

BOARD OF COUNTY AUDITORS FOR WAYNE COUNTY (EXCERPT)
Act 63 of 1889

47.58 Wayne county board of county auditors; powers and duties.

Sec. 8. Said board shall have power, and they are hereby authorized:

First, At any time to examine the books and accounts of the county treasurer and other county officers, and they shall on demand be exhibited to them by said officers. And as often as they may require, the accounts and vouchers of the county treasurer shall be audited and allowed by them, and after the same shall have been audited by said board it shall not be requisite that such accounts and vouchers be again audited by the board of supervisors. Whenever any moneys are paid to the county treasurer by any officer or agent of said county, such officer or agent shall take a duplicate receipt therefor, which shall be filed in the office of said board; and said treasurer shall, on each day, report to said board the moneys received by him on that day and after making his last report. They shall keep an account of all moneys which may be chargeable against the county treasurer and any other officer who may receive any moneys, belonging to the county, and shall keep an account with said officers showing the amounts with which they should be credited, and their accounts shall be so kept that the financial affairs of the county may at any time be ascertained by inspection of the books of said board;

Second, To ascertain and report to the board of supervisors of said county, on or before the annual meeting of said board of supervisors, the amount of tax necessary to be raised therein for county purposes; such amount shall be separated into different funds, which shall be named or otherwise so described as to designate the several objects for which it is necessary to levy taxes;

Third, To negotiate for and issue any bonds which may at any time be authorized by law to be issued or any loan made for county purposes. Such bonds shall be regularly dated and numbered in the order of their issue; shall be for sums of not less than 500 dollars each; shall be signed by the chairman of said board, and countersigned by its clerk. The board shall keep an accurate record of said bonds, the number, date, and amount of each bond, its rate of interest, when and where the same is payable, and the person to whom it is issued. And when the same are ready to be delivered, they shall be placed in the hands of the county treasurer, who shall deliver the same only upon receiving the proper amount from the purchaser of such bond. Before any such issue is made, sealed proposals shall be received for the purchase of such bonds, after advertisement for at least 10 days, in at least 2 of the daily newspapers published in the city of Detroit;

Fourth, To appoint annually, on the first Monday of December, 1 superintendent of the poor, for the term of 3 years, and the persons so appointed shall be successors in office of the superintendents of the poor heretofore appointed by said board; to appoint the necessary engineers and janitors for the several county offices, court rooms and buildings, 1 or more county physicians, and such other assistants, accountants and agents as they may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the county, except those clerks and deputies now appointed under the statutes by the several county officers. And the clerk of said board, and the persons so appointed, shall hold office for 1 year from the first day of January, unless otherwise specially mentioned in the resolution of the board making such appointments. And they shall have the power to fill any vacancies in the said offices, and shall have the same power of removal of any such officer or appointee as boards of supervisors possess under the statutes of this state, provided such removals be made with the concurrence of all the members of said board;

Fifth, To determine the number of the clerks and assistants to be employed in the several county offices, and to fix the compensation of the deputies, clerks and assistants employed in the several county offices, and in the circuit, probate and justice's courts;

Sixth, To require any county officer to make a report under oath to them, on any subject or matter connected with the duties of his office, and they may require such officer or any deputy, assistant or clerk to give such bonds or further or additional bonds to the people of this state as shall be reasonable or necessary for the faithful performance of their respective duties; but the giving of a bond by any such deputy, assistant or clerk shall not be held to release any such officer upon any bond theretofore given by him;

Seventh, To make all contracts and leases for county offices, court rooms and other buildings for the use of the county and provide the necessary heating and lighting of the same, procure the necessary furniture and fixtures for them and make all necessary repairs thereto: Provided, That when the estimated cost of any work or materials to be provided by said board under this act shall exceed the sum of 1,000 dollars, the same shall be done or furnished by contract on bids received therefor, after publication of notice for at least 5 days in 1 or more daily papers published in the city of Detroit: And provided further, That this act shall not be construed to give said board the power to contract for the erection of any new buildings or the purchase of any land for any purpose whatever;

Eighth, To procure and furnish for the county offices and for the several courts all necessary books,

stationery, blanks and printing;

Ninth, To procure the necessary plans and specifications for and supervise the construction of any buildings erected by the county, excepting such as the superintendents of the poor may construct;

Tenth, To represent the county and have the care and management of the property and business of the county in all cases where no other provision is made.

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