

Hitchrack city-county controversy

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awarded to John Finn at a cost of \$389.70 to be completed within 60 days. The ink was not dry on the judge's decision before the commissioners announced that their contract with the city (for space in the new courthouse) was invalid.

The notice of eviction of the city offices — water department, police court and council chambers — was couched in a curious mixture of legal and colloquial language.

It said (in part):

"Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the Board that the lease heretofore executed to the city of Bloomington, Indiana, for certain rooms in the new court house, is void and was made in violation of law for the reason the Board of Commissioners at that time had no lawful power or authority to enter into such a contract. And whereas said officials, and especially a majority of the members of the city council are working against the wishes and interest of the citizens of said county, and are making themselves obnoxious to the Board and the people generally . . . Therefore, be it resolved that said officials be ousted from said building, and the county attorney is hereby instructed to prepare and cause to be served on said city and its officials notices to vacate said rooms and building, and that they be given five days in which to move all furniture and fixtures therefrom."