

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1924.

Pursuant to call of the Secretary, the Board of County Commissioners, met in their office, on Friday, April 18th. 1924, in special session, with the following members present:

Ed W. Hedgecock, Chairman

J. S. Shaver, Member

W. L. North, Member.

Motion was made by W. L. North, seconded by J. S. Shaver, that Mr. T. L. Powell, Justice of the Peace District No. 12, Tulsa County, be and he is hereby ordered to appear before the Board of County Commissioners, on Monday, April 28th. 1924 at 9 o'clock A.M.

Tulsa, Oklahoma.
April 18, 1924.

Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Tulsa County,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

On the 21st. day of January, 1924, I was directed by you to audit the reports of several Justices of the Peace. These audits have been completed and reported upon, except, the audit of Art Stanton, Justice of the Peace, Sand Springs, and T. L. Powell, Justice of the Peace District No. 12.

The audit of Art Stanton is practically complete and there remains to be done yet, before the records are ready for filing, a re-checking of some items.

I am unable to report any progress of the audit of the records of T. L. Powell Justice of the Peace, District No. 12. On February 5th. 1923, Mr. Powell was appointed Justice of the Peace, for said District, by the Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County (See Commissioners' Journal No. 5, Page 74.) On April 12, 1923, Mr. Powell's official Bond was filed and the same was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on the 16th. day of April, 1923 (Clerks Miscellaneous File No. 13387, Commissioners Journal No. 5, Page 134.

An examination of the records in the County Clerk's office discloses the fact that from the beginning of his term up to the present time, Mr. Powell has not filed any reports as by law required. The reason that I am unable to report any progress in the audit of the records of Mr. Powell, is that I am unable, at this time, to obtain possession of his records for the purpose of auditing the same. Mr. Powell has informed me that all of his records, including dockets and files, were taken from his office by persons unknown to him, and that he has not been able to recover the same.

Immediately following the order of your Board directing an audit of the records of Mr. Powell a number of persons filed with me receipts issued by Mr. Powell for payment of money made to him in satisfaction of fines and costs in Criminal cases filed before him for the violation of certain penal laws of the State of Oklahoma.

We have, in our possession Eight (8) receipts, executed by Mr. Powell, in acknowledging the payment to him, by the holders of such receipts of the total sum of \$327.00 Said payments being made for the following purposes:

In satisfaction of fines	\$175.00
In satisfaction of County Attorney Fees	35.00
In Satisfaction of Court Costs	42.00
Cash deposited in lieu of Bonds	75.00

In addition to the receipts filed with us, we have various memoranda alleging the payment of money to Mr. Powell in satisfaction of fines and costs in prosecution in Criminal matters before him amounting to the sum of \$225.00, and making a total sum of \$552.00. Of this amount there should have been paid into the County the sum of \$308.75. After an examination of the miscellaneous receipts of the County Treasurer, so far we have only been able to find that Mr. Powell has paid to the County Treasurer, for the benefit of Tulsa County, the total sum of \$75.00.

Before taking any further steps, in this matter, I concluded that it would be best and proper to have Mr. Powell appear before you and make such explanation as he may see fit as to the loss of the records and his failure to disburse the money received by him, as known, so far in the manner and form, and at the time, as by law provided. In this connection, you are advised that while Mr. Powell states that his records and files were stolen, I do not understand Mr. Powell's claim that the money received in payment of fines and County Attorney's fees was also stolen at the time his records were purloined as by him alleged.

I await your instructions.

Respectfully,

Ed O. Cassidy,
Special Deputy State Examiner and Inspector.

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TULSA, OKLAHOMA,
April 18, 1924.

Mr. Ray I. Kirby, Constable and John Tipton, Constable:

You and each of you take notice