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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF THE PUBLIC ROADS OF WATAUGA COUNTY.

A BILL.

The General Assembly of N. C. Do Enact:

SEC. 1. That _____, and _____, of the County of Watauga be and they are hereby appointed the Good Roads Commission for Watauga county who shall hold office for the following terms, to wit: The first named for six years, and until his successor qualifies; the second for four years and until his successor qualifies; the third for two years and until his successor qualifies. The board of County Commissioners of the county of Watauga, shall, at their meeting in May following the expiration of the term of the above named officers, elect a successor to each, who shall hold his office for a term of six years, and until his successor qualifies. The said Board of County Commissioners shall fill all vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the term of office, death, resignation, failure to qualify, or any other cause. Provided, that not more than two of said Good Roads Commissioners shall be of any one political party. As soon as practicable after the election of the members of the Good Roads Commission, shall, by taking the oath of office before some person authorized to administer oaths, meet and organize by electing one of their members chairman and another secretary. The said Good Roads Commission shall designate some bank in the county of Watauga to act as Treasurer for the Good Roads Commission. The members of the Good Roads Commission shall each be paid out of the road fund of the county \$3.00 per day; provided, that they shall be paid for a number of days not to exceed eighteen in any one year. The meetings of said Commission shall be held at and the records kept in the court house. Said meeting to be held the first Monday in each month.

SEC. 2. That in order that the road work may be properly and economically carried on the Good Roads Commission is expressly authorized and instructed to employ a competent road engineer, at a salary to be fixed by it, and to be paid out of the road fund as provided for in this act: provided, that the Road Commissioners are authorized, if proper arrangements can be made to him jointly with another county the service of a road engineer, or to employ the road engineer for such part of his time as they deem necessary to give proper supervision to the work: And provided further, that if the State furnishes the counties engineering assistance and supervision of their road work, or if such assistance and supervision is given by the United States, that the acceptance of such services from the State or the United States, by the Good Roads Commission shall be considered as fulfilling the requirement by the Commission, of this section. The highway engineer shall advise the Good Roads Commissioners regarding the road work, supervise the making of plans and specifications, devise a general road scheme for the entire county, and have general supervision of all road work; and is expressly authorized to give instruction to the highway superintendent hereinafter provided for. The said Good Roads Commission shall, on or before the regular time of levying the county taxes in the year 1915, and each year thereafter, make an estimate of the amount of taxes

necessary to carry on the road work for the following year, and shall demand of the county commissioners that they make a levy of the amount requested by the Good Roads Commissioners, not to exceed twenty cents on the hundred dollars worth of real and personal property, and a said board of county commissioners shall make said levy as requested by said Good Roads Commission, and said tax shall become due and collectable at the time and in the manner that the general county taxes are collected. Provided, the commissioners be not required to levy an amount in excess of 20 cents, when the amount so levied, when added to the other special taxes exceeds 20 cents on the \$100. worth of property. The said tax when collected shall be set apart as a good roads fund for Watauga county, and shall be paid to the Good Roads Commission as hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 3. That before proceeding with the road work of Watauga County, the Good Roads Commission shall elect by ballot, a competent highway superintendent of the County of Watauga, and fix his compensation. The result of such election shall be declared and recorded in the proceedings of said Good Roads Commission. The person who is elected shall take and subscribe an oath for the faithful performance of his duties as such highway superintendent, and shall execute an official bond in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties, and for the accounting for all the money and property which may come into his hands as such officer. He shall hold his office for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified, except that the Good Roads Commission may for good cause remove him from his said office, and elect his successor for the unexpired term. He shall enter upon his duties and work when and where directed by the Good Roads Commission and by the highway engineer, and shall have authority to notify the overseers when and where to work on new and amended roads and shall have such authority and perform such duties as may from time to time be determined by the Good Roads Commission, except as otherwise provided in this act.

SEC. 4. That in opening new highways, widening and straightening old roads, and repairing the same, the Good Roads Commission, through its agents, are authorized to enter upon any land, locate and build such highways. If the Good Roads Commission and the owner or owners of the said land cannot agree as to the damages, if any, the Good Roads Commission shall, after sixty days after said highway is completed, caused to be summoned three indifferent freeholders of said county, who shall go upon the lands and assess damages and benefits under the general road law as it now exists. Provided, that before entering upon upon land as authorized by this section, it shall be the duty of the Good Roads Commission or owners of said land, notifying him or them that the highway is to be located upon said land under authority of this act. Said notice to be in writing and served personally upon the owner, or if the owner be not in the State, or unknown, by publication of said notice at the court house door in the town of Boone for twenty days. If served personally a notice of ten days shall be given. That the said Good Roads Commission shall survey

and make a map of the good roads and amendments to old roads, which are, in their opinion necessary to be made into each and every Township in Watauga County. They shall be given construction of said roads at such time and at such places as they deem best, using the money then available for road work. They shall so expend the road funds that when all the roads are completed, each township will have received, as nearly as possible, in the value of roads constructed, the amount of money paid in taxes by said Township.

SEC. 5. That the highways in said county constructed or improved under this act shall have a right of way of not less than thirty feet. The alignment of the road shall be as straight as practicable, and with no grade over four and one half per cent, except as such grade is considered impracticable by the road engineer.

SEC. 6. That the term highway shall be understood to mean all public roads where the County owns and controls the right of way or may hereafter own and control. That all roads that have been laid off, out or appointed by virtue of any act of the General Assembly, or any other of the Court, or Board of County Commissioners are hereby declared to be public roads; and the Good Roads Commissioners as herein set out, shall have full power and authority to order the laying out of public roads where necessary, to appoint where bridges shall be found, useless and to alter roads so as to make them more useful. That from all orders, judgements and decrees made by the Good Roads Commission an appeal shall lie by the party aggrieved to the Superior Court as is now provided by law in appeals from the Board of County Commissioners.

