

Odessa Township Minutes

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March 24, 1884 – First entry – Odessa Township Minute Book

Members – William Longhay (Loughry), Supervisor

Oliver McCray, J. P.

James Halliwell, J. P.

T. W. Sibley, Town Clerk

Moved and carried to petition the county for 5216 feet of bridge lumber [followed by the specifics of length and size of boards they wanted.]

April 1, 1884 – Board met but not a quorum so adjourned to April 8

Then followed the Annual Meeting. F O Ransom was sworn in as moderator

[14 present]

Voted 13-1 for 2 mill for bridge purposes

Voted 14-0 1 mill for road purposes

Voted 12-2 1 mill for support of poor

15 minute recess [one more must have arrived; now 15 voting except on the first motion]

Voted 4-8 against 2 mills for general fund

Voted 10-5 to reconsider the bridge fund motion

Voted 10-5 to amend motion for bridge fund to read Bridge & General Fund

Voted 14-1 to pay constables \$3 a day for removal of dead animals and other offensive matter and 50 cents for each notice to be paid out of the General Fund

Voted 12-3 to reconsider road tax motion

Voted 10-3 that there no special tax be levied for roads

Voted 11-3 to levy 1 mill for general fund

April 8, 1884 –

Decided location of a bridge across the north channel of the Platte. That's what the lumber was for that they voted to petition the county for last month.

R. E Barney was charged with not reporting the true value of his personal property for tax assessment purposes. The Town Board wanted to raise his valuation by \$600. He was to appear before the Board when it reconvened.

April 14, 1884 –

Petition to have a special meeting to raise funds “to defray the necessary expenses of this Town.”

Names on petition included E Richard Webb

Barney did not appear before the board and the Board decided that he had more property than he had listed and raised his valuation by \$1000.

Jan. 1885 –

Among other appointments, Otto Olson was appointed constable of the township

Question raised: Can the township levy property tax on unpatented land?

Land owners have to pay property tax. Renters do not.

A homesteader does not own his land until he proves up – lives there 5 years, puts in improvements. Then he receives a Land Patent from the government – a deed to the property. So during that period of time between filing on the land and receiving his Patent, does he have to pay property taxes?

They did not know and decided to ask the county attorney – [did not see an answer to the question]

1886 –

E R Webb was a member

Jan. 1939 –

M H Webb – town clerk

March 1940-

Vote to buy a snow plow

Jan. 1942 – Big book ends

1953 – Book II begins --- Jan. 1956 – Book II ends

1953

Earl Webb is clerk

Fred Webb was also a member of the board

April – agreement to go under Social Security

Nov 4, 1953 –

“The board entered an agreement with the county board to grade a mile of new road starting one mile east and one mile north of Odessa and extends one mile north. [Eagle Road between 39th & 56th St.] It will replace a winding road through Orvill Woltels pasture and eliminate the need of replacing a rot(t)ed out cattle underpass. The new underpass was estimated to cost between \$500 & \$800. County Commissioner Rischel agreed to grade the road on the line for \$1000 to be paid as soon as money is available.” Earl G Webb, Clerk

Feb 1955 –

Bob Meline became clerk