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BOARD RECOMMENDS GREATER ECONOMY.

Treasurer Lalakea Gets Ryan For Deputy—The Leper Investigation—No Present Need of County Road Engineer—Poundmasters—Receipts and Expenditures For September.

After roll call and prayer by Chaplain Kalaiwaa, the Board got down to the transaction of business. As usual the morning hour was devoted to the presentation of petitions and communications. All the members were in their seats except Supervisor Woods of Kohala who telephoned that he would arrive Wednesday night on the Kinau.

L. P. Lincoln forwarded to the Board of Supervisors a petition of 57 signers of South Kona asking for his appointment as road supervisor for the district.

A communication was received from County Attorney Williams giving an opinion as to the right of Deputy Sheriff Rickard of Hamakua to assume control of the court house and jail property at Honokaa. He states that Deputy Rickard exceeded his authority when he took possession of these quarters since they remain under the control of the Superintendent of Public Works. The police badges should have been turned over to him, but such complaints ought properly to be made to his superior, Sheriff Keolanui, and not to the Board, in the opinion of the County Attorney.

Attorney General Andrews replied to the request of the Board to furnish the County Attorney with a set of the Hawaiian Reports, and referred that official to Chief Justice Frear.

Gordon Glone and Fred L. Leslie of Napoopoo wrote letters endorsing John Gaspar for road supervisor for South Kona.

A communication was received from J. W. Kelikoa, deputy sheriff, asking that J. K. Nahale and H. L. Kawehi, police officers respectively for North Kona be dismissed, and recommending that his son, J. K. Kelikoa and William Ruka Akimana be appointed in their place respectively. Mr. Fernandez moved that the communication be laid on the table and that the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Kelikoa that he suspend the police officers for disobedience of orders, as provided by the County Act.

Road Engineer G. H. Gere addressed a communication to the Board making application for the position of county engineer, the county to pay one-half of his salary amounting to \$100 per month and to assume the maintenance of team, buggy and traveling expenses. The Supt. of Public Works agrees to assume the other half of his salary for the supervision of such Territorial work as may be done hereafter. The matter was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The Park Board made a written complaint against H. B. Nalimu, keeper of Mooheau Park, whom it is alleged is very remiss in the discharge of his duty, seldom being at his post and so far as the members of the Park Commission are able to see he neglects the pavilion and does little in the way of keeping the Park in a tidy condition. The Park Board also ask for an appropriation for the improvement of Rainbow Falls Park. Both communications were referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Sheriff Keolanui notified the Board that he had ordered the telephone in the Police Station taken out, as it had been found unnecessary.

Edward Kekoa addressed a communication to the Board making complaints against the action of the agents of the Board of Health in the treatment of lepers and leper suspects, and declaring that those officials had exceeded their authority in handling leprosy patients. Upon motion of Fernandez the communication was referred to the

Committee on Public Health. A petition of 14 taxpayers and residents of Puna prayed for an appropriation for the repair of the road at 15 3/4 miles was received.

Forty-nine citizens and voters of South Kona forwarded a petition asking for the appointment of H. John Ahu as road supervisor for that district.

B. N. Kahue, road supervisor for North Hilo, made request for sign boards over nine bridges in his district.

Deputy Sheriff Baker, wrote a letter to the Board suggesting that the county pay the premium on the bonds which county officers are required to furnish. The communication was indefinitely postponed.

Thos. E. Cook, road supervisor for Puna, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

W. W. Bruner of Kealakekua, Kona, wrote in behalf of the appointment of John Gaspar as road supervisor for the district of South Kona, stating that he was an efficient and capable man and would be willing to accept the position at \$25 per month. Mr. Gaspar wrote a letter in his own behalf, making the same proposition.

M. F. Scott of Holoaloa referred to the three applicants, viz.: J. Kaelemakule, D. Alawa and Jacob Coerper, candidates for the position of road supervisor of North Kona. Of the three he said Kaelemakule knew absolutely nothing about roads, Alawa has no qualifications and that Coerper was totally unfit. Mr. Scott said that the road funds of the district were very low and unless expended carefully there would be no results. He suggested that the appointment of a road supervisor be deferred.

J. A. Maguire of Huehue, wrote a strong letter in behalf of L. S. Augst of Holoaloa for the position of road supervisor for North Kona. Mr. Augst was willing to undertake the work gratuitously, and asked only a nominal sum of \$15 or \$20 per month for a book-keeper. Mr. Maguire, who was formerly on the Kona road board, heartily recommended this arrangement.

Otto W. Rose filed an application for the position of building inspector for the town of Hilo.

A petition of 64 names from Puna endorsed Herman Elderts for the position of road supervisor for that district. G. D. Supe presented a petition of 49 signers in his behalf for the same position.

A petition of 39 names of residents of Hilo, was presented praying that steps be taken by the Board to drain the Waiolama swamp, which it is alleged is a menace to the public health and a disgrace to the town.

Wm. J. Wright, Republican Committeeman of South Kona, sent in a letter to the Board suggesting the division of South Kona into seven districts, having a cantoneer in charge of the roads of each respective district. He named for these positions: Wm. Kamaoaha, Henry Haili, Jos. Kaeo, John de Mello, E. K. Kaaua, Kealakala and Kaalekahi. The communication was referred to the Improvements Committee.

A petition of 53 names prayed that an appropriation for road repairs in South Kona be made, as follows: Road Hookena to Kalahiki (mauka) \$100; cutting lanterns from Kalahiki to Keei (mauka) \$100; main road \$35; filling bad places in cross road from Keei (mauka) to Honaunau cross road \$15; repairs of half mile of lower Napoopoo road \$100; break down at Kahauloa main road \$10.

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