman, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, McClure, McRae, Muir, Rogers, Ross, Shimmons, Seeley, Scott, Salmer, Boyd, Wilson, Wardlow and Warren—(30).

Nays: None.

January 8, 1925.

Resolved, That, subject to the vote of the electors of Oakland County, a tax of ¾ of one (1) mill on each dollar be levied in the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 on the assessed valuation of the property in the County of Oakland for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new office building, consisting of a home and infirmary for the indigent; a hospital for the care and treatment of contagious diseases; a hospital for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients; a detention home, and such other buildings and structures as shall be found necessary to carry out the purpose for which said buildings are constructed, and in case the question of issuing the said tax of ¾ of one (1) mill as aforesaid shall be carried by a majority vote of all the electors of said county at an election to be held on the first Monday of April, 1925, in all the townships, cities and wards of said county, the question of levying in the year 1925 a tax of ¾ of one (1) mill on each dollar upon the assessed valuation of the property in the County of Oakland for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new office building, consisting of a home and infirmary for the indigent; a hospital for the care and treatment of contagious diseases; a hospital for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients; a detention home and such other buildings and structures as shall be found necessary to carry out the purpose for which said buildings are constructed, shall be submitted to said electors at said election.

Resolved, That, subject to the vote of the electors of Oakland County, a tax of ¾ of one (1) mill on each dollar be levied in the years 1925 upon the assessed valuation of the property in the County of Oakland for the purpose of constructing and equipping a group of buildings consisting of a home and infirmary for the indigent; a hospital for the care and treatment of contagious diseases; a hospital for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients; a detention home and such other buildings and structures as shall be found necessary to carry out the purpose for which said buildings are constructed, and in case the question of issuing the said tax of ¾ of one (1) mill as aforesaid shall be carried by a majority vote of all the electors of said county at an election to be held on the first Monday of April, 1925, in all the townships, cities and wards of said county, the question of levying in the year 1925 a tax of ¾ of one (1) mill on each dollar upon the assessed valuation of the property in the County of Oakland for the purpose of constructing and equipping a group of buildings consisting of a home and infirmary for the indigent; a hospital for the care and treatment of contagious diseases; a hospital for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients; a detention home and such other buildings and structures as shall be found necessary to carry out the purpose for which said buildings are constructed, shall be submitted to said electors at said election.

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