

ROBESON COUNTY ROAD LAW.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR WORKING THE PUBLIC ROADS OF ROBESON COUNTY, AND TO LEVY A TAX FOR THE SAME.

Road Trustees.

Section 1. That at the general election to be held in the year 1914, and at each general election to be held thereafter for the election of county officers, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of each township of Robeson county a "board of road trustees" for each township in the county, which shall be composed of three citizens, residents and tax payers of the township, and said election shall be held under the same rules and regulations and at the same time now provided, or hereafter to be provided by law for the election of other county officers. At all general elections a separate ballot box shall be provided which shall be plainly labeled "For Members of the Board of Road Trustees for _____ Township." The persons receiving the three highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Provided that no person shall be eligible to election as a member of the board of road trustees of any township unless he shall have resided in the township from which he is to be elected at least 12 months next preceding the election. The board of commissioners of Robeson county, shall, on the first Monday in May, 1913 elect (upon the recommendation of the members of the General Assembly from Robeson county), a board of road trustees from each township in the county, who shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified as provided for in this act, and they are hereby incorporated, and the "board of road trustees" of such township shall be their corporate name. Said township boards may sue and be sued, adopt a common seal, and do any and all things which may be necessary for the accomplishment of the things designated for said boards to do under the provisions of this act, and may purchase and hold property which may be necessary for the exercise of its powers.

Term of Office.

Section 2. The term of office of the members of said board shall be for a term of two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in this act. If for any cause there should be a vacancy in said board, the board of commissioners of Robeson county shall appoint some fit and competent tax-paying citizen of said township to fill such vacancy and hold until the election and qualification of his successor as herein provided. The said township board shall meet within 20 days after its election and organize by the election of one of its members as chairman and one of its members as secretary.

Oath of Office.

Section 3. The members of said board, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, in addition to the oath to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, as are now required to be taken by public officers, shall take before some justice of the peace of Robeson county, or other person competent to administer oaths, the following oath of office, viz: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will honestly, diligently and faithfully perform the duties of the office of road trustee of _____ township, Robeson county, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability, so help me God."

Duties of Trustees.

Section 4. The road trustees shall meet in some place in their respective townships to be agreed upon by themselves, or in the absence of such agreement, to be named by their chairman, on the first Monday in June and December, and at such other times as a majority of them may deem advisable, and shall keep a record of their proceedings. It shall be the duty of the road trustees to examine into the condition of the public roads of their respective townships at least twice in each and every year and make a report in duplicate on the condition of said public roads and present one copy of said report at the May and November meetings of the board of county commissioners, and shall transmit a copy of said reports to the solicitor with instructions as they may deem proper.

The board of road trustees shall have the right to lay out, alter or discontinue public roads that are wholly within their townships. And the board of county commissioners shall have the right to lay out, alter or discontinue public roads that extend into two or more townships.

Neglect of Duty.

Section 5. That each and every person who shall neglect or refuse to perform the several duties enjoined by this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court; and it is hereby made the duty of the solicitor of the judicial district in which Robeson county is included to prosecute all the offences against the provisions of this act.

Road Districts.

Section 6. That the board of road trustees of the several townships of Robeson county, shall on the first Monday in June next, or within four weeks thereafter, divide their respec-

tive townships into suitable road districts, and annually thereafter make such alterations therein as they may deem proper, and cause a brief description thereof to be made on the township records, and appoint one person supervisor of roads for the township, provided the board of road trustees think better, they may appoint more than one supervisor for a township, but not more than three, and in case more than one supervisor is appointed for a township then the road trustees shall furnish each supervisor with a plat of his road district. Supervisors so appointed shall take an oath faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of said office, and the road trustees shall require bond of such supervisor, payable to the State of North Carolina, in trust for said township, in such sum as they may determine, with surety to be by them approved, determined for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office.

Vacancies.

Section 8. When a vacancy shall occur in the office of supervisor by death, resignation or otherwise, the road trustees of the township where the vacancy occurs shall appoint some suitable person to fill the vacancy. The person appointed shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office, and shall be under the same restrictions and penalties as was his predecessor.

