

24-305. Duties of county commissioners; eminent domain proceedings; assistance of engineer; adjournments. On the day set for the hearing of said petition, if it appear to the board of county commissioners that any person or persons who may be interested in said ditch have not been notified as required by this act, or that any requisite preliminary steps have not been taken, they shall adjourn to some future time, not exceeding twenty days, and order such notice to be given, or such preliminary steps to be taken. But if said county commissioners shall find that said bond has been filed and said notice given, they shall proceed to determine said petition, and if they deem it necessary, shall view the premises along such proposed route, and if they find such ditch, drain or watercourse to be necessary, and that the same is demanded by or will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, shall institute proceedings to exercise the power of eminent domain in accordance with K.S.A. 26-501 to 26-516, inclusive, and after the determination of such proceedings shall proceed to locate and establish such ditch, drain or watercourse as conforms with the route described in the eminent domain proceedings. Said county commissioners, in hearing and determining said petition, shall call to their assistance an engineer to locate, level and measure the distance of such ditch, drain, or watercourse, and may adjourn from time to time to determine their proceedings herein; and the said county clerk shall enter a full and complete record of all such proceedings in the journal of the proceedings of the county commissioners of such county.

History: L. 1886, ch. 161, § 4; R.S. 1923, 24-305; L. 1963, ch. 234, § 57; Jan. 1, 1964.