

A Bill to be Entitled "An Act to Issue Bonds For The Permanent Improvement of the Public Roads of Randolph County."

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of commissioners of Randolph County be and it is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit to the vote of the qualified electors of Randolph County, on any date after the ratification of this act, and from time to time thereafter as in its discretion it may deem best, the question as to whether or not the county of Randolph shall issue bonds in sums not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars, in the aggregate, with interest coupons attached, and levy special taxes to pay the bonds and interest thereon, the proceeds of which said bonds shall be used for the purpose of opening, grading, making, improving, macadamizing, constructing and repairing public roads in Randolph County. The said board of county commissioners shall, for at least 30 days preceding the election, give public notice of such election, together, with the purpose thereof, by publication in one or more newspapers published in said county: Provided, that if the majority of the qualified voters of said county shall not vote to issue bonds at the election so held, the said board of county commissioners may submit the question to the qualified voters of said county at any other time or times, under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. That any election held under the provisions of this act shall be held and conducted in the same manner as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for holding elections for members of the General Assembly except as herein otherwise provided. The board of county commissioners shall appoint the registrars, judges of election, and any other election officers; that the registration and challenge of voters shall be conducted in the same manner as is now provided for the election of members of the General Assembly. And the said county commissioners shall order a new registration for any and all of said elections. That at the said election or elections the ballots tendered and cast by the qualified voters shall have written or printed upon them "For Good Roads", or "Against Good Roads", and all qualified electors who favor the issuing of said bonds shall vote "For Good Roads," and all qualified voters opposed to the issuing of said bonds shall vote "Against Good Roads." The votes shall be counted at the close of the polls and returned to the said board of county commissioners on the Thursday next following the election; and said board of county commissioners shall meet on said day, of which said meeting no order or notice shall be necessary, and tabulate and declare the result of the election; all of which shall be recorded in the minutes of the board of county commissioners, and no other recording and declaration of the result of said election shall be necessary. The members of the board shall be entitled to the usual compensation for attending said meeting. The said declaration of the result of said election as recorded in the minutes of the board, and also such findings as the said board of commissioners shall cause to be enrolled upon its minutes relative to the calling, notice, holding and returns of said election, which the said board is hereby authorized and directed to make after considering the facts, after sixty days from such entry shall not be open to attack, but the record shall be deemed conclusive evidence of the truth thereof; subject only to the determination of any suit which shall be instituted prior to the expiration of said time. The said new registration, required under this act shall apply only to the elections under the provisions of this act and shall in no way affect the present registration for county and state officers; and upon the conclusion of said election or elections, the officers of said election shall return the registration and poll books to the board of county commissioners to be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Randolph County. The fees to the registrars and other officers holding said election shall be one-half the fees allowed by the general election law.

Sec. 3. In case a majority of the qualified voters at said election vote "For Good Roads" the board of commissioners of Randolph County is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue the bonds and levy the special taxes specified in this act. Said bonds shall be coupon bonds of said county to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, and in denomination of not less than one hundred dollars, bearing interest from the date of issue at a rate not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; said bonds to be of such form and tenor and transferable in such way and the principal to be payable at

such time or times not exceeding forty-one years from the date of issue, and at such place or places as the said board of county commissioners may determine: Provided, that none of said bonds shall be disposed of for less price than their par value and accrued interest. The said bonds shall be numbered and shall be signed by the chairman of the said board of county commissioners and attested by the Clerk of said Board with the corporate seal of the county of Randolph affixed thereto; and the coupon shall bear the engraved or lithographed signature of the chairman of the said board of county commissioners.

Sec. 4. At the first regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners of Randolph County held after said election, the said board shall elect one elector from each township of said county to be known as the Highway Commissioner of Randolph County, whose term of office shall be for two years or until their successors in office are elected. And the said Highway Commissioner shall have power to fill all vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise, for any unexpired term. That said Highway Commissioner shall meet at the courthouse in Asheboro on the first Monday after their election and organize by electing one of their number chairman and another clerk, and all their proceedings shall be by said clerk recorded in a book to be provided for said purpose; the said clerk shall deliver said book to the secretary for the executive committee hereinafter provided for who shall record the transactions of the latter named committee in the same book.

