

Leonard Nelson Heads County Planning Board

Leonard Nelson, a Millard lumber dealer was named temporary chairman Wednesday evening of the new Douglas County Planning Commission.

Other temporary appointments went to Robert Ruser, a Waterloo cattle feeder, vice-chairman, and John Klinker, a farmer, 13150 Fort Street, secretary.

The three were elected for two-month terms at the commission's first meeting since its creation May 28.

The commission was set up to co-ordinate zoning and planning in Douglas County outside Omaha's three-mile limit.

City Planning Director Alden Aust told members they had a "tremendous, important task" ahead of them.

"I have been concerned about some things that have gone on in the county, and I am happy to see this board appointed. My office will always be available to you," Mr. Aust said.

He urged members to pro-

ceed according to a plan "and not on a catch-as-catch-can basis."

Commissioners deferred action until July 3 on whether they should hire a full-time technical assistant immediately or first hire a consulting firm to prepare a land-use study for rural Douglas County.

First Request Quickly Solved

The commission hardly had opened its meeting when it handled its first zoning request.

Humble Oil Company, Denver, Colo., said it had an option on property at Eighty-fourth and Hascall Streets and wanted to know if any changes were contemplated in the zoning which allows a filling station.

Mr. Nelson passed the firm's letter to Mr. Aust because the property is within the jurisdiction of the Omaha Planning Board and not the County Planning Commission.