Duties of Supervisor.

Section 9. That it shall be the duty of each and every supervisor to open or cause to be opened all public roads which have been or may hereafter be laid out and established in his road district or township; keep the same in repair, and to move or cause to be removed all obstructions that may from time to time be found thereon, for which purpose said supervisors are hereby authorized to enter upon any lands not incumbered by crops near to or adjoining said roads, to cut and carry away timber, except trees or groves on improved lands left for ornament or shade, to dig or cause to be dug and carried away gravel, sand or clay which may be necessary to make, improve or repair said road, and to enter on any lands adjoining or lying near the roads, to make such drains or ditches through the same as he may deem necessary for the benefit of the roads, doing as little damage to such lands and the improvements thereon and timber as the nature of the case and the public good will admit; and the drains or ditches so made shall be conducted to the nearest water way ditch or drain, and shall be kept open by the supervisors, and shall not be obstructed by the owners or occupiers of said lands, or any person or persons having same in charge, under the penalty of forfeiting the sum of \$10.00 for each and every offense. And if the supervisors shall wilfully injure any cultivated or improved lands by failure to conduct said drains and ditches to the nearest water way or drain and keep said ditches or drain in repair, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Provided that all ditches and drains across the public roads shall be tiled or concreted.

Section 10. That the several supervisors within their respective townships shall collect by suit or otherwise all fines, for forfeitures and penalties arising or accruing under the provisions of this act, unless the question thereof is herein otherwise provided for, and they are hereby authorized and required, before their settlement with the road trustees, to prosecute to the final judgment all persons neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this act from whom such fines, forfeitures and penalties can be collected; and the said judgment, if not paid, together with the costs therein, shall remain and be in force against the judgment debtor.

Width of Roads.

Section 11. All public roads within the county of Robeson shall be thirty feet wide unless the road trustees shall by resolution, duly recorded upon its minutes, prescribe a different width; but in case said road trustees shall provide a different width, then the width adopted by the road trustees shall be the legal width of the road to which the resolution adopted by said road trustees shall apply.

Ditches Across Roads.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of every person who, for the purpose of draining land, or for any other purpose, shall desire to construct any ditch, drain or canal across any public road in the county of Robeson, to give written notice of his desire to the supervisor of roads, or to the road trustees. It shall be the duty of the supervisor of roads within two days after the receipt of such notice to inspect the premises and to prescribe the material which shall be used in the construction of the bridge or culvert to be placed over or under said road, and shall likewise prescribe the dimensions of any drain and shall specify how the same shall be constructed and of what material, and shall put each specification into writing if requested so to do by the land owner. It shall be the duty of the land owner to cause such bridge or culvert to be constructed in the manner and after the method prescribed by the supervisor of roads, and after the same is constructed it shall be the duty of the land owner to notify the supervisor of roads who shall proceed to inspect the same and if the same is properly constructed, the said supervisor of roads shall accept same, and if not properly constructed, it shall be his duty to make the land owner make such changes in its construction as shall be required by said supervisor, and upon

the acceptance of such bridge or culvert the same shall become, be and remain a public charge, and shall thereafter be kept up and maintained at the expense of the road fund of the township within which it is located, but the original cost of constructing such bridge or culvert shall be borne by the land owner or person desiring the construction thereof. If any person shall cause any ditch drain or canal to be dug across any public road of said county without complying with the provisions of this section, and without paying for the cost of construction thereof, or without the approval of the supervisor of roads, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Ploughing Into Roads Forbidden.

Section 13. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to construct drains or ditches so that they discharge the water into or upon any public roads or into the drain on either side of said public road or roads. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to plow in or across any public road, or to so cultivate the lands adjoining such road or roads that the surface water will be discharged from said cultivated lands into the drains or upon the surface of such road or roads.

Moneys.

Section 14. That all moneys that remain in the hands of any supervisor at the time of the annual settlement with the road trustees shall be paid over to the county treasurer, and by him placed to the credit of the road fund of the township, and said supervisor shall take a receipt from the treasurer for the same. It shall be lawful for any supervisor to sue out execution on any judgment that remains unpaid within his proper district at any time when in his opinion the same can be collected.