Sec. 5. At said first meeting of the Highway Commission it shall select five electors, residents of said county, as an executive committee to have charge of and look after the working of the said roads; that two members of said executive committee shall be elected for two years; one for three years, and two for four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and the said Highway Commission shall have power to fill all vacancies of the executive committee by death, resignation or otherwise, for any unexpired term; Provided, that at least two members of said executive committee of said Highway Commission shall at all times be members of a different party from that of a majority of the said board of county commissioners, said two members to be selected from the political party casting the next highest vote to that political party electing a majority of said board of commissioners at the last election held for the election of county officers. That as soon as practicable after the election of the said executive committee of the said Highway Commission the said committee shall meet and organize by electing one of their members president of said executive committee, another of their members secretary, and some other suitable person, not a county officer, treasurer thereof; and shall pass such rules and regulations for their government as they shall deem best: Provided, that the members of the Highway Commission and of the executive committee thereof shall take an oath before some person authorized to administer oaths, to perform the duties of their respective offices to the best of their skill and ability: Provided further, that as the terms of office of said Highway Commissioners shall expire, the board of commissioners of Randolph County shall elect their successors to same for a period of two years; and when the terms of office of the said executive committee shall expire the said Highway Commission shall elect their successors for a period of four years each.

Sec. 6. The said Commission, at its first meeting shall suggest and recommend to the executive committee the various public roads in the county which should be improved with the funds hereinafter provided for. They shall likewise suggest and recommend the character of work to be done on said roads and the number of miles to be covered. A copy of the minutes of the said meeting, setting forth the roads to be so improved and the number of miles and the material intended to be used, shall be furnished to the executive committee and the road engineer to be elected by said executive committee. The road engineer and his assistants shall make a careful survey of the said roads, under the direction of the executive committee, and he shall make report as soon as possible after accomplishing said work to the executive committee of the said Highway Commission, and in said report he shall give an estimate of the cost of the work proposed to be done on the various roads suggested. As soon as said report shall have been presented to the president of the executive committee of the Highway Commission he shall call together the executive committee to meet in Asheboro within ten days, mailing

notice to each member of the said committee at least five days before the date fixed for the meeting. At the said meeting the executive committee shall take final action in the premises and shall select the public roads to be improved and designate the number of miles on each road and the kind of material to be used, and they shall appropriate to each separate road so selected the sum of money estimated for said purpose, and no more; and thereafter if the money appropriated for each separate road shall be inadequate for the purpose intended, no more funds of the said bond issue hereinafter provided for shall be expended on said road, except that the executive committee by a four-fifths vote may appropriate such further funds as it shall deem necessary. The said executive committee shall designate the width of the highways to be constructed under this act.

Sec. 7. The said Highway Commission shall meet once each year, on the first Monday in January, and it shall likewise meet at such other times during the year as the president of the executive committee or the chairman of the Highway Commission, and five members of the Highway Commission shall designate upon five days' notice in writing duly given to all members of said Commission by letters addressed to their usual postoffice.

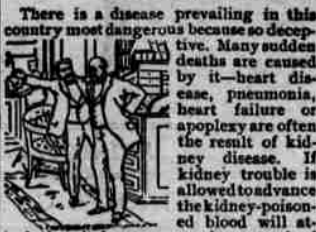
Sec. 8. That the said executive committee shall not receive compensation for more than three days service in an; one month and their pay shall be the same as is now received by the commissioners of the county, and the members of the Highway Commission shall also receive the same pay as is now provided to be paid to the county commissioners for one meeting in each year and for not more than one call or special meeting: Provided, that the executive committee may employ the president or other member of the executive committee to devote more of his time than three days per month and that he be paid the same as is now received by the commissioners of the county, and also his expenses for such time as the executive committee may deem best to so employ him.

Sec. 9. By a two-thirds vote of the Highway Commission a vacancy may be declared in the said executive committee and a new member elected to fill such vacancy. These vacancies may be created at any time in the discretion of said Highway Commission.

Sec. 10. That the said executive committee may in its discretion establish a chain gang in said county under the law, for working and improving the roads of Randolph County as provided for in this act, and shall have entire charge and control of the chain gang and of all other prisoners convicted of crime and sentenced by the court or courts to penal servitude on the said public highways. It shall elect by ballot a highway superintendent for Randolph County, and fix his compensation. The person so elected shall take and subscribe an oath for the faithful performance of his duties as highway superintendent and shall execute an official bond in the sum of two thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties and for accounting for the money and property which may come into his hands as said superintendent, the bond to be approved by the executive committee; he shall hold office for one year or until his successor is elected and qualified, except that the said executive committee may remove said superintendent from his office and elect a successor for the unexpired term. He shall enter upon his duties and work when and where directed by said executive committee he shall supervise the laying out of the highways selected by the said executive committee; under the direction of an engineer experienced in said work; he shall have control over and direct the workings of the convicts in Randolph County, and shall also have control over and direct all other labor as may be deemed by the executive committee proper to be employed on said road; it shall be his duty to employ the overseers of the chain gang of the convict force, and overseers of such other force as it may be deemed by the executive committee expedient to employ, and the necessary servants and guards and for working and caring for the convicts under and by authority of law. He shall prescribe the duties of the said overseers, guards and servants, and may remove any of any of them at any time; all of which duties of the said superintendent shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee.