SEC. 7. That all expenses so incurred by the Good Roads Commission on account of meetings held by reason of duties imposed by this act, shall be paid upon their order out of the Good Roads Fund provided by this act.

SEC. 8. That any Good Roads Commissioner or superintendent making or causing to be made any fraudulent order, whereby money is to be paid out of the said good roads fund, or a treasurer knowingly paying any fraudulent order, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be fined or imprisoned, or both at the discretion of the court, and shall be removed from office.

SEC. 9. That the Treasurer of the Good Roads Commission shall, on the first Monday of each and every month post on the court house door of said county, an itemized statement showing in full an account of his receipts and disbursements for the previous month; and the Good Roads Commission shall require it to account to them quarterly in each year for the said good roads funds; and it may require as often as it deems best, reports from officers and employees concerning their progress and duties, and to what extent and in what manner they have performed the same.

SEC. 10. That the board of county commissioners may, for good and sufficient cause, remove any one or more of the Good Roads Commissioners; and the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled as provided in this act.

SEC. 11. That any moneys that are raised by special tax or in any other manner whatsoever by the county officials of Watauga county for the construction,

improvement or repair of the public roads of Watauga county shall become a part of what is herewith designated as a good roads fund which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of the Good roads Commission, to be drawn upon and to be drawn upon and expended as directed by the Good Roads Commission: Provided, that any money raised in any township by a vote of said township, shall be applied only to the roads of said township, by the said Good Roads Commission.

SEC. 12. That the Good Roads Commission is hereby authorized to use the good roads fund and the compulsory labor provided for in this act, to construct, improve and repair the public highways in Watauga county, and shall purchase for such work the necessary tools, machinery, implements and stock: Provided that no such purchase shall be made until the order for same has been approved by either the highway engineer or the highway superintendent, or both, if this is deemed advisable by the Good Roads Commission. The Good Roads Commission is also authorized to employ overseers, supervisors, foremen and laborers as it may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act, and pay for the same out of the good roads fund. The Good Roads Commission is also authorized to let out any of the road work on contract, when in their opinion and the opinion of the highway engineer and the highway superintendent this is more economical for the county.

SEC. 13. That the Justices of the Peace of the various townships, shall meet at some convenient place in their said townships on the first Monday in April, 1915, and each succeeding year thereafter, and elect three of their number as road supervisors, who shall be styled the Board of Road Supervisors for their respective townships, whose term of office shall be one year.

[The foregoing embodies, in the main all the amendments to our present road law, save one section, which diminishes compulsory work on the highways of the county two days, and each hand is given one day less work on new roads. All of the bill, as prepared, is too much for our space. The amendments, however, make interesting reading.]—The Democrat.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Durham, N. C. gave \$1,200 for the relief of the Belgians.

Bart M. Gatling has been selected to succeed Willis G. Briggs as Post Master at Raleigh.

The Child Labor bill now before the Legislature, provides for an appropriation of \$6,000 per year.

There are about one and three quarter million children in the U. S. between the ages of 10 and 15 years who earn their own living.

John Patterson Branch, veteran banker and philanthropist died at his home, in Richmond Va. the 2nd inst.

A portrait of Pres. Wilson, painted by Seymour Thomas has been hung in the White House gallery recently, with the portraits of the other Presidents.

Raymond Hayes, a patient at the State Hospital walked off last Sunday night, and has not been seen since. The Supt. has advertised for any information of him to be wired at once.

Rev. A. S. Barnes of Beaufort, has accepted the Superintendency at the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. He will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. J. N. Cole on Jan. 1st.

The Lumberton Robesonian tells of a Miss Nancy Barnes, who lives with Mr. D. A. Rhodes, who he says, is 110 years old. She was born Jan. 26, 1805. He thinks that she is the oldest white woman in N. C.

A dispatch from Pittsburg Pa. dated Feb. 7th, says that the Ohio river is above the 24 foot level, and is raising six inches an hour. Scores of families in the lower wards of Alleghany City are moving out.

Mrs. James Allen of Goldsboro was run over and seriously injured by a run-away horse that was hitched to a buggy. The accident occurred in front of her own residence while she was crossing the street.

Mr. Angier Duke, formerly of Durham, now of N. Y. is to wed Miss Cornelia Biddle of Philadelphia. The father and mother of the bride have announced the engagement. Mr. Duke, is well known in N. C. He graduated from Trinity College in 1902.

Rev. M. L. Bryant, died at Asheville, Feb. 1st. He was an alumni of Elon College. He had been sick at Asheville for some time. Mr. Bryant was gifted in evangelistic campaigns, and exposure during these services caused his break-down.

Spartanburg, S. C. has a boy in the war. Montague Nichols went to England soon after the outbreak of the war, and enlisted in the English army. He has taken the oath of allegiance and has been promoted to the rank of second Lieut. in the Royal artillery.

Gen. Carranza, and his son and a member of staff, were executed by General Santibanes, on Feb. 1st. It is stated that Santibanes executed them because he failed to be restored to command as general in the Carranza army.

Mrs. T. J. Jackson, widow of the famous Confederate General, is very ill at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. E. R. Preston in Charlotte. Her physicians consider her in a precarious condition. Her advanced age and poor health for some time past, make her recovery very doubtful.

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Having qualified as Administrator of the late Dr. C. J. Parler, deceased, all persons indebted to his estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement. All persons having claims against his estate are hereby requested to present them on or before Jan. 1, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This Jan. 1, 1914.
J. L. HEMPILL, Adm'r.
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

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