

BOARD SPLITS THREE TO TWO ON SELECTION

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Job To Pay \$160 Per Month;
Tilley Given Promotion;
Guards' Pay Boosted

Robert B. Nichols, former deputy sheriff, was appointed superintendent of the county home by the board of county commissioners today from a group of 29 applicants.

Nichols, 34 and married, is a farmer on the Leesville road in Oak Grove township. He served for five years as deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Harward.

Nichols was elected by a three to two vote, which, on objection from Commissioner George Kirkland, was not made unanimous. Kirkland stated that he would support Nichols to the best of his ability, but wanted it to go on record just how each commissioner voted.

The new superintendent was chosen on the second ballot by the votes of Chairman Carver and Commissioners Dillard and Nichols. Commissioners Kirkland and Hurst voted for P. T. Fogleman.

On the first ballot Nichols and Fogleman each received two votes, with Raymond Tilley getting the fifth. Tilley was dropped from the voting after the first ballot.

The commissioners voted to fix the superintendent's salary at \$160 a month with the privilege of room and board at the county home for himself if he so desired, the superintendent to furnish his own transportation.

This motion, brought up before the election of the superintendent, caused almost more discussion than the major proposal. Kirkland, the only member of the board to vote against this provision, declared that it was discrimination to pay \$160 to a man who would receive room and board from the county, while offering the same salary to a man who wanted to live at home and would have to pay his own living expenses.

The board also voted to raise Raymond Tilley, a guard at the county home, to the post of assistant superintendent and increase his salary from \$60 to \$75 per month. The salaries of the two other guards also were raised from \$55 to \$60 monthly.

Fourteen new candidates were considered by the board today in addition to several of the first group still in the running. The complete list of applicants follows:

G. C. Ferrell, V. E. Wilson, Robert B. Nichols, D. E. Miles, W. D. Andrews, F. L. Christian, A. H. Watson, P. P. O'Briant, W. E. Mangum, James A. Kellum, James R. O'Neal, R. E. McLeod, J. L. Noblin, Louis L. Bowling, J. R. Johnson, P. T. Fogleman, W. L. Walker, C. H. Coley, Raymond Tilley, W. L. Umstead, F. E. Steed, Clarence W. Stallings, F. M. Lovitt, Arch L. Smith, C. E. O'Briant, W. N. Thompson, J. R. Pendergrass, E. C. Gunter, and Excell O. Ferrell.