Sec. 11. That the treasurer of the executive committee shall account to the executive committee twice annually for the said highway fund, and as much oftener as the said executive committee shall deem best. His compensation shall be fixed by the committee. The said executive committee may require as often as they think best reports from officers and employes concern-

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ing their progress in their duties, and to what extent and in what manner they have performed the same. And said treasurer shall annually, before any fund provided for in this act be paid over to him, execute an official bond, payable to the State of North Carolina in the usual manner, not exceeding the greatest amount which may at any time come into his hands during the succeeding year by reason of this act, conditioned for his faithful performance of his duties, and rendering a due account in respect thereto, and in all things holding and disposing and accounting for the same as is required by law, which bonds shall be paid upon, accepted and received by said executive committee; and all orders directed to said treasurer for the payment of money under this act shall state on their face that they are highway orders, and to what account they are chargeable, and shall be signed by the president and secretary of said executive committee. That the treasurer's bond shall be fixed by the said executive committee from time to time, and the same may be increased or decreased as the responsibilities of the office may demand.

Sec. 12. The said executive committee, in determining upon the said roads to be made or improved within said county shall take into consideration the needs of the entire county and every part thereof with special regard to a complete system of roads which in their opinion will be of benefit to the greatest number of the people of the county and treating every section of the county with as equal favor and justice as may be possible.

Sec. 13. In relocating, straightening or widening roads now in use or in opening new roads the executive committee may cause a survey of the proposed change of an old road or of the new road to be opened and if they adopt said survey they shall give notice to the owner or owners of the land that they have adopted said survey or surveys and that the same is condemned for the use of the county for a public road. Any person who shall obstruct or hinder an authorized person in making a survey for the changing of a road or the opening of a new road, or shall obstruct any one in the performance of the duties or work specified in this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the court. And whenever the executive committee or its agents cannot agree with the owner for the purchase of any gravel pit, stone quarry or any gravel, stone or other material needed in the building or repair of said roads or for land for crusher plants or convict camps, it shall have the right at any and all times to enter upon said lands, premises or property or to have its agents, employees or contractors to enter thereon and take therefrom any stone, gravel or other material which shall be needed for said purposes or to erect, maintain and operate crusher plants or convict camps on such lands as long as may be needed for the purposes of this act: Provided, that any person who shall have sustained any damage or injury to his property by any act authorized by this section, may within four months thereafter petition the board of county commissioners who shall cause the sheriff of the county to summons a jury of three disinterested freeholders to assess the damages to said property owner or owners. The said jury, in determining said

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Glenola	New Market	Friday	March 3
Sophia	"	"	Afternoon 3
R'dim'n S. Co.	Randleman	Saturday	Forenoon 4
R'dim'n B. House	"	"	Afternoon 4
S. Allens	Grant	Tuesday	Forenoon 7
Moffitt	Coleridge	"	Afternoon 7
Coleridge	"	Wednesday	Forenoon 8
Cheeks Mill	P Grove	"	Afternoon 8
Erect	Brower	Thursday	Forenoon 9
Yows Mill	Richland	"	Afternoon 9
Seagrove	"	Friday	Forenoon 10
Sidney Cox	Union	"	Afternoon 10
Michfield	Richland	Saturday	Forenoon 11
Ulah	"	"	Afternoon 11
E. N. Howard	"	Monday	Forenoon 13
Elijah Shaw	Union	"	Afternoon 13
Shaw Store	N H Academy	Tuesday	Forenoon 14
Rileys Store	"	"	Afternoon 14
Martha Farmer	Concord	Wednesday	Forenoon 15
A. Nance store	"	Thursday	Forenoon 16
Cedar Falls	Franklinville	Friday	Forenoon 17
Central Falls	"	"	Afternoon 17
Worthville	Randleman	Saturday	Forenoon 18
Naomi Falls	"	"	Afternoon 18

I have done my best to show the tax-payers of the county every favor I could about their taxes, and would be glad to show further favors, but all know that since my term of office has expired I must make an immediate and final settlement of all taxes in my hands. Everyone has had a fair chance to pay without cost and I give this last chance. I want it distinctly understood that this is not mere talk, but I mean to collect the taxes from all who have not paid.

Every tax payer who does not pay his taxes by the last day of April may expect his property to be sold for taxes. This applies to all, and no exceptions will be made.

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