

WANTS TO ABOLISH SUPERVISORS BOARD

Rockford Favors County Commissioners Instead; to Get Road Tax

Abolition of the board of supervisors in favor of a county commission form of government will be submitted to Rockford voters at the November general election, according to plans being made by Mayor J. Herman Hallstrom.

If the plan is adopted, and Rockford becomes a road district co-extensive within the city limits, taxpayers here will be saved several hundred thousand dollars annually, the mayor claims.

At present Rockford pays about 90 per cent of Rockford township road and bridge taxes, and about 75 to 80 per cent of all township taxes, he claims. Payment of the road and bridge tax in the township would be abolished, while the county payment would be cut approximate in half, according to state law.

"Disgusted," Mayor Says

"Rockford people have become disgusted with the manner in which the city's interests have been put in the background by a small group of supervisors from the outlying districts, who dominate the board," the mayor declared. "As a result of this attitude an effort will be made to bring about a change in the county form of government."

The quarrel with the present county government is said to rise from the supervisors' attitude toward rebuilding the Nelson bridge. Supervisors refused to build the structure as a county project, but insisted that one-half the cost be borne by the municipality.

The city's move to abolish the board

will be carried out under a state law, which provides that: "Upon the petition of at least one-fifth of the legal voters. . . the county board shall cause to be submitted at the next general election the question of the continuance of township organization."

Townships as Road Districts

If the township organization is abolished there will be a special election in January, 1931, at which three county commissioners will be elected. These men will be the legal success-

ors of the board in all its powers, duties and responsibilities.

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