Section 15. That the supervisors of public roads within said county are hereby authorized and directed to construct foot logs over streams of water on said public roads.

Sign Posts.

Section 16. That each supervisor within his township or district, shall erect and keep up at the expense of the township at the forks or cross of public roads a post and guide board or finger board containing an inscription in legible letters directing the way and distance to the town or towns or other public place or places situated on each public road respectively. And shall erect and maintain mile posts on all the public roads of their township or district.

Section 17. That if any person shall wilfully demolish, tear down, alter or deface any such post or guide board, every person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace or recorder of the county, be fined in any sum not exceeding \$25 and costs, or imprisoned not exceeding twenty days.

Road Working Implements.

Section 18. That the road trustees of the several townships be and they are hereby authorized to furnish plows, scrapers and other tools for the use of the several road districts within their townships, to be paid for out of the money in the county treasury to the credit of said township for road purposes not otherwise appropriated. The road trustees shall take a receipt from each supervisor for such implements as they may deliver to him, showing the number, kind and condition thereof. And such supervisor shall be liable for any injury or damage that may result to such implements, or any of them, by improper use thereof, or by unnecessary exposure of the weather during the time the same may be in his possession, and he shall, on the first Monday in May, annually, return the same to said road trustees, and the amount of which said supervisor may be liable for improper use or neglect may be recovered by an action in the name of the road trustees.

Watering Places.

Section 19. That the road trustees of any township in the county are hereby authorized to provide and maintain suitable places for providing water for persons and animals on the public roads in said township. Two or more townships may provide and maintain suitable places for procuring water for persons and animals on public roads dividing said townships, or lying near the dividing line. The supervisor of any road district may contract with any land owner for maintaining a suitable place for procuring water for persons and animals of any public road in his township or district. Said contract shall first be approved by the board of road trustees of said township.

Cartways and Gates.

Section 20. The road trustees of each township shall have jurisdiction over cart ways and may order the laying out or discontinuing of the same. Any person over whose land the right of which any person or persons may have acquired the right to use may erect gates, with the consent of the road trustees, across same, and if any person shall wilfully leave open, break down, or otherwise injure the same, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$25 for each offense.

Passing Vehicles.

Section 21. When any persons shall meet each other on any bridge, highway, public road or roads, traveling with carriages, wagons or other vehicles, each person shall reasonably drive his carriage or vehicle to the right of the middle of the traveled part of such bridge or roads so that

the respective carriages or other vehicles aforesaid may pass each other without interference. Every person wilfully offending against the provisions of this section shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding \$10, to be recovered on complaint before any justice of the peace in the township where the offense shall have been committed and he shall further be liable for all damages sustained by reason of such offense. Provided, that every such complaint shall be made within six months after the offense shall have been committed, and that every such action for damages shall be commenced within twelve months after the cause of the action shall have accrued.

"Snaking" Logs.

Section 22. Any person engaged in hauling or transporting saw logs or other timbers on any public road in said county, who shall transport or cause to be transported by means of chains or grab hooks, or other

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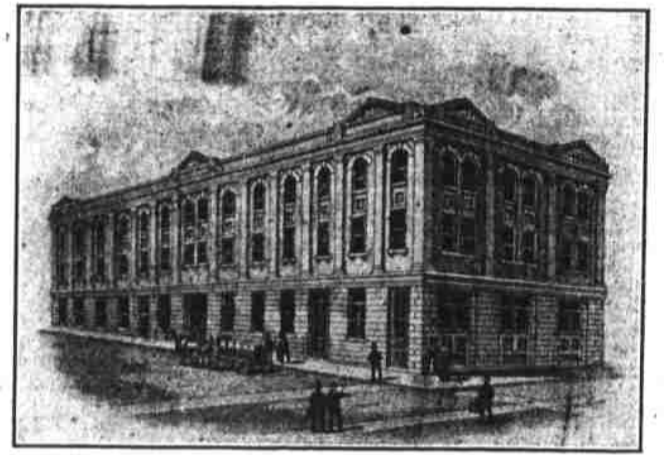
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